

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

- Sydney mission strengthens healthcare in Zambia.
 - QLD psychiatrist vindicated over gender treatment concerns.
 - Parish renewal conference fires up 400 faithful.
 - Feature: School refusal explained.
 - Sport: What Spain's victory teaches us about beauty.
- Copies available at the entrances for \$2.00. Proceeds to St Vincent de Paul.



KIDS CORNER

Mustard Seeds and Yeast

Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. Matthew 13:34 (NIV)

Complete the activity. If you need help, you can find the answers in Matthew 13:31-35. (NIV)

A number of words have been removed from the text and placed in a word bank. Use the words from the word bank to fill in the blanks in the text. Write the words in the blanks provided.

He told them another _____: "The kingdom of _____ is like a _____ seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the _____ of all _____, yet when it grows, it is the _____ of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the _____ come and perch in its branches."

He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like _____ that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of _____ until it worked all through the _____."

Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

"I will open my mouth in parables,

I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world."

Matthew 13:31-35 (NIV)

dough	flour	yeast	mustard	heaven
birds	parable	seeds	smallest	largest

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEAST DAYS OF JULY

MONTH OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

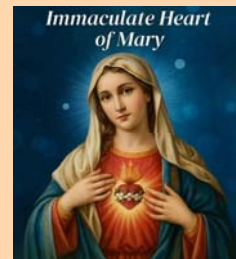
- SAT 25 JUL—St JAMES, APOSTLE
- SUN 26 JUL—Sts Joachim & Anne
- MON 27 JUL—St Simeon Stylites
- TUE 28 JUL—St Livican
- WED 29 JUL—Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus
- THU 30 JUL—St Peter Chrysologus
- FRI 31 JUL—St Ignatius of Loyola



FEAST DAYS OF AUGUST

MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

- SAT 1 AUG—St Alphonsus Liguori
- SUN 2 AUG—St Eusebius;
St Peter Julian Eymard
- MON 3 AUG—St Dominic;
St Anthony the Roman
- TUE 4 AUG—St John Vianney
- WED 5 AUG—The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
- THU 6 AUG—THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
- FRI 7 AUG—St Sixtus II & Companions; St Cajetan
- SAT 8 AUG—St MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP
- SUN 9 AUG—St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross



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.

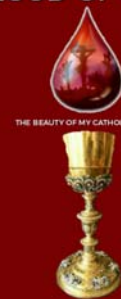
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MONTH OF JULY IS DEDICATED TO THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS



ST JOSEPH BELMORE NEWSLETTER

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

—MyCatholic.life

REFLECTION FOR TODAY

A Priceless Discovery Awaits!

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it". Matthew 13:44-46.

In the first parable above, a person unexpectedly discovers a treasure buried in a field. Imagine that you take a metal detector with you while on a hike, simply curious about what might lie beneath the soil. Suddenly, the detector gives a strong signal. Expecting perhaps a rusted can or an old nail, you begin to dig. But as your shovel strikes something solid, you uncover an old chest. With growing anticipation, you lift it from the earth and open it—only to find it brimming with ancient and priceless jewels, gold and silver coins, and other precious items of immense worth.

In the second parable, the merchant is actively searching for a valuable pearl. He knows what he seeks and finally discovers one of exceptional worth—one that eclipses all others. In both cases, however, the response is the same: the man and the merchant each go and sell all they possess to obtain the treasure they have found.

These parables pose two fundamental questions for each of us:

- Have I discovered the priceless treasure of the Kingdom of Heaven?
- If I have, am I willing to let go of everything else to attain it?

Like the man who stumbles upon the buried treasure, many people encounter God's grace in surprising ways—through a moment of prayer, a profound experience at Mass, an act of charity, or even during suffering. Maybe those people were not actively seeking divine treasure, yet in a moment of providence, the veil is lifted, and the beauty of God's Kingdom is revealed. Once they discover the treasure, their souls realize that nothing else compares. From that point on, they are moved to reorient their entire lives to possess that treasure fully.

The path of the merchant, by contrast, is that of the soul who longs for truth, beauty, and goodness, diligently seeking them out. The one who searches might spend years studying, praying, yearning, and pursuing what is of eternal value. And then—finally—the "pearl" is found. Christ is discovered. The Gospel becomes clear. The longing is fulfilled. Again, everything else is willingly surrendered for the sake of that one Pearl of great price—Jesus Christ.

In both parables, the decision to sell all to gain the treasure is an easy choice. The discovery is so great that everything else the person possesses pales in comparison. But how many people have truly made such a discovery? Many of us are like someone who learns of a buried treasure in a field and, out of curiosity, drives out to look—but spends little or no time searching. Or we are like a merchant who is informed of a rare and valuable pearl for sale far from home. Though interested, we note the length of the journey and abandon the thought.

Though we may have heard about the glory of God's Kingdom, unless we truly discover it, we will not see the value of attaining it at any cost. We will only be willing to sell all we have—to detach from every hindrance to grace, every sin, obsession, and distraction—if we make the initial discovery of the priceless nature of God's Kingdom already present on earth and the fullness of His Kingdom that awaits us in Heaven.

