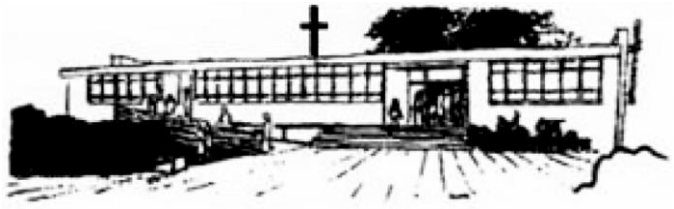
ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

23rd November 2025, Year C/1

Christ Pantokrator, Righteous Judge & Lover of Mankind, Cathedral of Cefala, Sicily

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
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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

First Reading: **2 Samuel 5:1-3**

Responsorial Psalm: **Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

Second Reading: **Colossians 1:12-20**

Gospel: **Luke 23:35-43**

VIGIL SATURDAY			
	6:00pm		**†† All Souls**
SUNDAY	**8:30am**		**†† All Souls**
	10:00am		**For the Parish**
Monday	**8:00am**	**St Ignatius Delgado, St Vincent Liem, St Dominic An-Kham**	**†† All Souls**
Tuesday	**8:00am**	**Last Week in Ordinary Time**	**†† All Souls**
Wednesday	**8.00am**	**Last Week in Ordinary Time**	**†† All Souls**
Thursday	**8.00am**	**Last Week in Ordinary Time**	**†† All Souls**
Friday	**8.00am**	**Last Week in Ordinary Time**	**†† All Souls**
Saturday	**8.30am**	**Mass of the Virgin Mary**	**†† All Souls**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
An hour before the 8am Masses during the week and before the 8.30am Masses at the weekend. Confessions are also available during Adoration. Please speak to the Priest.

BAPTISM OR MARRIAGE:
Please speak to the Priest or ring the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS
Please speak directly to one of the Priests.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2026

Our Sacramental Sessions for 2026 will begin 8th February with Reconciliation. Please watch our Bulletin for details.

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 on the Sanctuary and fill in the Remembrance Book with the names of your friends and relatives. Names of deceased can be added through November and will be included in the Mass of the following day until the end of November.

CHRISTMAS MASSES
Wednesday 24th December – 6pm
Thursday 25th December – Midnight,
8.30am & 10am

Reconciliation: Monday 22nd December
9am to 12noon & 5pm to 7.30pm

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

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

POPE'S NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

For the Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

SECOND COLLECTION: **Envelopes: $975**
Loose: $377.45
Smart Facility: $640
Project Donations: $255

SMART DONATION FACILITIES

Donations from the two Smart terminals at the door go towards the 2nd Collection. Donations from the Smart terminal near the creche go towards Special Project Donations.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study is cancelled and will resume on Wednesday 10th December.

PARISH LUNCH

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 12 noon. Our next Lunch will be Wednesday 10th December at St. Mary's Band Club. All are welcome. If you need a lift, please ring the Parish Office by Tuesday 9th.

MEN'S BARBEQUE

Next Saturday 29th November after 6pm Mass. All men over 18 are invited to come and enjoy an evening together.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

BISHOP VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This weekend we have Bishop's Christmas Appeal, supporting Catholic Care Grief and Loss Counselling. Many individuals and families are carrying grief, stress and uncertainty - wrestling with the rising cost-of-living, unstable work and heartbreak of losing a loved one. Your generosity is the way to open the doors of hope for the broken-hearted, ensuring that no one in our community grieves alone. You can donate online at www.parracatholic.org/appeal or scan the QR code on the poster. Thank you.

RED NOVEMBER: PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

During November, please pray for our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters, who are facing grave danger right now. Watch the official video at www.rednovember.org

NEPEAN HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY SERVICE

Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm call 4734 3150 and leave name, ward and bed number and the priest will visit the patient. Between 5pm and 9am Monday to Friday and on Weekends there is a Priest on call for end-of-life anointing of the sick. To get a Priest in an emergency you can phone the switchboard and make the request on 4734 2000.

DIOCESAN ADVENT SCRIPTURE NIGHT

Wednesday 26th November 6:30pm – 8:30pm, upstairs @ Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown. This is an experiential, reflective evening, where participants are guided by an expert in Scripture to integrate life & faith practice, particularly within the context of the liturgical season of Advent.

