

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

- Census invitation unites faith leaders.
 - Homelessness memorial honours those forgotten.
 - Mary Healy sees signs of renewal.
 - The young Catholics reaching millions online.
 - Why newlyweds need a village.
- Copies available at the entrances for \$2.00. Proceeds to St Vincent de Paul.



**WORLD YOUTH DAY
SEOUL 2027**

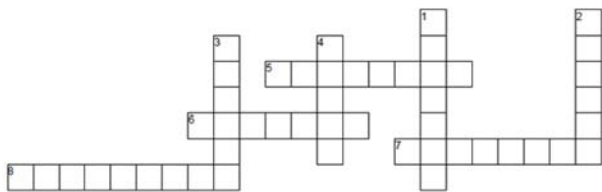
Expressions of Interest Now Open

KIDS CORNER

The Rewards of Service

"Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward." Matthew 10:40-42 (NIV)

Complete the activity below.
Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.



ACROSS

5. A person who speaks for God
6. Recognition of someone's good behavior
7. To gladly receive someone into your own house
8. A follower of Jesus

DOWN

1. Small; not large
2. A fact that has been proven
3. An odorless, colorless, tasteless liquid; H₂O
4. The opposite of hot; having a very low temperature

WELCOME	LITTLE	DISCIPLE	WATER
TRUTH	REWARD	PROPHET	COLD

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEAST DAYS OF JUNE

MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

- 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



FEAST DAYS OF JULY

MONTH OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

- WED 1 JUL—St Junipero Serra
- THU 2 JUL—St Acestes
- **FRI 3 JUL—ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE**
- SAT 4 JUL—St Elizabeth of Portugal
- SUN 5 JUL—St Anthony Mary Zaccaria
- **MON 6 JUL—St Maria Goretti**
- TUE 7 JUL—St Peter to Rot
- WED 8 JUL—St Priscilla
- THU 9 JUL—St Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions
- **FRI 10 JUL—St Anatolia of Thora**
- SAT 11 JUL—St Benedict
- **SUN 12 JUL—St Veronica**



HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL—PETER'S PENCE 2026 4—5 JULY 2026

Our parish, in union with all parishes around the world, will hold the annual **Holy Father's Appeal** next weekend, 4–5 July – for which we ask your support. Through your gift, you can help Pope Leo XIV bring hope, faith, and the spirit of Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. To donate, scan the QR code or call **1800 753 959** go to: www.OurFaithOurWorks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal. Thank you.





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St Joseph's

CATHOLIC CHURCH
BELMORE

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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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

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REFLECTION FOR TODAY

Faith Beyond expectations.

When Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion approached him and appealed to him, saying, “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralysed, suffering dreadfully”. He said to him, “I will come and cure him”. The centurion said in reply, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed”. Matthew 8:5–8.

From the beginning of time, God continually reached out to humanity, calling them to Himself. After the Great Flood, God established a covenant with Abram—later named Abraham—who responded in faith and obedience. God promised him that his descendants would become a great nation and that “All the families of the earth will find blessing” in him (Genesis 12:3). In today’s Gospel, we see a sign of this promise being fulfilled in the faith of the Roman centurion, a Gentile who recognizes the divine authority of Jesus. His trust in Christ foreshadows the inclusion of all nations in the blessing promised through Abraham.

At the time of Jesus, kindness between Jews and a Roman centurion was virtually unheard of. The Romans had conquered Israel, imposing their rule and extracting heavy taxes from the people. Though the Jews were allowed to continue Temple worship and practice their faith in the synagogues, many harboured deep resentment toward their Roman occupiers, longing for the day when the Messiah would come to liberate them. When the Messiah did come, however, many of the Jewish people did not recognize Him—perhaps because their expectations were fixed on a powerful military leader who would restore Israel’s national sovereignty. Instead, Jesus came not as a warrior, but as the Lamb of God, bringing a far greater liberation: freedom from sin and death. He understood the deep-seated bitterness toward the Romans but saw beyond earthly conflicts, viewing all people through the lens of divine Wisdom.

