

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

COMMITMENT STATEMENT

The emotional, physical and spiritual safety, well-being and dignity of Children and Adults is an integral part of the teachings and values of the Catholic Church. The Archdiocese is wholly committed to ensuring the safety, well-being and dignity of all Children and Adults at Risk, and acknowledge its important legal, moral and spiritual responsibility to create a safe and nurturing environment for those Children and Adults.



CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IS A CRIME. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the Police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the Police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on phone (02) 9390 5813 or via email SafeguardingEnquiries@SydneyCatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest. The Archdiocese of Sydney has a legal obligation to report crimes to the Police.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK CLEARANCE

You must keep your personal details up to date so that you can be contacted about your Working with Children Check (WWCC). Go to <https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/working-children-check/apply-wwcc/update-or-upgrade-your-wwcc-details> for more information. Please provide the Parish office with a copy of your WWCC. Thank you.

The Catholic Weekly

IN THIS WEEK'S EDITION

- Easter boom: Hundreds to enter the church across Australia.
 - Regional priests' 'golden opportunity' to draw many to Christ.
 - Interview with Archbishop Anthony Randazzo on his call to Rome.
 - How the first Christians kept Easter, and why it still matters.
 - Sistine Chapel immersive exhibition will inspire.
- Copies available at the entrances for \$2.00. Proceeds to St Vincent de Paul.

Caritas AUSTRALIA PROJECT COMPASSION Boxes available at the church entrances. Please give generously. Thank you for your generosity.

KIDS CORNER

The Stone Was Rolled Away

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. Matthew 28:2 (NIV)



Complete the activity below.

From the words provided for each clue, provide the letter of the word which best matches the clue.

- A period of twenty-four hours
A. week B. month C. day D. year
- A place where someone is buried
A. morning B. tomb C. stone D. week
- "He is not here; he has _____, just as he said."
A. rolled B. risen C. dead D. tomb
- The first or early part of a day
A. day B. morning C. night D. week
- A hard solid substance found in the ground which is often used for building
A. sand B. stone C. mud D. earthquake
- A period of seven days
A. month B. week C. year D. day
- A shaking or trembling of the the earth
A. day B. storm C. earthquake D. morning
- A heavenly being that serves as a messenger for God
A. star B. cloud C. wind D. angel

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEAST DAYS OF APRIL

MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

- WED 1 APR—St Venantius of Spalato
- THU 2 APR—HOLY THURSDAY (THE LORD'S SUPPER)
- FRI 3 APR—GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
- SAT 4 APR—THE EASTER VIGIL
- SUN 5 APR—EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
- MON 6 APR—St Agrarius the Martyr
- TUE 7 APR—St John Baptist de La Salle
- WED 8 APR—St Agabus the Prophet
- THU 9 APR—St Aedesius of Alexandria
- FRI 10 APR—St Miguel de Sanctis
- SAT 11 APR—St Gemma Galgani
- SUN 12 APR—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
- MON 13 APR—St Martin I



REMINDER

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS—SUNDAY 5 APRIL, AT 3:00AM—CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR



Called & Gifted
DISCERNMENT PROCESS

The path to discerning your charisms

4 May - 16 July 2026

In-person at
St Catherine Labouré Parish, Gympie

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FAITH FORMATION 2026

The Eucharist in the Life of the Church

Apr Introduction to the Eucharist (Free Event)
Rev Dr Paschal M. Corby OFM Conv

May The Eucharist in Scripture
Dr Mario Baghos

St Joseph's
CATHOLIC CHURCH
BELMORE

We are called to reach out to everyone with the Love of God.

NEWSLETTER

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ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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MASS TIMES:

Mon—Sat: 9:00am
Sat: 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8:00am & 10:00am
Youth Mass: 7:00pm
(First Friday of the Month)
Tongan Mass: 2:00pm
(Last Sunday of the Month)
Filipino Mass: 3:00pm
(First Sunday of the Month)

RECONCILIATION: Wed 6:00pm-6:45pm,
Sat 4:00pm-5:15pm

ADORATION & BENEDICTION:
Wed 6:00pm-7:00pm

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals by appointment, please contact the office.

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APRIL
Month of the Holy Eucharist

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

—MyCatholic.life

REFLECTION FOR TODAY

Easter is the cause of all joy, fulfilment, and glory. If Jesus only died on the Cross, destroying death, something would be missing—the restoration of life into a glorified existence. Beyond the forgiveness of sins, Easter is about the temporal and eternal glorification of every soul that dies and rises with Christ. Is the Cross the difficult message and Easter the easy message?

