

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

- Catholics recognised in King's Birthday Honours
 - When pandemic fears return
 - Archbishop welcomes pope's first encyclical
 - St Anthony's relics stir deep devotion
 - Teachers rediscover their vocation
 - Papal Mass in Spain draws 1.2million.
- Copies available at the entrances for \$2.00. Proceeds to St Vincent de Paul.

KIDS CORNER

Jesus Calls for Workers

Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.



Jesus went through all the towns and villages, _____ in their synagogues, _____ the good news of the kingdom and _____ every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like _____ without a _____. Then he said to his disciples, "The _____ is plentiful but the _____ are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

He called his _____ disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of _____ is _____.'

harvest	heaven	preaching	shepherd	twelve
healing	near	sheep	teaching	workers

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEAST DAYS OF JUNE

MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

- SAT 13 JUN—St Anthony of Padua
The Most Immaculate Heart of Mary
- SUN 14 JUN—Elisha the Prophet
- MON 15 JUN—St Eigel of Fulda; St Vitus
- TUE 16 JUN—St Cyriacus of Iconium
- WED 17 JUN—St Avitus of Perche
- THU 18 JUN—Sts Mark & Marcellian
- FRI 19 JUN—St Romauld
- SAT 20 JUN—St Novatus of Rome
- SUN 21 JUN—St Aloysius Gonzaga
- MON 22 JUN—Sts John Fisher & Thomas More
- TUE 23 JUN—St Paulinus of Nola
- **WED 24 JUN—THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST**
- THU 25 JUN—St Domingo Henares de Zafra Cubero
- FRI 26 JUN—St Josemaria Escriva
- SAT 27 JUN—St Cyril of Alexandria



SCHOLARSHIP AT THE CATHEDRAL

6:00PM - 8:00PM | TUESDAY, 16 JUNE 2026
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL COLLEGE - COLLEGE HALL
2 ST MARY'S RD, SYDNEY

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2026

Tim Fischer
Oration on Ethics in Public & Political Life

Guest Speaker
Dr. Mary Healy
Renowned International
Speaker & Author

6:00 PM Wednesday,
June 17, 2026
Rosehill Gardens, Sydney



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FAITH FORMATION 2026

The Eucharist in the Life of the Church

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The Eucharist in
the Early Church
Dr Kevin Wagner

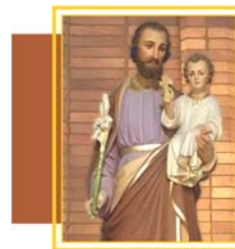
Eucharistic Miracles
(Free Event)
Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP

Jul

The Eucharist in
Systematic Theology
Chris Walter



Online via Zoom
Cost per month: \$35 per person (+ BOOKING FEE)
\$100 for Parish Groups, in-person gathering (+ BOOKING FEE)
Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko



St Joseph's



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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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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REFLECTION FOR TODAY

DRIVEN BY DIVINE COMPASSION

As Jesus went "to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness" (Matthew 9:35), He was moved with deep compassion for the crowds. The Greek verb *spagchnizomai* is often translated as "moved with pity" or "moved with compassion". It appears twelve times in the Gospels—eight times describing Jesus' own compassion and four times illustrating divine mercy in parables or related contexts (the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, the Unforgiving Servant, and the plea of a father for his demon-possessed son). This verb conveys not just an emotional response but a profound stirring of His entire being, compelling Him to act with divine mercy—engaging His mind, will, body, and emotions.

Understanding this verb is essential because it unveils the very heart of Christ's mission, where His divine mercy is fully manifest in His humanity. Though His mercy originates in His divinity, He fully lived and expressed it in His human nature, allowing it to consume Him entirely and drive Him to shepherd His people.

Jesus' all-consuming compassion should profoundly console us. God does not love us out of mere divine obligation; His love is deeply personal, intimate, and relentless. He is not distant or impersonal, aloof in His perfection. In Christ, God's mercy is made visible—His human heart is stirred to action, doing everything He can to draw us closer to Himself. This is why His compassion is such a source of reassurance: He is not a distant or angry God, standing far off to condemn. Rather, He is the God who, in Christ, allows Himself to be consumed with mercy, driven by compassion, and moved to act for the salvation of each one of us.

That same profound mercy continues to flow from the Sacred Heart today. In Heaven, Christ's human heart remains inseparably united to His divinity, pouring forth the love of the Father and the Holy Spirit upon the world. His compassion is made present to us through His Church, especially in the Sacraments and in the lives of saintly men and women. This same compassion must become the driving force behind all we do for the Kingdom. We are called to be His living instruments of mercy, reflecting His Sacred Heart in our actions, words, and love for others—so that each of us might be reassured of God's unfailing love.

We see in today's Gospel that Jesus' compassion moved Him to send out twelve of His disciples as His Apostles, entrusting them with His divine authority to proclaim the Kingdom of God, cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, and drive out demons. They were to be His chosen instruments of mercy, reaching out to the lost sheep of the house of Israel—those in dire need of God's truth and healing grace.

