

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

- Christians celebrate what unites them, at Sydney concert.
 - James and Pablo's road to ordination.
 - Youth invited to pilgrimage to WYD Seoul.
 - Book launch tackles reality's deepest questions.
 - Why Gen Z Needs Pope Leo's warning on AI.
- Copies available at the entrances for \$2.00. Proceeds to St Vincent de Paul.

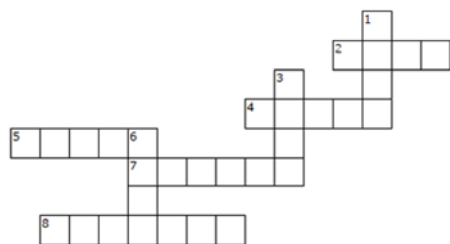
WORKING WITH CHILDREN WEEK: 22—28 JUNE

Office of the Children's Guardian, www.ocg.nsw.gov.au
Start Safe: Smarter recruitment for child safety.

KIDS CORNER

You Are Precious in His Sight

So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. Matthew 10:31 (NIV)
Based on Matthew 10:24-39 (NIV)



ACROSS

- The spiritual part of a person
- A small copper coin
- The value of something
- To be fearful or anxious about something
- A common, small, gray-brown bird

DOWN

- The physical part of a person
- The part of the body that contains the eyes, nose, mouth, ears, and the brain
- Threadlike structures growing on the head of a person

WORTH	SOUL	SPARROW	HEAD
HAIR	PENNY	AFRAID	BODY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

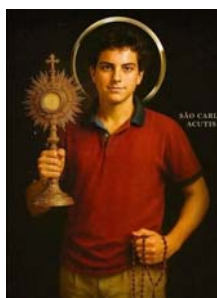
FEAST DAYS OF JUNE

MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

- 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
- SUN 28 JUN—St Irenaeus
- MON 29 JUN—STS PETER & PAUL
- TUE 30 JUN—The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

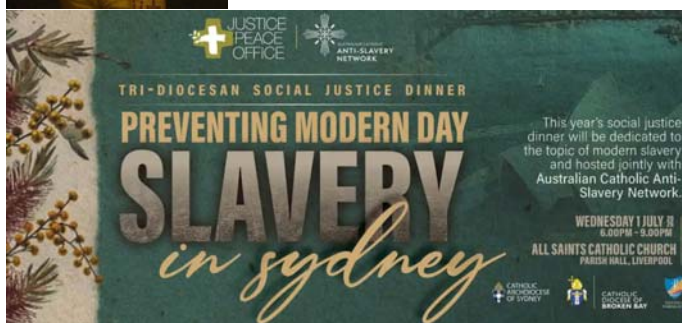


MASS AND RECEPTION OF ST CARLO ACUTIS RELIC



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.



<https://MaryAikenheadMinistries.com.au/venerable-mary-aikenhead-oration-2026>



St Joseph's



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

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MASS TIMES:

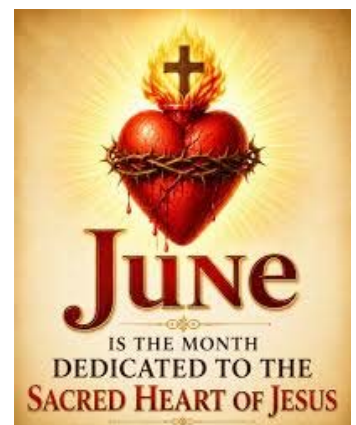
Mon—Sat: 9:00am
Sat: 5:30pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8:00am & 10:00am
Youth Mass: 7:00pm
(First Friday of the Month)
Tongan Mass: 2:00pm
(Last Sunday of the Month)
Filipino Mass: 3:00pm
(First Sunday of the Month)
RECONCILIATION: Wed 6:00pm-6:45pm,
Sat 4:00pm-5:15pm
ADORATION & BENEDICTION:
Wed 6:00pm-7:00pm
Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals by
appointment, please contact the office.

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ST JOSEPH BELMORE NEWSLETTER

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

—MyCatholic.life

REFLECTION FOR TODAY

Speaking and Proclaiming Without Fear.

When you pray, does God “whisper” to you? Do you sense His presence? Has He convicted your heart about Himself and all that He has revealed? Most likely He has, in His own silent way.

