

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP, Parish Priest

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6th September 2026, Year A/2



The Nativity of the Virgin (c. 1400-1405) Andrea di Bartolo (Italian, 1360/70 – 1428)

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 6:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am
10:00am

Weekday Masses:

Monday-Friday 8:00am

Saturday 8:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday after 8:30am Mass

During Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
(Please let the Priest know.)

ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Rochelle Borg – Principal

School Office Times

8:30am - 4:00pm - Monday to Friday

Address

94 Joseph Street
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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

VIGIL SATURDAY

6.00pm

Trixy (Birthday Blessings)

SUNDAY 8:30am

† Kathleen Henry

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am Week 23 Ordinary Time

† Kim Nelson

Tuesday 8:00am BIRTHDAY OF BL VIRGIN MARY † Charley Tonna

Wednesday 8.00am Week 23 Ordinary Time

Marian Ian Ejandra (B'day Blessing)

Thursday 8.00am Week 23 Ordinary Time

Myra Ejandra (B'day Blessing)

Friday 8.00am Week 23 Ordinary Time

† Pipi Jenkins

Saturday 8.30am Most Holy Name of Mary

†† Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:

Speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dionisia Columna, Alesandro Rey Saavedra, Helen Ho, Cesar Brillante, Marshall Bennett, Peter McIlvenna.

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Kathleen Henry, Kim Nelson, Charley Tonna, Pipi Jenkins, Deceased Members of St Vincent de Paul Society.

POPE'S SEPTEMBER INTENTIONS

For the Care of Water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of Water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2026

Confirmation: Sunday 22nd November

Sessions are held in the Parish Centre from 11.30am. Please keep our children in your prayers.

RCIA

Please pray for our candidates who are on a journey in their faith.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr Louisa, Carolina Q. Alvarez, Jonathon Ansell, Tony Bogdanovic, Margaret Colville, Merwyn D'Souza, Andrew & Jason Isbitski, Tony Jacobs, David Jenkins, Carmel Kerr, Lidya, John McCahon, Krystona McWhinnie, Michael Manche, Nympha Miller, Karen Morvan, Michael Muema, Gary O'Brien, Garry Smith, Shayla, Zen Roughley-Hutchison, Cameron Stevens, Roger Stevens, Margaret Taylor, John Vukovic, David Wakeling, Mary Woodward.

SICK LIST: Due to privacy laws, if you have anyone for the sick list, please contact the Parish Office to fill in a form and update it at the end of each month to keep the names on the sick list.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

*Happy Father's Day to all our Fathers.
May the Lord bless you and keep you
always in His love and care.
Fr Andrew, Fr Pawel & Fr Piotr*



SECOND COLLECTION: **Loose: \$557.65**
 Planned Giving: \$450
 Smart Facilities: \$1015
 Project Donations: \$120

BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday at 9.15am in the Parish Hall. All are most welcome.

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be this Wednesday 9th September at Penrith RSL. All are welcome.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

If you are new to our Parish, have not registered or want to update your information, please use the QR Code.



PARISH COUNCIL NORMINATIONS

Nominations are to be returned by this Sunday. If there are more than three we will have elections the following two weekends.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Our net proceeds from the International Food Festival are \$8626.76. Thank you to all who contributed to the day.

BISHOPS'S FATHERS DAY APPEAL

The appeal will take place this weekend. to support all the retired priests of the Diocese, who have given a lifetime of faithful service. To donate online please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or scan the QR code on the flyer.

ST PADRE PIO FEAST DAY

See flyer for details on the Triduum and the Feast at St Padre Pio Parish at Glenmore Park.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Mandatory Training.

All volunteers are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training.

Log on to: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/> to complete training online.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday – Friday 7.00am – 7.50am
Saturday – Sunday 7.30am – 8.20am

Sacrament of Reconciliation
is available during Adoration.

EUCHARIST28 PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the gift of your real presence in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Grant us the grace to receive you reverently, worship you truly and serve you with hearts renewed.

By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, so that as you gave yourself to the Father and to us, we too may offer our lives to God and to others.

Inspire and help us to serve you in those who are in need, especially the defenseless and homeless, the lonely and lost.

Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass, so that we may truly become what we have received, the Body of Christ. Amen.

