

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

COMMITMENT STATEMENT

If you or someone you know has experienced abuse, or if you are worried about the safety of a child, young person or vulnerable adult, please know that you are not alone and that help is available. The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office is available to listen, support you, and provide guidance about reporting options. You can contact the office on (02) 9390 5800 or at SafeguardingEnquiries@SydneyCatholic.org. You may also wish to speak with your Parish Priest, who can offer pastoral care and assist you in taking the next step. The Archdiocese takes all safeguarding concerns seriously and is required to report criminal matters to the police. If there is an emergency or someone is in immediate danger, please contact **NSW Police on 000**.

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

- Nepal's road to recovery after disaster.
 - 'My miracle baby brought me to God'.
 - St Carlo relic takes Eucharistic mission nation-wide.
 - East-West pilgrimage unites students.
 - AI, human dignity, and the Catholic church.
 - Labor ministers urge caution on telehealth VAD.
- Copies at entrances—\$2.00. Proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul.

KIDS CORNER

Gathered In His Name

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20 [NIV]

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



Come Together

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- 20-25-25-4-22 _____
- 11-22-26-5-22-2 _____
- 9-26-15-11-22-17 _____
- 2-26-21-22 _____

LOOSE	EARTH	BROTHER	AGREE	HEAVEN
BIND	SISTER	GATHER	LISTEN	NAME

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEAST DAYS OF SEPTEMBER

MONTH OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

- SAT 5 SEP—St Teresa of Calcutta
- SUN 6 SEP—St Sanctian of Sens
- MON 7 SEP—St Carissima of Albi
- TUE 8 SEP—Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- WED 9 SEP—St Peter Claver
- THU 10 SEP—St Salvius of Albi
- FRI 11 SEP—St Sacerdos of Lyon
- SAT 12 SEP—The Most Holy Name of Mary
- SUN 13 SEP—St John Chrysostom
- MON 14 SEP—The Exaltation of the Cross
- TUE 15 SEP—Our Lady of Sorrows



Donate to the Priests' Retirement Foundation Father's Day appeal
6 September 2026

Our priests have faithfully cared for us throughout their lives. Now it is our turn to care for them.

Donate at www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-prf
Or complete the parish envelope.

"We are praying for you."
— Fr John Greig

SYDNEY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS **EUCHARIST 28 SYDNEY**

Empower Night

Towards Eucharist 28

Wednesday 9 September 2026
6.00pm–9.00pm

CANTERBURY LEAGUES CLUB 26 BRIDGE RD, BELMORE
FREE PARKING • REFRESHMENTS

Join us as we launch our journey to the International Eucharistic Congress 2028 in Sydney! Enjoy an inspiring evening of praise and worship, personal testimony and Eucharistic adoration, featuring special guests the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Fr Rob Galea, and Mrs Erin Gillard.

Connect with Catholic ministries and organisations, explore a marketplace of Catholic vendors and stalls, and enjoy an evening of community, conversation and spiritual renewal.

Register now!



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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OUR LADY OF SORROWS

ST JOSEPH BELMORE NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR TODAY

The Joy of Reconciliation.

—MyCatholic.life

Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." Matthew 18:15.

When someone sins against us, especially in a grievous way, anger and condemnation can quickly arise as strong temptations. Our natural sense of justice often takes over, and we may find ourselves rationalizing a response rooted in judgment rather than compassion. In today's Gospel, however, Jesus offers the much better path—to seek reconciliation, not division. The ultimate goal is to win the sinner back to God and restore the bond of communion. Sin touches every human relationship, with the sole exception of the one shared between Jesus and His Blessed Mother. Their mutual and perfect charity rendered sin and division entirely absent from their union. What a sublime and singular gift they shared!

But we are not perfect. Even the most loving and holy relationships are affected by human weakness, and sin inevitably creeps in. We sin against others, and others sin against us. Sometimes the sin is deliberate and deeply wounding. Other times, it stems from weakness or the absence of fully formed virtue. Regardless of its source, every sin inflicts harm and weakens the communion we are called to share and deeply desire. In today's Gospel, while Jesus appears to be addressing serious sin that severs a person from sanctifying grace—mortal sin—the same principles apply to all offenses, even venial sins and spiritual imperfections. The Christian response to sin must always be grounded in mercy. Whether we are correcting or being corrected, the goal must always be to heal, to restore, and to deepen our unity in Christ.

To begin applying these spiritual principles, call to mind those toward whom you may harbor resentment. Start with your family, since familial bonds—due to their natural closeness—are especially vulnerable to sin. Resentment born of sin is often present in close relationships. While some wounds may have caused deep fractures, even the most loving bonds can suffer subtle injuries. Prayerfully examine these relationships in your life.

If the wounds are deep and hostilities strong, the path forward is usually clear: Seek to win over your brother, sister, parent, or spouse. And if you are the one who has caused the wound, then humbly acknowledge your sin without excuses. That is always the better path. Always. To aid this process, it is helpful to recognize a hidden dynamic: Holding onto resentment or anger can bring a certain emotional satisfaction. Though it may seem surprising, this is often the case. Anger energizes the emotions and creates a charged feeling that, while disordered, can feel gratifying—like a drug that fuels addiction. The first step is to recognize this disordered emotional pattern for what it is. The next step is to realize that a healed and reconciled relationship offers a deeper and more lasting fulfilment that is far superior to the fleeting satisfaction of resentment or hostility. Winning over another—or being won over by one we have wronged—is profoundly rewarding. It transcends emotion and enters the realm of grace, producing true peace and spiritual joy.