PALMS INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING

Discover how you can get involved in Palms International Volunteering with these two special sessions online.

1. Explore GAP YEAR opportunities for (18-25y) Year 12 graduates and university students on Thursday **4 December** 6pm or 9pm.
2. Join the TIMOR-LESTE ENCOUNTER Information session on Monday **8 December** 7.30pm-8.30pm

Venue: ONLINE- register at palms.org.au/events
Email palms@palms.org.au or ring 9560 5333. See posters for additional 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.

Modules 1-3 – For all Volunteers.
Modules 4/5 – For those who completed Modules 1-3 two years previously.
For the direct link to training dates and to register: https://parracatholic.org/connect/?series=safeguarding-training

To complete the modules online go to https://learning.safeguarding.org.au

CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE WORLD

POPE LEO XIV GENERAL AUDIENCE
Wednesday 19th November 2025

Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025: Jesus Christ our Hope. IV. The Resurrection of Christ and the Challenges of today's world.
5. ***Easter spirituality and integral ecology***

Dear brothers and sisters, good morning.

We are reflecting on the relationship between the Resurrection of Christ and the challenges of the contemporary world. At times, Jesus, the Living One, wants to ask us too: "Why do you weep? Who do you seek?". Indeed, challenges cannot be faced alone and tears are a gift of life when they purify our eyes and liberate our gaze.

John the Evangelist draws to our attention a detail that we do not find in the other Gospels: weeping near the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene did not immediately recognize the risen Jesus but thought he was the gardener. Indeed, already narrating the burial of Jesus, at sunset on Good Friday, the text was very precise: "Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb where no one had ever been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, as the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there" (*Jn* 19:40-41).

Thus, in the peace of the Sabbath and the beauty of a garden, the dramatic struggle between darkness and light that began with the betrayal, arrest, abandonment, condemnation, humiliation and killing of the Son, who "having loved his own who were in the world … loved them to the end" (*Jn* 13:1), comes to a close. Cultivating and keeping the garden is the original task (cf. *Gen* 2:15) that Jesus brought to fulfilment. His last words on the cross – "It is finished" (*Jn* 19:30) – invite each of us to rediscover the same task, our task. For this reason, "he bowed his head and gave up his spirit" (v. 30).

Dear brothers and sisters, Mary Magdalene was not entirely mistaken then, believing she had encountered the gardener! Indeed, she had to hear her own name again and understand her task from the new Man, the one who in another text of John says: "Behold, I make all things new" (*Rev* 21:5). Pope Francis, in the Encyclical *Laudato si*, showed us the extreme need for a contemplative gaze: if he is not the custodian of the garden, the human being becomes its destroyer. Christian hope therefore responds to the challenges to which all humanity is exposed today by dwelling in the garden where the Crucified One was laid as a seed, to rise again and bear much fruit.

Paradise is not lost but found again. In this way, the death and resurrection of Jesus are the foundation of a spirituality of integral ecology, outside of which the words of faith have no hold on reality and the words of science remain outside the heart. "Ecological culture cannot be reduced to a series of urgent and partial responses to the immediate problems of pollution, environmental decay and the depletion of natural resources. There needs to be a distinctive way of looking at things, a way of thinking, policies, an educational programme, a lifestyle and a spirituality which together generate resistance" (*Laudato si'*, 111).

For this reason, we speak of an ecological *conversion*, which Christians cannot separate from the reversal of course that Jesus asks of them. A sign of this is Mary's turning around on that Easter morning: only by conversion after conversion do we pass through that vale of tears to the new Jerusalem. This passage, which begins in the heart and is spiritual, changes history, engages us publicly, and activates solidarity that now protects people and creatures from the longings of wolves, in the name and power of the Lamb-Shepherd.

In this way, the sons and daughters of the Church can now meet millions of young people and other men and women of good will who have heard the cry of the poor and the earth, letting it touch their hearts. There are also many people who desire, through a more direct relationship with creation, a new harmony that will lead them beyond so many divisions. On the other hand, still "the heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world" (*Ps* 18:1-4).

May the Spirit give us the ability to listen to the voice of those who have no voice. We will see, then, that garden, or Paradise, which we will only reach by welcoming and fulfilling our own task.