

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

- Alice Springs community prays after child's death.
- Sydney Synod sets new direction.
- The unseen faces of homelessness.
- Mother's Day: Faith and love without limits.
- Reflection: Sharpening the soul through prayer.
- Archbishop Fisher's homily: Ruins to reconciliation.

Copies available at the entrances for \$2.00. Proceeds to St Vincent de Paul.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEAST DAYS OF MAY

MONTH OF MARY

- SAT 9 MAY—Isaiah the Prophet
- SUN 10 MAY—St John of Avila;
St Damian of Molokai
- MON 11 MAY—St Estelle of Saintes
- TUE 12 MAY—Sts Nereus and Archilleus;
St Pancras
- WED 13 MAY—Our Lady of Fatima
- THU 14 MAY—St Matthias the Apostle
- FRI 15 MAY—St Alvaro
- SAT 16 MAY—St Simon Stock

SUN 17 MAY—THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

- MON 18 MAY—St John I, Pope & Martyr
- TUE 19 MAY—St Verena Bürlir



SISTINE CHAPEL
REVELATIONS
AN IMMERSIVE EXHIBITION

Bookings at: <https://SistineChapelSydney.com.au>

MUSEI VATICANI

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.

The FEAST of OUR LADY of
FATIMA
Saturday 16 May 2026
Vigil Mass at 6pm followed by Marian Procession

Walk with Our Lady of Fatima in a candle-lit procession from St Mary's Cathedral as we pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

For more information, visit sydneycatholic.org/our-lady-of-fatima-procession

HEALING MASS

SUN 14 JUN, 6:00PM, ST JOSEPH BELMORE

Fr. Justin Torres, a priest of the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary, will celebrate a Healing Mass here in our church.

Fr. Justin has established a place in the hearts of many Australians as he shares his ministry of Discernment and Healing from Jesus, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and emphasises the Love of Jesus and Mary for all. We urge you to bring your family and friends to experience this beautiful occasion.



St Joseph's CATHOLIC CHURCH BELMORE

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

NEWSLETTER

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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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MAY—MONTH OF MARY

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR TODAY

MEMBERS OF GOD'S FAMILY.

—MyCatholic.life

"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you". John 14:18—20

The feeling of being an orphan—of longing for belonging—reflects a deeper spiritual reality Jesus addressed with His disciples in today's Gospel. Those with close families are truly blessed, as a supportive family fosters personal growth and a sense of identity. When one is orphaned, the absence of these natural bonds can leave a lasting sense of loss. Yet even the strongest earthly family relationships point to a greater truth: our ultimate belonging is found in God's family.

Jesus understood the sense of loss His disciples would feel after His Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension. When He said, "In a little while the world will no longer see me..." He was preparing them for His physical departure through the Ascension. But He reassures them: "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you...you will see me, because I live and you will live". Initially, the disciples struggled to grasp the meaning of these words. Only after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit did they begin to understand. The same promise Jesus made to them applies to us today. Though we were not among those who witnessed His earthly presence, we too have a longing for His nearness—a longing to belong, to be loved, and to find our place within a family. This longing is fulfilled supernaturally through the gift of faith and our incorporation into God's divine family, the Church.

Faith is the key to this relationship. It is more than intellectual belief; it is the acceptance of a personal revelation from God and a choice to live according to that revelation. Jesus promises that those who love Him and obey His commandments will experience His presence and that of the Father. This experience begins through faith, which is a gift by which God communicates Himself to us, revealing His love and will. It is both certain and mysterious, a knowledge that leads us to divine hope and sustains us in the pursuit of God's will.

Faith also unites us with one another. Through faith, we are no longer orphans but brothers and sisters in Christ. Our natural longing to belong finds its ultimate fulfilment in God's glorious family, which begins on earth and is perfected in Heaven.

Reflect today on the desire in your heart to belong, to be loved, and to be part of a family. Recognize that this longing finds its ultimate fulfilment in the family of God. Though we await the fullness of this communion in Heaven, we can experience it even now. Commit yourself to respond to Jesus' invitation by embracing your place in His family through prayer, the sacraments, and daily acts of love. Recognize that He is in the Father, we are in Him, and He is in us. Embrace this reality, allowing the gift of faith to draw you more deeply into the divine family to which we are called.

My revealing Lord, deep within my soul I long for You and desire to be one with You and Your Father through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Please reveal Yourself to me so that I can know You, live according to Your commandments, and flourish in Your grace. May my membership in Your family of faith, through the Church, begin now and become perfected in Heaven. Jesus, I trust in You.



MISSION STATEMENT

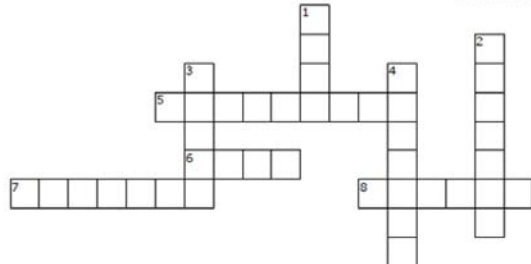
Our mission is to find ways, centred on the love of God, to provide a welcoming Parish, a place of spiritual nourishment, and a home to a community that supports everyone and encourages them to contribute their gifts.

KIDS CORNER

Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever." John 14:16 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on John 14:15-21 (NIV)



ACROSS

5. One who gives help or advice
6. To have a strong affection and attraction for someone
7. To give an order with authority
8. The first person of the Trinity; God the _____.