Reflect today on the first step of reconciliation outlined by Jesus in the Gospel: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone." Take sin seriously. Acknowledge its presence in your relationships, especially the close ones. See yourself both as one who is sinned against and as one who sins. Identify the offenses that diminish love. Confront those sins with courage and humility. Reject the false comfort of resentment, and seek instead the true consolation that comes from unity and charity. This is the path that leads to a share in the holy love between Jesus and His Blessed Mother—a love they desire us to know and live.

Lord of perfect mercy, Your Sacred Heart burns with a deep desire to win us back to Yourself—fully reconciled and united in love. I repent of my sins before You, and I pray that Your love, living within me, may become a wellspring of mercy for others. I forgive all who have sinned against me, and I repent of the sins I have inflicted upon others. Restore every relationship in my life, Lord, and endow them with the same pure and holy love You shared with Your Blessed Mother. 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 EZEKIEL

33:7—9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life'.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1—2, 6—9

R. O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work'. **R.**

SECOND READING

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE ROMANS

13:8—10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

18:15—20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them'.

The Gospel of the Lord.



NEXT WEEK: 13 SEP 26—TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

READINGS:

Reading 1: Ecclesiasticus 27:30—28:7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1—4, 9—12

Reading 2: Romans 14:7—9

Gospel: MATTHEW 18:21—35

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.

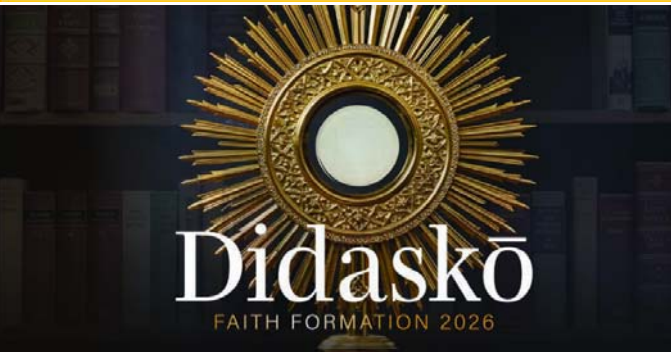
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION—REMINDER

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, from 9:00am - 9:30am.
Please join us as we prepare for the Sydney Eucharistic Congress 2028.



Didasko

FAITH FORMATION 2026

Thomas Aquinas on the Eucharist and Corpus Christi

Professor Angus Brook

Mondays 14, 21 and 28 September



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

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—SEPTEMBER

1st—Nell Lane, Josip Grdenic, Walter O'Donnell, Nicola Camelotti; 2nd—Celso Fabrizio, Nakia Semaan; 3rd—Jennifer El Hagge; 4th—William K Maker, Pat Davey, Thomas A Dolahenty; 5th—Lew Sharah, Les Hutch, Teresa D'Aloia; 6th—Evelyn Crow, Josephine Cilia, Connie Bagnall; 7th—Saveria Rapinett; 8th—Alfredo Paragar; 9th—Brother Jim Nash, Barbara J. Bannon; 10th—Prudence Cummings, George Badaovi, Leslie T. Brown, Said Farah, Sister Marie T. Harrison; 11th—Michael G. Kirby; 12th—Marianna Sterio, John Gerard Egan, Louis Huon; 13th—Alan MacDonald, Rachid Attie, Vincent Russic; 14th—Maria A. Vella, George Searle, Hassibi Elia, Eileen Mary Loneragan; 15th—Joseph Gauchi, Sabrina Ferlazzo; 16th—Anna MacKay; 17th—John M. McGlinchy, Kathleen Huxley; 19th—Sylvester McNally, Delia McDonagh; 20th—Louis R Goder; 21st—Antonio Colella, Bob Walsh, Iseo Botter, William George Jones; 22nd—Clinton Toscano, Michael Farrugia; 23rd—Karoly Pastics, Ellen Mary Jones; 24th—David J Finneran; 25th—Grace M Lennon; 26th—Father Henri Aerts, Nellie I Little, Rosemarie Sadelustio; 27th—Joseph Luk; 28th—Judith Quessy, Valda Beauchamp; 29th—Emmanuel W Farr; Venera Suarez Mejilla.

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.



Happy Father's Day to all the Dads in our Parish

IMPORTANT DATES FOR HOLY COMMUNION 2026

DATES	EVENTS
Sat 5 Sep, 6:30pm – 7:30pm	Session 3
Sat 12 Sep, 6:30pm – 7:30pm	Session 4
Sat 19 Sep, 9:00am – 12:00pm	Reflection / Rehearsal
Sun 20 Sep, 10:00am Mass	Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

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

* Note: if you miss one lesson, you are most welcome to re-enrol in 2027.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

REPOSE OF SOULS

Souls of our dearly departed family members.