Jesus bore no animosity toward the Romans, nor did He seek their political overthrow. Instead, He desired their conversion. While many of the Jews—including the scribes and Pharisees—viewed the Romans as enemies, Jesus extended His compassion even to them, knowing that the promise made to Abraham was not merely for one nation but for all peoples. The centurion’s faith is a sign of this unfolding fulfilment: A Gentile, once an outsider to the covenant, now stands as an example of trust and humility before the Messiah. One of the qualities that could have enabled this Roman centurion to manifest such remarkable faith was his experience of duty and authority as a military officer. Having spent his life exercising command over others, he understood the nature of authority firsthand. He applied this natural understanding to the supernatural authority Jesus possessed. Unlike the Jewish people, the centurion likely had little or no knowledge of the Torah, salvation history, or the prophecies concerning the Messiah. Yet, when he witnessed Jesus’ miraculous power, he recognized in Him an authority far greater than that of earthly rulers. Drawing from his own experience of command—where a word spoken in authority is immediately obeyed—he concluded that Jesus, possessing divine authority, could heal his servant from a distance, merely by speaking the word.

Reflect today on the faith of the Roman centurion, whom Jesus praised above all in Israel, saying, “In no one in Israel have I found such faith” (Matthew 8:10). His trust was not based on knowledge of the Law but on a firm belief in Christ’s divine authority. Like him, we must approach Jesus with humility, acknowledging our unworthiness while having absolute confidence in His power to heal and restore our souls. While the centurion’s servant was physically healed, God wills for us whatever draws us closest to Him—whether physical healing or the deeper healing of the soul. Imitate the centurion’s unwavering faith, entrusting yourself to Christ, and He will say to you, “You may go; as you have believed, let it be done for you” (Matthew 8:13).

All-powerful Lord, You can do all things and always will what is best for us. Grant me the faith of the centurion, that I may trust in Your power—not only to heal the body but to restore the soul. May I seek Your will above all else and desire the good of others more than any earthly hope. 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 SECOND BOOK OF THE KINGS

4:8—11, 14—16

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there'.

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms'.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2—3, 16—19

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. R.
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. R.
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. R.

SECOND READING

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS

6:3—4, 8—11

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

10:37—42

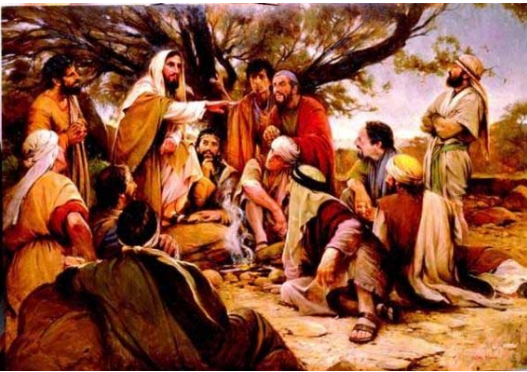
Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. 'Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward'.

The Gospel of the Lord.



NEXT WEEK: 5 JUL 26—FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

READINGS:

Reading 1: Zechariah 9:9—10

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:1—2, 8—11, 13—14

Reading 2: Romans 8:9, 11—13

Gospel: MATTHEW 11:25—30



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.



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.

SPECIAL THIRD COLLECTION—27 / 28 JUNE.

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

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.

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 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.

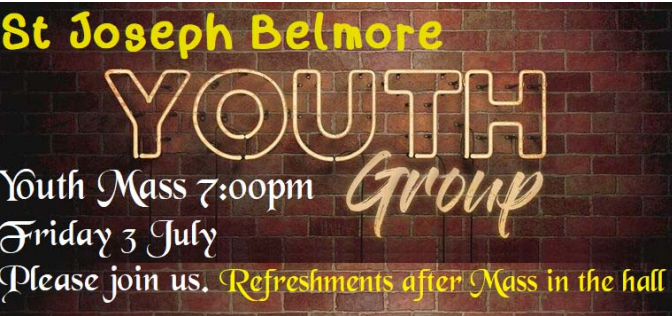
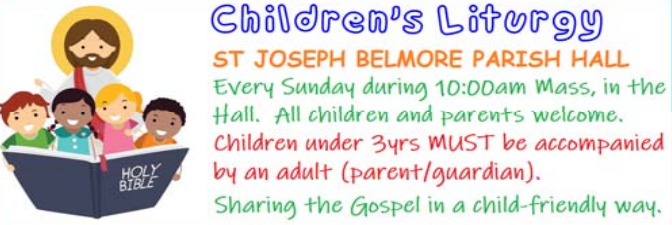
LET'S KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

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



LEGION OF MARY—RECRUITMENT DRIVE ST JOSEPH BELMORE, WEEKEND OF 4 & 5 JULY 2026 A representative from the Legion of Mary will speak after the final blessing about the Legion of Mary organisation.

