

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP, Parish Priest

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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20th September 2026, Year A/2



RENI, Guido, St Matthew and the Angel, 1635-40

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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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 900am – 2:00pm and Friday: 9.00am – 1:00pm

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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call Him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

VIGIL SATURDAY

6.00pm

†† Carlyle & Maureen Young

SUNDAY 8:30am

†† Klemens & Thea Blazek, Helena Kubka & Alina Zawadzka

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am ST MATTHEW

Antonio & Elbert Sy & Delia Naldo (Birthday Blessings)

Tuesday 8:00am Week 25 Ordinary Time

†† Anna Blazek & Anna Laskosz

Wednesday 8.00am St Pius of Pietrelcina

The Woo Family

Thursday 8.00am Week 25 Ordinary Time

Nelia Rata & Hedy Ching (B'day Bl)

Friday 8.00am Week 25 Ordinary Time

The Woo Family

Saturday 8.30am St Cosmos & St Damian

The Woo Family

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:

Carlyle & Maureen Young, Klemens & Thea Blazek, Helena Kubka, Alina Zawadzka, Anna Blazek, Anna Laskosz

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, 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.

NOVEMBER MASSES

One Mass each day in November will be offered for our Deceased. When you fill out your November Mass Envelope place it in the basket at the back of the Church and fill in the Remembrance Book with the names of your friends and relatives. Names of deceased can be added up to and through November and will be included in the Mass of the following day until the end of November.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Loose: \$461.75**
 Planned Giving: \$1229
 Smart Facilities: \$630
 Project Donations: \$125

BIBLE STUDY

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

PARISH LUNCH

Our next Lunch will be at noon on Wednesday 14th October 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.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR SALE

After weekend Masses, \$11 each.

BISHOPS'S FATHERS DAY APPEAL

We collected \$2138.85 To donate online please visit parracatholic.org/fathersdayappeal

MT SCHOENSTATT COUPLES' GROUP

Sunday 27th September from 1.30-3.30pm at Joseph Kantenich House Hall, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa. See flyer for more information.

ST CARLO ACUTIS RELIC EXHIBITION

28th – 30th September. See the flyer on the noticeboard for information.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Safeguarding Mandatory Training.

Under the Children's Guardian Act 2019 and the NSW Child Safe Standards all volunteers are required to have completed their Safeguarding Training. Log on to: <https://learning.safeguarding.org.au/> For any questions, please email Maria Kervin, at maria.kervin@parracatholic.org



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

"I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you will not have life in you." John 6:58

SAINTLY THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

"In order to convert America and save the World what we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer." St. Teresa of Calcutta

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 16th September 2026****Catechesis. The Documents of the Second Vatican Council. IV. Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes* (GS, 23-32). 3. *The Human Community*.**

Dear brothers and sisters,

By dedicating the second chapter to the “human community”, the Constitution *Gaudium et Spes* (GS) invites us to consider “the growing interdependence of men” as “one of the salient features of the modern world” (no. 23). This reality must, however, find fulfilment “on the deeper level ... of this communion between persons”, for which “a mutual respect for the full spiritual dignity of the person” is essential (*ibid.*). These are statements which, in our times, have taken on even greater urgency. Technological development, the spread of the mass media and social media, and the ever-increasing use of artificial intelligence are opening up new possibilities, breaking down barriers and bridging distances; However, relationships are tending to become less and less personal, more virtual, and there is a risk of becoming accustomed to delegating to algorithms decisions that are the sole preserve of the human conscience. Ensuring that social relationships have real substance and personal depth is, in this regard, the contribution that the Christian community seeks to offer.

The Council invites us to draw criteria and strength from God’s creative plan, in which He willed that “all men should constitute one family and treat one another in a spirit of brotherhood”, which is why “love for God and neighbour is the first and greatest commandment” which found its full revelation and complete fulfilment in Christ (cf. GS, 24).

The perfection of the human person and the development of society must be regarded as closely interdependent. History clearly confirms this truth; we must therefore never tire of reiterating, in the words of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council, that “the subject and goal of all social institutions is and must be the human person which for its part and by its very nature stands completely in need of social life” (GS, 25).

From this perspective, *Gaudium et Spes* affirms that the diversity of people and peoples in the world must not be considered as a danger or a threat, but rather as a resource for enrichment and growth. Conflict, which at times degenerates into violence, is the result of the power of sin and the way it conditions mindsets and actions at every level, causing destruction and

death. We must be ever more open to the logic of reciprocity, sharing and care, as is also the case amongst the various members of the human body (cf. 1 Cor 12:21–25).

The Pastoral Constitution also offers a concise definition of the “common good”, recalling that it consists of “the sum of those conditions of social life which allow social groups and their individual members relatively thorough and ready access to their own fulfilment” (GS, 26). At the same time, acknowledging the interdependence among peoples, it states that “every social group must take account of the needs and legitimate aspirations of other groups, and even of the general welfare of the entire human family” (GS, 26).

The Council Fathers set out some “practical and particularly urgent consequences” (GS, 27). First and foremost, respect for the human person. *Gaudium et Spes* states: “Whatever is opposed to life itself, such as any type of murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia or willful self-destruction, whatever violates the integrity of the human person, such as mutilation, torments inflicted on body or mind, attempts to coerce the will itself; whatever insults human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children; as well as disgraceful working conditions, where men are treated as mere tools for profit, rather than free and responsible persons; all these things and others of their like are infamies indeed” (*ibid.*).

Second consequence: respect and love for adversaries or for those who think and act in ways different from our own (cf. GS, 28).

Thirdly: the fundamental equality of all human beings, which demands social justice. The Document states: “Every type of discrimination, whether social or cultural, whether based on sex, race, colour, social condition, language or religion, is to be overcome and eradicated as contrary to God’s intent” (GS, 29).

Finally, the Council Fathers exhort us to overcome the individualistic mindset and to adopt an attitude of responsibility and participation (cf. GS, 30-31).

This vision of humanity as a “community of people” is a valuable legacy that the Second Vatican Council has left us. It helps us all to engage in personal and communal discernment, so that we may responsibly evaluate today’s social and political projects, based on the criteria of the dignity of the human person. For the future of humanity depends on each person’s commitment to collaborate with God and with their brothers and sisters in building a more humane world.