The Cross calls us to surrender our lives to the Father's will. We must be purified from every sin and attachment to sin, from every bad habit and worldly thought, and from everything that is not God and God alone. When we understand, with the saints, our calling to die with Christ and to embrace His Cross, the task might seem impossible.

New life in Christ, the fullness of joy, complete transformation, and eternal beatitude in Heaven appear easy to embrace. We can be sure, however, that our understanding of what it means to share in Christ's Resurrection is but a shadow of the reality. Few people have come close to understanding the glory to which the Resurrection calls us. Saints Francis of Assisi, Catherine of Siena, John of the Cross, and Thérèse of Lisieux are among those who penetrated the mystery of Easter while on earth. They did so by fully dying with Christ through lives of profound prayer, penance, and charity that completely united their souls to the Most Holy Trinity.

As we celebrate Easter, we must know that we do not yet know all that is promised to us by Christ's Resurrection. Our spiritual appetites should make us hungry for that knowledge. Too often, Christians go through life satisfied with a basic understanding of the Gospel. We know that God became man, taught, performed miracles, died on the Cross, rose, ascended into Heaven, and sent the Holy Spirit. We hope in His promise that if we remain in His grace, we will share in Heaven after we die. But this is far from what the saints comprehended and what we must seek.

How do we share in Christ's new life and in the glory of the Resurrection? What will Heaven be like for those who achieve the highest realms of glory in this life, compared to those who do the basics? What will the New Heavens and the New Earth be like when Jesus returns for the Final Judgment? If you have never deeply pondered these questions, know that glorious answers await you.

We can only comprehend the joy of sharing fully in Christ's Resurrection with God's direct infusion of grace. When a soul receives this infused knowledge, it realizes that committing even the smallest sin is foolishness and the path to utter loss. It realizes that gaining every earthly comfort and honour is miserable in comparison to sharing fully in the Resurrection. It realizes that the only worthwhile purpose is the abandonment of one's life to the will of God, a willingness to suffer anything and everything for Christ, to serve wholeheartedly, to forgive everyone completely, to love with every fiber of its being, and to remain in a state of prayerful recollection with God.

We can only understand the message and mystery of Easter if we begin the long and difficult journey toward divine union. Only those who begin it in haste have a chance of completing it. There is so much that God is calling you to and wants to give you. Don't aim for the lowly and passing things of life; aim for the highest heights of glory. Seek to understand the Resurrection this Easter so that you will be able to share more fully in the higher grades of glory that God wants to bestow upon you.

My Resurrected Lord, the glory to which You have called me is beyond my comprehension. In flame my soul with a desire to know You more, so as to share more fully in the glories of the Resurrection while here on earth and forever in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to find ways, centred on the love of God, to provide a welcoming Parish, a place of spiritual nourishment, and a home to a community that supports everyone and encourages them to contribute their gifts.



READINGS OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

10:34, 37—43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea: about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses — we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name'.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 117:1—2, 16—17, 22—23

R. This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end'. **R.**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **R.**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

SECOND READING

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS

3:1—4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed — and he is your life — you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting, shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

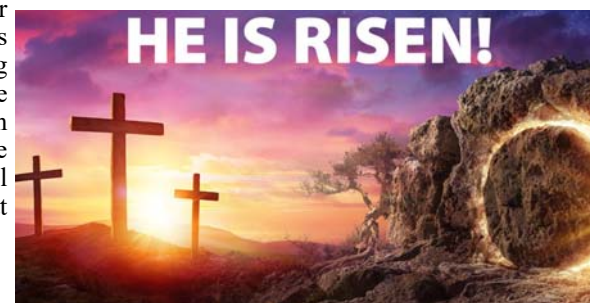
THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

20:1—9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.



NEXT WEEK: 12 APR 26—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY —YEAR A

READINGS:

Reading 1: Acts 2:42—47

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 117:2—4, 13—15, 22—24

Reading 2: 1 Peter 1:3—9

Gospel: JOHN 20:19—31

The Word of the Lord



PARISH / LOCAL NEWS

Volunteers Needed

CAN YOU HELP?