Today, Jesus sends each of us forth in a unique way to be a beacon of light and mercy to others. He first calls us to love those closest to us—our family and friends—not in an ordinary way, but in a radical self-giving that mirrors His own love. We must allow our whole beings to be moved with divine compassion for them, reassuring them of both our love and God's love. But our mission cannot end there. After loving our families, we must extend that same compassion to all whom God places in our lives, offering the same depth of mercy that filled Jesus' Sacred Heart long ago.

Reflect today on Jesus' divine compassion from two perspectives. First, gaze at His overflowing love for you. There is no way to overestimate that love. Second, allow that love to transform you so that His mercy flows through you into the lives of others. Do not hold back the love of God—let it pour forth freely and abundantly. Let His divine compassion move your entire being so that you become a true instrument of His mercy, drawing souls to Him through the power of love and all-consuming compassion.

Most loving Lord, when You gazed upon the people of Israel's troubles and abandonment, Your Sacred Heart was stirred with deep compassion. Pour forth that same compassion upon me, O Lord, and make me an instrument of Your mercy in the lives of others. 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 BOOK OF EXODUS

19:2—6

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 99:2—3, 5

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS

5:6—11

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The kingdom of God is near;
repent, and believe the Good News!**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

9:36—10:8

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest'.

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge'.

The Gospel of the Lord.



NEXT WEEK: 21 JUN 26—TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

READINGS:

Reading 1: *Jeremiah 20:10—13*

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 68:8—10, 14, 17, 33—35*

Reading 2: *Romans 5:12—15*

Gospel: *MATTHEW 10:26—33*



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.





**Exposition of the
Most Blessed Sacrament**

Every Sunday after 8:00am Mass

Please join us as we prepare for Eucharistic 2028

MASS AND RECEPTION OF ST CARLO ACUTIS RELIC

THU 25 JUN, 5:30PM, ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

The relic of St Carlo Acutis is coming to Australia. Join the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney for Mass and Reception of St Carlo Acutis Relic as we welcome this beloved young saint to our shores. We hope to see you there.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2026

DATE	EVENT
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.

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—JUNE

1st—Michael Allen; Alan Haynes; 2nd—Tito Masejar; Isaac Clifford; 3rd—Eileen E. Coates; John Cracknell; 4th—Adea Ativa; 5th—Rogelio Jya Maria; 6th—Francis H. Dee; Lena McNally; Ivo Grdenic; Giuseppe De Fina; 7th—Margaret Oudin; Fouad Horkos; 8th—Anthony Pensabene; Beatrice I. Dowe; William B. Michael; Kevin E. Brown; Kata Grdenic; William J. Knight; Josephine El Kadi; 9th—Boutros Deeb; Thomas Michael Rolls; 10th—Iris Dorrington; Charles Thomas Orr; Mary Keatings; 12th—Honnorah C. O'Brien; Henry McNally; John Phillipot; 13th—Iris Beauchamp; Andrew Fisher; Joseph George Abi-Nader; 14th—Gladys M. Acret; James B. Salmon; 15th—Christine Power; Ford Monsour; Lillian A. Spratt; 16th—Bernard K. Ewing; 17th—Maria Camelotti; Colin Sipple; Tony Eid; 18th—Henry C. Salmon; 19th—Mickey Attard; Cliff Crockett; 20th—Carmelo Gauci; Mary A. Toohey; Najib Ramya; Joe Pieris; Sylvia J. Downers (Metcalf); 21st—William Geale; Cedric J. Ewing; 23rd—Eileen Feeney; Frank Lodge; Ken Rees; Albert Thring; Michael Moses; 24th—Ivy E. Hennessy; Natalina Vespa; Leo Nagawa; 25th—Mary Walsh; 26th—Irene F. Allan; Kenneth S. Thomas; Antoine Comarmond; Ulado Krsnik; 27th—Hazel E. Neate; David Marcus; Carmelo Cilia; Joan Auan; Frank Mercuri; 28th—Jennifer Boulis; Louis G. Norrette; Augustin J. Norrette; 29th—Mary A. Brady; Giovanni Romeo; 30th—Dorothy N. Ewing; Alice MacDonald; James Smith; Margaret Steward.

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

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



Children's Liturgy

ST JOSEPH BELMORE PARISH HALL

Every Sunday during 10:00am Mass, in the Hall. All children and parents welcome. Children under 3yrs **MUST** be accompanied by an adult (parent/guardian).
Sharing the Gospel in a child-friendly way.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2026—2027

My Weekly Offering \$: Your envelopes are ready for collection from the back of the Church. If you do not find your pack of envelopes, please contact the Parish Office on **02 9759 1280** or via email at: admin@StJosephBelmore.org.au.

Thank you for your support and may God bless you all.

St Joseph Parish Belmore

S I S T I N E C H A P E L

REVELATIONS

AN IMMERSIVE EXHIBITION

MVSEI VATICANI

Bus trip to St Mary's Cathedral.

Saturday 27 June, 11:00am.

Bus leaves at 10:00am & returns at 2:00pm. Contact Fred 0417 220 305 for more details.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

REPOSE OF SOULS

Souls of our dearly departed family members. Mr Michel Farah.