Reflect today on this invaluable treasure, waiting to be discovered. Consider where you are on that journey of discovery. Have you heard about the priceless treasure of coming to know, love, and serve God? Have you read about the radical response made by many saints? Have you discovered God for yourself, through prayer and moments of profound enlightenment? If you have not, keep searching—the Kingdom is near. If you have made this discovery, then consider all your attachments, and willingly surrender them to God, acknowledging that nothing is too much to offer to our loving God in exchange for the untold riches of the life of grace to which we are called.

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 BOOK OF KINGS

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you'. Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this', the Lord said, 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgment for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you'.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold.
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight.
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways.
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple.

R.

Ps 118:57, 72, 76—77, 127—130

SECOND READING

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God cooperates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes'. And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old'.

The Gospel of the Lord.



NEXT WEEK: 2 AUG 26—EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

READINGS:

Reading 1: Isaiah 55:1—3

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:8—9, 15—18

Reading 2: Romans 8:35, 37—39

Gospel: MATTHEW 14:13—21

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

HEALING MASS

SUNDAY 16 AUGUST—6:00PM—ST JOSEPH BELMORE

Father John Iacono will be having a Healing Mass in our church on Sunday 16 August at 6:00pm. Please join us for this celebration.



TAX RECEIPTS—END OF YEAR 30 JUNE 2026.

The Giving tax receipts for the financial year to 30 June 2026 are now ready. If you require a tax receipt, please email the Parish Office at: admin@StJosephBelmore.org.au or visit the office to collect your copy. Thank you for your support.

Donate to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal

1 and 2 August 2026

Your generous support today will help us continue the vital charitable works of the Catholic Church. Help advance our faith and care for those who need it most.

Give generously.
Your tax-deductible gift changes lives.



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—JULY

1st—Thomas H Crow; Richard Searle; Wilfred Robins; Maria Fabrizio; **2nd**—Peter Thuc Pham; Eugenie Jones; Ernest Andre Shouha; **3rd**—Mary Pickerin; **4th**—Robert Williams; Feliciano Manay; **5th**—Salvatore Trovato; Elsie Thompson; Bill Keogh; **6th**—Amelia McInerney; Rose Brown; Gregory Payne; Michell Eid; **7th**—Encarnacion Aguilar; Jose Pinto De Souza; Louise Coorey; **8th**—Kathlyn A Dee; Rita C Hyland; Harry Burchell; **9th**—Joselina Cabaero; **10th**—Umberto Andreini; Felicisima Geronimo; Rafael Diaz; **11th**—Horace M McGrath; Valaine M Tyquin; **13th**—Linton Dingle; Maria Aua; Tederous Basil; **14th**—Gregory E Byrnes; Gregoria Arcilla; Joseph Caracoglia; Olive Gavin; **16th**—Henry Summers; Al Jackson; May Ongley; **17th**—Kathleen M Blake; Mary Kayrooz; **18th**—Robert O'Sullivan; **19th**—John Johnston; Tammam Coorey; **20th**—Chung Sai Lim (Peter); Lydie Guillaume; **21st**—Italia Deluca; Giuseppe Lemura; Walter F Martin; **22nd**—John D Johnston; Itala Torrens; George Elia; Maree Gangi; **23rd**—Phillip Attie; Rod Coffey; **24th**—Peter F Summerfield; Kathleen Summers; **25th**—Gabriel Clair; Elizabeth Murphy; Dele Smith; Angele Russie; **26th**—Clare Wilson; Julius & Margaret Sopry; Catherine Petris; Barry Logan; Clare Sherry; **27th**—Norma Evans; Gisele Lebon; **28th**—Federick Desmond Payne; Joseph F Greagg; Francis McNally; **29th**—Sidney C Spratt; **31st**—Joseph Gilles; Thomas Judge; Jack Logan; Joseph Gilles; Soane "Eiki" Sikimeti.

LET'S KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

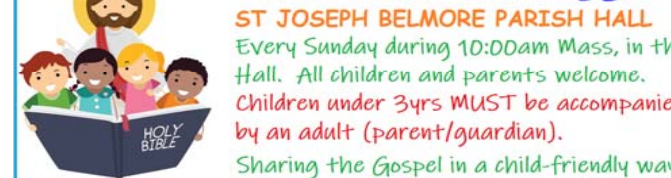
Our church is cleaned by volunteers

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.

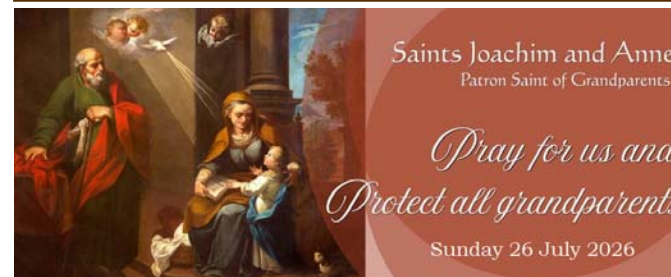
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2026

DATE	EVENT
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.**

SPECIAL THIRD COLLECTION, 25—26 JULY

This weekend, we will have a third collection, with the proceeds going towards our celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 15 August. Thank you for your support of our parish.



Saints Joachim and Anne
Patron Saint of Grandparents

*Pray for us and
Protect all grandparents*

Sunday 26 July 2026



St Vincent de Paul Society

good works

MASS INTENTIONS

Parishioners who are sick.

Our Elderly Parishioners.

Parishioners celebrating their birthdays.

Mrs Mary Khoury—90th

REPOSE OF SOULS

Souls of our dearly departed family members.