DOWN

1. To be alive or have life
2. For all time; time without end
3. The whole earth and all the people on it
4. Children who have no parents

FATHER	FOREVER	WORLD	LOVE
COUNSELOR	LIVE	COMMAND	ORPHANS

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READINGS OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

8:5—8, 14—17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Ps 65:1—7, 16, 20

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R.**
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**
3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. **R.**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love for me. **R.**

SECOND READING

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF ST PETER

3:15—18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

14:15—21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him'.

The Gospel of the Lord.



NEXT WEEK: 17 MAY 26—SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD—YEAR A

READINGS:

Reading 1: Acts 1:1—11

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46:2—3, 6—9

Reading 2: Ephesians 1:17—23

Gospel: MATTHEW 28:16—20

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. 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.



2026 NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE Mass attendance counts will be conducted at each of our Masses. Please remain until the end of Mass to get our count correct. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2026

DATE	EVENT
Now	Commencement of Registration
Wed 20 May – 7:00pm	Final date for Registration. Information Evening in the Hall.
Sat 30 May – 5:30pm	Commitment Mass Please bring your child's commitment card with you
Sat 30 May – after Vigil Mass	Session One (all hourly sessions, held in the Hall)
Sat 13 Jun – after Vigil Mass	Session Two
Sat 20 Jun – after Vigil Mass	Session Three
Sat 27 Jun – after Vigil Mass	Session Four
Sat 25 Jul – 9:00am – 12:00pm	Reflection / Rehearsal
SUN 2 AUG – 12:30PM	CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL, SYDNEY

NOTE: It is a requirement for all candidates along with at least one parent / guardian attend and participate in ALL sessions, except the Parent Information Evening.

Parents and guardians, you are invited to register your child in the upcoming Sacrament of Confirmation program, which will be held at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. For more details, please attend the Information evening on Wednesday 20 May at 7:00pm in the hall.

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—MAY

1st—James Tyler; Muriel Crockett; Terry Walsh. 2nd—Helen Elia; Rufina Mortillero. 3rd—Alexander Duncan; Jim Bradley. 5th—John Whelan; Mario Lucie De Douza; 6th—Tony Michael; Walter B Stuckey; Maria Mizzi. 7th—Theresa Eid; 9th—Dorris Morgan; Placida Yap. 10th—Myra Folwell; 11th—Nicholina Manganaro; Elizabeth Cividin; G. McDonald; 12th—Nicola Ricco; 14th—Ron Macdonald; 15th—Ann Vuong Tran; Ida Williams; 16th—Valarie Sarah Byrnes; Dominic Camillieri; 17th—Mary Hennessy; Venetta Daniel; Maria Camelotti; 19th—Sister Mary; Tony Calleja; Jack Salmon; 21st—Catherine O'Connor; Lorenza Estepa; Jack Martin; 22nd—Jessica V Eade; 23rd—Rino Lazaric; Joseph Elia; Kalmat Zouki; 24th—John Patrick Weston; Francesca Cantore; 25th—Alfred K Keeble; Jason Shori; Joseph Merciega; 26th—Frederico Valli; Patricia Badaovi; Anne Sheedy; Col Mullen; 27th—James M McKeown; Marie Ritchie; Helen Farah; 28th—Chung Yit Hing (Anna); 29th—Francesca Defina; Michael Kayrooz; 30th—Giovanna Di Giambattista; Colm Mullen; 31st—Guiseppe Attard.

LET'S KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

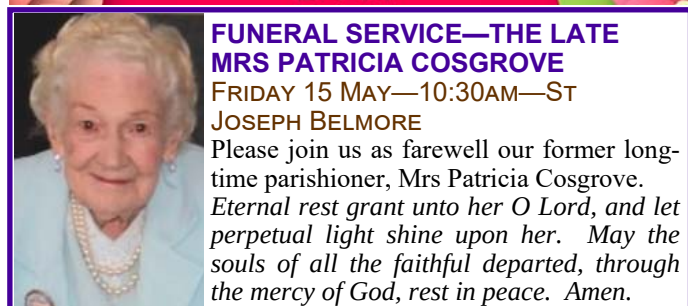
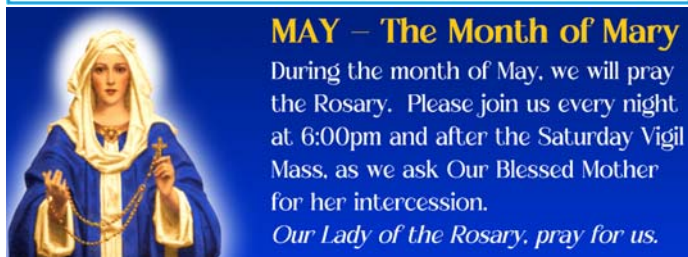
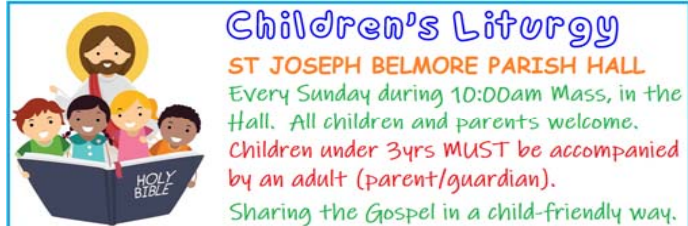
Our church is cleaned by volunteers

Please place any rubbish you have into the bins at the entrances, or take them home with you. Please contact the office on 9759 1280 or email admin@StJosephBelmore.org.au if you can help. Thank you for keeping our church clean.



NOTICE

NO FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED IN CHURCH



MASS INTENTIONS

Parishioners who are sick.

Our Elderly Parishioners.

Parishioners celebrating their birthdays.

REPOSE OF SOULS

Souls of our dearly departed family members. Mrs Patricia Cosgrove.