We need your help especially during our Sunday liturgies. If you're able to, please send your details to the Parish Office via email: admin@StJosephBelmore.org.au stating which ministry you'd like to help—Collector, Lector, Choir, Eucharistic Minister etc. For more information / registration details, go to: <https://Liturgy.SydneyCatholic.org/ministry-training-formation/> or scan the QR code. Thank you for your support and God bless you.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION—REMINDER

During Holy Hour (Adoration & Benediction) from 6:00pm to 7:00pm every Wednesday evening, Father will also be available for confession. All Welcome.



GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Offer hope by supporting the Sacred Places and Christians of the Holy Land



Donations can be made to:
Commissary of the Holy Land, 47 Victoria Street, Waverley NSW 2024
T: (02) 9369 9300 | E: holyland@franciscans.org.au



www.franciscans.org.au/holy-land-commissariat/

Jesus, I Trust in You

Sunday 12 April
Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass times:
8:00am - Morning Mass
10:00am - Mass for Volunteers
3:00pm - Divine Mercy Mass

Confessions: 11:00am - 2:00pm

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SCHOENSTATT
SISTERS OF MARY

Bus trip to Mt Schoenstatt,
Mulgoa.
Sunday 17 May.

Bus leaves at 7:30am - \$50 a ticket.
Breakfast provided, please bring your lunch. Bus returns at 2:30pm.
Contact Georgette (0421 286 180) or Kalala (0434 988 030) for more details.

Prayer Requests & Special Intentions

Please contact the Parish Office for your prayer requests and intentions.
Email: admin@StJosephBelmore.org.au Phone: +61 2 9759 1280
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY—APRIL

2nd—Vincent Keogh; 3rd—Ilda Simoes Wright; 4th—Gin Camilleri; Libera Berton; James McNally; 5th—Veronica Logan; Pelagia Martin; George Siao; Harry Ritchie; 6th—Margaret Ellen Philpot; Paul Lenh Pham; Remedios Nuyda; 7th—Shelton Petris; 8th—Eileen Rayner; Maria P Colela; Joan Belbin; 9th—Coral Hadley; 10th—John J Ewing; Vincent Toohey; Maria G Milazzo; James Humphries; 11th—Win Feeney; Helen Busuttill; Edna Nay; Mgr Lex Johnson; 12th—Dadlan Morrissey; Matthew Johnson; 13th—Sr. Inez McKane; Alfredo Perla; 14th—Anthony Rapinett; Albert Worth; John Campbell; Edward J Grennan; Francis Keating; Alec Swanson; Loris Boumoussa; 15th—James P Kelly; 16th—Ellen Berry; Frank Stewart; 17th—Giovanni Tomc; Edward F Julie; 19th—Maree Berkery; Bernard Wilson; 20th—Mella Khoury; Eileen Manix; Rosina Cachia; 21st—Catherine O'Connor; Mary Greaney; 22nd—Johnston McGovern; Mona Morris; Charbel Tadros; 24th—Cecil Thomas (Tomo) O'Brien; 25th—George Goldstein; 26th—Joseph F Mongan; Marie V Cush; Mangan (Joe); 27th—Louis Formosa; Alexander C Cummings; Arthur McNally; 28th—Arthur Geale; Nora J Salmon; 30th—Edmund S Kearney; Gerry Estepa; Thomas Cosgrove.

LET'S KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

Our church is cleaned by volunteers. Please place any rubbish you have into the bins at the entrances, or take them home with you. If you can help clean our church, inside & outside, please contact the office on 9759 1280 or email admin@StJosephBelmore.org.au. Thank you for keeping our church clean.



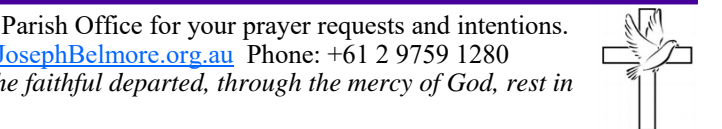
Exposition of the
Most Blessed Sacrament
Every Sunday after 8:00am Mass
Please join us as we prepare for Eucharistic 2028

EASTER OFFERING
Easter Envelopes are now available at the entrances. Please give generously. Thank you

ANZAC
Eve Mass

Friday, April 24th, 2026
6:30pm
St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP invites you to commemorate the sacrifices of our retired and active defence personal and those who died in the line of defence.



MASS INTENTIONS

Parishioners who are sick.
Our Elderly Parishioners.
Parishioners celebrating their birthdays.

REPOSE OF SOULS

Souls of our dearly departed family members.