God rarely speaks to us in visions or by audibly hearing His voice. Though He has done so, as has been recorded in the lives of some saints, even if He did appear to you in that mystical way, this is not necessarily any better for your salvation and holiness than the ordinary way He usually speaks.

For most people, God comes in silent prayer, interior intuitions, and spiritual consolations. For example, one might be listening to a sermon and something jumps out, convicting one's heart or inspiring with a supernatural insight or hope. God's ordinary consoling activity in our lives must be “listened” to and responded to.

Listening to the Voice of God means we discern the eternal Truth He communicates to us, such as do this or avoid that, and we respond to Him. This is our conscience at work: “Conscience is the most secret core and sanctuary of a man. There he is alone with God, Whose voice echoes in his depths” (Gaudium et Spes #16).

In today's Gospel, when Jesus says, “What I say to you in the darkness...” and “what you hear whispered...” refers to God's communication with us in that secret sanctuary of our conscience. Jesus says that His communication is not given only to us but must be spoken “in the light” and proclaimed “on the housetops.” While our faith is personal and intimate, it must also become communal by sharing it with others through our words and actions.

Sharing our faith can be difficult. We might fear offending another who is not living the Gospel. In addressing this fear, Jesus says, “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.” Fear should never deter us from sharing our faith.

When we live our faith openly and share it charitably and unhindered, others will react. Some will joyfully receive our shared faith, but others will not. Among good-hearted Catholics, when the faith we share with others is not received well, we often second-guess ourselves. We become sensitive to the negative reaction, which easily leads to worry and fear. Such fear must be overcome with love and holy sorrow if we are to fulfil Jesus' loving command.

One way to do so is to regularly align ourselves with God's command rather than the fear inflicted upon us by the evil one. The one who can “destroy both soul and body in Gehenna” ultimately refers to God's just judgment, which we must ponder with the spiritual gift of Fear of the Lord.

This holy fear is not a fear of punishment alone but a deep belief in and reverence for God's justice and truth. It is the kind of fear that compels us to remain faithful, seeking to serve God above all else, and courageously and confidently sharing our personal faith with others as the greatest act of love we can offer.

A well-formed conscience, guided by the truth of the Gospel, gives us the confidence to speak with clarity and charity. It allows us to discern when and how to proclaim God's truth in a way that draws souls to Him. If we remain open to His voice and are willing to proclaim what He whispers in our hearts, we will become true witnesses to Christ, bringing His light into a world in desperate need of Him.

Reflect today on the inner Voice of God, echoing in the depths of your conscience. Do you hear Him and respond to His Voice? If so, then do not be afraid to share your knowledge of God freely and charitably with others. Foster, instead, a holy fear that drives you to greater fidelity to God and the charity of sharing His love with others.

Lord of perfect justice, You speak to us, day and night, revealing Your love and Truth to our souls in the depths of our consciences. Please help me to listen and to respond to You so that I can also courageously share Your love with others, without fear. 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.

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READINGS OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

A READING FROM THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who I are evil.

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**
2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy; and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

SECOND READING

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven'.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Do not be afraid
12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

20:10—13

Ps 68:8—10, 14, 17, 33—35

5:12—15

10:26—33

NEXT WEEK: 28 JUN 26—THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

READINGS:

Reading 1: 2 Kings 4:8—11, 14—16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88:2—3, 16—19

Reading 2: Romans 6:3—4, 8—11

Gospel: MATTHEW 10:37—42

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.



Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Every Sunday after 8:00am Mass

Please join us as we prepare for Eucharistic 2028

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2026—2027



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 phone **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

SISTINE CHAPEL
REVELATIONS
AN IMMERSIVE EXHIBITION



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.

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 Rolles; 10th—Iris Dorrington; Charles Thomas Orr; Mary Keatings; 12th—Honnorah C. O'Brien; Henry McNally; John Phillpot; 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



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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION—27 / 28 JUNE.

We will have a third collection next weekend, 27—28 June. Proceeds are for items required for our church celebrations of 15 August. Your support of our parish is greatly appreciated.

St Joseph Belmore

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

JUNE 24

Mass at 9:00am & 7:00pm
All welcome.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2026

DATE	EVENT
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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

REPOSE OF SOULS

Souls of our dearly departed family members.