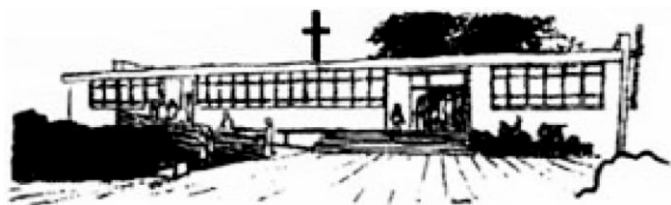


ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



Fr. Andrew Fornal OP, Parish Priest

Fr. Pawel Barszczewski OP, Assistant Priest

Fr. Piotr Kruk OP

EMERGENCY PHONE: 0423 725 148 (Calls Only)

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27th September 2026, Year A/2



Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

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 18:25-28

Responsorial Psalm: Remember Your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28--32

VIGIL SATURDAY

6.00pm

† Kazimiera Ostrowski

SUNDAY 8:30am

Emil Benny (Birthday Blessings)

10:00am

For the Parish

Monday 8:00am

St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions

The Woo Family

Tuesday 8:00am

ST MICHAEL, ST GABRIEL &
ST RAPHAEL

†† Dionisia Columna & Alesandro
Rey Saavedra

Wednesday 8.00am

St Jerome

† Angelo Spiteri

Thursday 8.00am

St Therese of the Child Jesus

†† For God's Precious Infants

Friday 8.00am

Holy Guardian Angels

Benny Antony (Birthday Blessings)

Saturday 8.30am

Mass of the Virgin Mary

†† Dec. Mem. of St Vincent de Paul

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, Josefino Mateo, Rufina Laurente

DECEASED WE PRAY FOR:

Kazimiera Ostrowski, Angelo Spiteri, God's
Precious Infants, Deceased Members of St Vincent
de Paul Society

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.

ROSARY AND BENEDICTION

During the month of October there will be Rosary,
Litany of Our Lady and Benediction after all the
weekday Masses.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

PARISH AND THE DIOCESE

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.

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: \$368.70**
 Planned Giving: \$1185
 Smart Facilities: \$859
 Project Donations: \$265

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.

ST LUKE'S MASS

See flyer on noticeboard or at the back of the Church.

ST CARLO ACUTIS RELIC EXHIBITION

28th – 30th September at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. See the flyer on the noticeboard for information.

PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV:

One Million Children Praying the Rosary

From 1st -7th October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide to pray for peace and unity in the world. Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part.



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

"We contribute to the radical transformation of the world during our Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration." St. John Paul II

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 23rd September 2026****Catechesis. The Documents of the Second Vatican Council. IV. Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes* (GS, 33-39). 4. *The Meaning of Man's Activity Throughout the World*.**

Dear brothers and sisters,

As we continue our journey through the Pastoral Constitution *Gaudium et Spes* of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, we come to the third chapter of the first part, which bears the intriguing title: "Man's Activity Throughout the World". The fundamental question is this: what is the value of human activity in the world, and therefore of technical, social and scientific progress? We may recall that, less than four years after the close of the Council, on the 20–21 July 1969, man set foot on the Moon for the first time.

Created in the image and likeness of God, the human being is the agent of progress. With freedom and intelligence, he increases his knowledge, thereby advancing society as a whole. We can easily see this by considering the improvements in living conditions over successive generations. Indeed, the Document states, "many benefits once looked for, especially from heavenly powers, man has now enterprisingly procured for himself" (no. 33).

For this reason, some thinkers have portrayed scientific and technical progress as something that weakens man's relationship with God, to the point of making it seem superfluous, or even as antagonistic to the Christian faith. And this interpretation has brought about a change in the way contemporary man views the world, compared with previous ages. Such a prejudice is particularly prevalent in that part of Western culture which has lost its reference to Christian Revelation. In post-Christian humanisms, the human being and God are mistakenly presented as rivals: in order to assert his knowledge, his freedom and his progress, man would have to emancipate himself from God. Ultimately, however, by denying the relationship with God, one also loses the possibility of affirming the transcendent value of the human person. This is the "tragedy of atheistic humanism", well described by a leading theologian of the Second Vatican Council, Henri de Lubac.

The Council wishes to provide a clear answer: Christians, states *Gaudium et Spes*, "can justly consider that by their labour they are unfolding the Creator's work, consulting the advantages of their brother men, and are contributing by their personal industry to the

realization in history of the divine plan" (no. 34). Indeed, the Constitution continues, "far from thinking that works produced by man's own talent and energy are in opposition to God's power, and that the rational creature exists as a kind of rival to the Creator, Christians are convinced that the triumphs of the human race are a sign of God's grace and the flowering of His own mysterious design" (*ibid.*). In essence, God has placed in the hands of men and women a creation that is still *in statu viae* – that is, on a journey, in the process of growth – so that they may bring it to fulfilment through their wise activity.

There is an important reference to the mystery of the Incarnation. Humanity – and with it work, progress and the autonomy of created realities – is not absorbed or nullified by the encounter with God, but rather taken up in its entirety, continuing to be, in Christ, free and active: indeed, it is in Him that it finds full truth and freedom. Furthermore, in the Eucharistic celebration, the fruit of human labour, represented by bread and wine, is placed upon the altar every day to be transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

From this perspective, an important truth emerges: to encounter God, the human being must not abandon his earthly occupations, but can live his vocation fully, carrying out his daily work well and sanctifying it. Christians, like everyone else, are involved in building the city of man, striving towards the end of all things and the encounter with God, and reminding those with whom they share the adventure of progress, science and life of this ultimate purpose.

Earthly progress must certainly be clearly distinguished from the development of the Kingdom of Christ; however, the Council affirms that "to the extent that the former can contribute to the better ordering of human society, it is of vital concern to the Kingdom of God. ... All the good fruits of our nature and enterprise, we will find them again, but freed of stain, burnished and transfigured" (no. 39).

Finally, let us recall that in order to become authentic human progress – that is, progress for the whole person and for all people – technical and scientific progress must be inspired and guided by charity. Only in this way can it always be placed in the service of human dignity and promote the living conditions of all, especially the most disadvantaged.

Dear brothers and sisters, the Second Vatican Council invites us to share the bread of knowledge and know-how, so that every person and every people may develop their potential, and together, with God's help, we may build a better future.