

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

- French Church awaits 'breath of new life' from Pope Leo XIV's visit.
- Student event builds momentum for Eucharist28.
- Minnesota priest describes weeping at altar amid powerful Eucharistic experience.

Copies at entrances—\$2.00. Proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul.

KIDS CORNER

The Workers in the Vineyard

'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' Matthew 20:12 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:1-16

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MONEY	HOUR	EQUAL	WORKERS	VINEYARD
LANDOWNER	HEAVEN	GRUMBLE	KINGDOM	GENEROUS
WAGES	HIRED	UNFAIR	RIGHT	RECEIVED

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEAST DAYS OF SEPTEMBER

MONTH OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

- SAT 19 SEP—St Januarius
- SUN 20 SEP—Sts Andrew
- MON 21 SEP—St Matthew the Apostle
- TUE 22 SEP—St Maurice
- WED 23 SEP—St Padre Pio
- THU 24 SEP—Our Lady of Ransom
- FRI 25 SEP—St Solemnis of Chartres
- SAT 26 SEP—Sts Cosmas & Damian
- SUN 27 SEP—St Vincent de Paul
- MON 28 SEP—St Wenceslaus; St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions
- TUE 29 SEP—Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
- WED 30 SEP—St Jerome



THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028 SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA



World Day of
Migrants and
Refugees
27-IX-2026

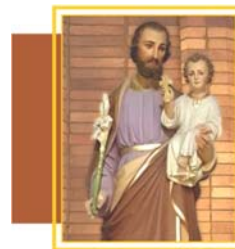
"Even just one of these children"



Even just one
of these children.

"Whoever welcomes one
such child in my name
welcomes me"
(Mt 18:5)

Sunday,
27 September 2026



St Joseph's

CATHOLIC CHURCH
BELMORE

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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OUR LADY OF SORROWS

ST JOSEPH BELMORE NEWSLETTER

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR TODAY

Divine Equity.

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Matthew 20:1-2.

As the parable unfolds, the landowner returns to the marketplace four more times—at nine o'clock, noon, three, and finally at five—to hire additional workers. When the day's labour concluded at six o'clock, each received the same full daily wage. Was this fair? To those who had worked the entire day, it certainly did not seem so. They grumbled, "These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat" (Matthew 20:12).

God is perfectly just. Yet His justice is never separated from His mercy. Together they form a harmony we may call Divine Equity, a principle that transcends limited human notions of fairness. God gives not merely according to labour performed but according to the wisdom of His eternal love and providence. What appears to us as inequality is, in truth, the generous outpouring of grace from the One who sees hearts, not hours. His ways are not our ways, and His judgments surpass the grasp of reason unaided by faith (cf. Isaiah 55:8-9).

At the heart of this parable is God's abundant generosity. To better understand Divine Equity, it is helpful to prayerfully place ourselves among each group of labourers. Among those who have laboured in Christ's vineyard, we may find some who have far surpassed us in devotion and sacrifice, as well as others who arrived much later than we did.

Yet God sees each soul individually. He does not measure us against one another. He sees each worker according to his own disposition, his interior response to His call, and the sincerity of his effort. Grace is distributed not based on external accomplishments alone but on the openness of heart and fidelity to His will.

For example, when we work for God—meaning we live in a state of grace and are faithful to His divine will—we merit spiritual rewards by His generosity. But even the most devout soul can lose everything through mortal sin. If such sin is unrepented, Divine Equity, which always respects both justice and freedom, demands the consequence of eternal separation from God.

Conversely, a soul that lives much of life far from God, mired in sin, yet sincerely repents near the end—perhaps even in the final hour—can receive an abundance of grace. A genuine, humble, and complete conversion at the end of life opens the floodgates of Divine Mercy. In such a case, God's Divine Equity responds not by withholding grace, but by pouring it out lavishly, in accord with His infinite mercy.

Equity is not equality. In modern discourse, the term "equity" is often misused or distorted. But Divine Equity is something altogether different. It flows from God's perfect justice and mercy, distributing grace according to the truth of each soul's interior life—not according to a purely external standard.

Reflect today on your own place among the labourers in the vineyard. Are you tempted to compare your spiritual journey with others? Do you resent the blessings others have received, or do you trust that God sees your heart and will reward you with generosity beyond measure? Rejoice that Divine Equity governs the Kingdom of Heaven; in that justice, perfected by mercy, all things are made right.

My Divine Judge, You rule with perfect equity, justice, and mercy. Your ways are flawless and overflow with generosity. Please govern my soul and judge me according to Your Wisdom, so that I may receive all that You long to bestow. Grant me the grace to remain faithful to the end, persevering and deepening my service to You for the building up of Your glorious Kingdom. 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 PROPHET ISAIAH

55:6—9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways — it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:2—3, 8—9, 17—18

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. R.
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. R.
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. R.

SECOND READING

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

1:20—24, 27

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

20:1—16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat". He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last'.

The Gospel of the Lord.



NEXT WEEK: 27 SEP 26—TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

READINGS:

Reading 1: Ezekiel 18:25—28

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4—9

Reading 2: Philippians 2:1—11

Gospel: MATTHEW 21:28—32

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.



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 Russie; 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.



St Joseph

CATHOLIC CHURCH BELMORE

IMPORTANT DATES FOR HOLY COMMUNION 2026

DATES	EVENTS
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.

HEALING MASS—FR JUSTIN TORRES

ST JOSEPH BELMORE—7:00PM—WED 7 OCT

Fr. Justin Torres, a priest of the Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary, will celebrate a Healing Mass here in our church, at 7:00pm on Wednesday 7 October after Adoration and Benediction. Fr. Justin has established a place in the hearts of many Australians as he shares his ministry of Discernment and Healing from Jesus, through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and emphasises the Love of Jesus and Mary for all. We urge you to bring your family and friends to experience this beautiful occasion.



MASS INTENTIONS

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

REPOSE OF SOULS

Souls of our dearly departed family members.