SCRIPTURE FOR REFLECTION

"My flesh is real food, and My blood is real drink. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood lives in Me and I live in him." . John 6:56

SAINTLY THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

"A Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament is worth more than a thousand years of human glory." St. Padre Pio

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What is God asking of me personally, during this year of prayer and eucharistic renewal?

How can I live a more eucharistic life?

Do we as a community live intentionally as the Body of Christ, broken and given up for others?

Web Site: <https://eucharist28.org>

POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE**Wednesday 2nd September 2026****Catechesis. The Documents of the Second Vatican Council. IV. Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes* (GS 1–10)****1. *The Church: Listening to and Serving the World***

Dear brothers and sisters,

With today's meeting, we will begin to reflect on the Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes*, with which the Second Vatican Council intended to focus on a fundamental theme, namely the relationship between the Church and the contemporary world. Saint John XXIII, as early as his inaugural address of 11 October 1962, had sought to take issue with the "prophets of doom" who, "though burning with zeal for religion go about saying that our times, when compared with past centuries, are entirely worse; and go so far as to behave as if they had nothing to learn from history" (Address *Gaudet Mater Ecclesia*, 11 October 1962, 4.2). Hence the task entrusted to the Council Fathers: "In the present state of human events, in which humanity appears to be entering a new order of things, one must rather see the mysterious plans of Divine Providence, which are brought to fulfilment in due course through the work of men, and often beyond their expectations, and which, with wisdom, arrange everything, even adverse human affairs, for the good of the Church" (*Gaudet Mater Ecclesia*, 4.4).

Three years later, the promulgation of *Gaudium et Spes* recognized in this discernment an essential element of the nature of the Church, describing her pastoral character as constitutive; hence the definition of "pastoral Constitution". It is not a question of naïve optimism, but rather a renewed fidelity to the Mystery of Christ who, by becoming incarnate, chooses to share our life: He made Himself "like His brethren in every respect" (*Heb* 2:17; cf. 4:15) and took upon Himself the consequences of sin, dying "as a ransom for all" (*1 Tim* 2:6). This sharing in our humanity is the path that Christ calls the Church to follow; hence, the Conciliar Constitution *Gaudium et Spes* begins by declaring that the Church makes her own "the joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted" (GS 1).

It is a sharing that calls on us to leave behind all passivity and indifference in the face of current events, history and people's lives, especially in the face of the rapid and profound changes we are experiencing today. We cannot remain as unengaged spectators;

rather, we must listen with our hearts, allow ourselves to be challenged, and become involved. With Christ and sustained by the power of His Spirit, believers are called to take on the burdens of their brothers and sisters, especially those who are crushed by injustice, discrimination, and violence. Indeed, only in sharing and commitment is it possible to arrive at adequate responses, always supported by the certainty that "the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (*Rm* 8:18).

Gaudium et Spes recalls that "the Church has always had the duty of scrutinizing the signs of the times and of interpreting them in the light of the Gospel" (GS 4). This Conciliar Constitution therefore recalled the Church to an ongoing commitment to conversion, to bear witness that she is not motivated by "earthly ambition" but seeks "a solitary goal: to carry forward the work of Christ under the lead of the befriending Spirit. And Christ entered this world to give witness to the truth, to rescue and not to sit in judgment, to serve and not be served" (GS, 3).

Christian solidarity commits us to engaging with reality and also to unmasking the contradictions that characterize personal and social life in the contemporary world: for example, scientific and technological progress, which constantly offers new possibilities, do not always succeed in "subjecting .. to their own welfare"; or a clearer understanding of the "laws of society", accompanied, however, by uncertainties "about the direction to give" them; or, again, a greater abundance of "wealth, resources and economic power", which, unfortunately, today as in the days of the Council, leaves "a huge proportion of the world's citizens ... still tormented by hunger and poverty" (GS 4).

In a time marked by profound changes, giving rise to worrying imbalances, the Church is called to serve the human person, listening to and welcoming the deepest questions of their heart and the longings that dwell within them, pointing to Christ as "the key, the focal point and the goal of all human history" (GS 10). Therefore, in the Church, at every level and in every age, it is necessary to achieve the merciful *kenosis* of Christ, who "did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant ... and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (*Phil* 2:6–8).

Dear brothers and sisters, may joy and hope – *gaudium et spes* – be the distinctive features of a Church who proclaims and bears witness to the Gospel, drawing close to the women and men of our time.