

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

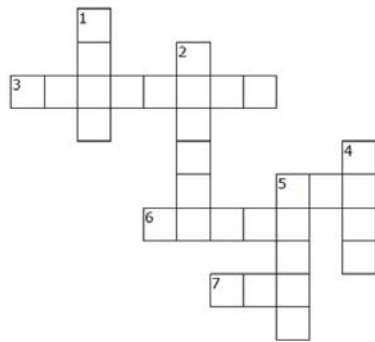
- Dates announced for the International Eucharistic Congress 2028.
 - Men answer the call to battle – and to victory.
 - Pope Leo XIV to make historic first veneration of 'holy tunic,' highlighting Christian unity.
- Copies at entrances—\$2.00. Proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul.

KIDS CORNER

The Parable of the Two Sons

"Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first," they answered. Matthew 21:31

Based on Matthew 21:28-32



ACROSS

- A place where grapes are grown
- The number following one
- A statement proven or accepted as accurate
- An adult male

DOWN

- A person's male children
- A male parent
- To perform a job or task
- To have an opinion or idea about something

WORK	VINEYARD	TRUTH	THINK
TWO	MAN	SONS	FATHER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEAST DAYS OF SEPTEMBER

MONTH OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

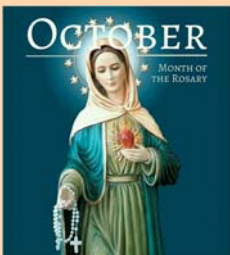
- SAT 26 SEP—Sts Cosmas & Damian
- SUN 27 SEP—St Vincent de Paul
- MON 28 SEP—St Wenceslaus; St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions
- TUE 29 SEP—Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
- WED 30 SEP—St Jerome



FEAST DAYS OF OCTOBER

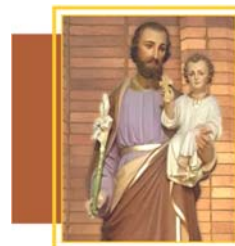
MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

- THU 1 OCT—St Therese of the Child Jesus
- FRI 2 OCT—The Holy Guardian Angels
- SAT 3 OCT—St Menna
- SUN 4 OCT—St Francis of Assisi
- MON 5 OCT—St Faustina Kowalska
- TUE 6 OCT—St Bruno
- WED 7 OCT—Our Lady of the Rosary
- THU 8 OCT—St Benedicta of Laon
- FRI 9 OCT—St Denis & Companions; St John Henry Newman; St John Leonardi



MEN'S ROSARY CRUSADE FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt—1:00pm— Sat 3 Oct 2026

Calling men of all ages to join us in praying the rosary and offering reparation as requested by Our Lady of Fatima.
Confession available from 11:30am and Mass at 12:00pm.



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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

REFLECTION FOR TODAY

Action over Words.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" Matthew 21:28-31.

This parable must have been difficult for the chief priests and elders to hear, especially since it was clearly directed at them. In fact, after Jesus tells them a second parable, not included in today's Gospel, we read, "although they were attempting to arrest him, they feared the crowds, for they regarded him as a prophet" (Matthew 21:46). It seems they dismissed Jesus' words and His rebuke, but fear of public backlash, rather than fear of God's judgment, kept them silent for a time.

In today's Gospel, the first son represents the tax collectors and prostitutes, those who initially violated God's law but later repented after hearing the preaching of John the Baptist and Jesus. The second son represents the chief priests and elders. After telling the parable, Jesus declares, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you."

Like the second son, the religious and civic leaders paid lip service to God's law, but their actions did not align with its intent. They were hypocrites, blind to their own rejection of God's saving Word, and they misled others by their outward piety and self-righteous attitudes. Consider more carefully the reactions of the two sons. We might imagine that the second son, who said, "Yes, sir," represents all who put on a false appearance of holiness. In the sight of others, they say the right things, but behind closed doors they fail to act.

The first son is markedly different. Though he initially responds with defiance—"I will not"—his conscience eventually moves him to do what is right. Some may wonder why Jesus didn't include a third son, one who says "Yes, sir," and then follows through. But Jesus likely omits such a son because all of us fall into one of the two categories He presents. Only our Blessed Mother obeyed perfectly in both word and deed from the first moment of her Immaculate Conception.

The first son becomes our model because each of us, in some way, struggles to enter into perfect obedience to God's will. From childhood, we contend with what the Church calls concupiscence, the disordered tendency that arises from Original Sin. Though we are created good and in the image of God, our nature is wounded and inclined toward what is contrary to His will. The spiritual journey we undertake in this life is one in which grace slowly reorders our fallen inclinations and restores us to the obedience we are called to live.

Reflect today on the first son, and humbly see yourself in him. In what ways do you find it difficult to say "Yes" to God's will right away? It is not a sin to struggle with obedience. This struggle is part of our fallen human nature. Like the first son, we must allow grace to work within us, forming our conscience and compelling us to act in accordance with God's will, especially in the areas where we resist. When we allow grace to move us beyond our initial hesitation, we grow in virtue and become more like our Blessed Mother and our Lord Jesus, who both said "Yes" to the Father and followed through completely.

My obedient Lord, You and Your Blessed Mother always responded with wholehearted fidelity to the Father's will, both in word and in deed. Grant me the grace to imitate Your example and to share in the very obedience You lived in union with Your Mother. Root out my fallen tendencies toward selfishness, and make me generous in charity, living in full accord with and in obedience to the Father's glorious will. 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 EZEKIEL

18:25—28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die'.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Ps 24:4—9

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth. **R.**
In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**
3. The Lord is good and upright He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

2:1—11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

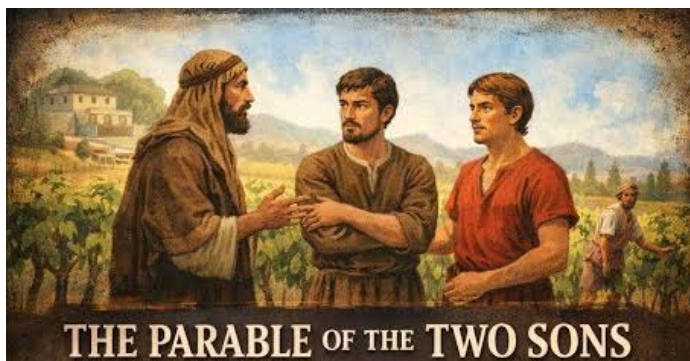
A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

21:28—32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him'.

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

NEXT WEEK: 4 OCT 26—TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

READINGS:

Reading 1: Isaiah 5:1—7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:9, 12—16, 19—20

Reading 2: Philippians 4:6—9

Gospel: MATTHEW 21:33—43

The Word of the Lord



PARISH / LOCAL NEWS

Volunteers Needed

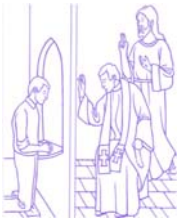
CAN YOU HELP?

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.

OCTOBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

ST JOSEPH BELMORE—6:00PM

During the month of October, our Rosary group will be praying the rosary every night here in our church at 6:00pm, and after the Saturday Vigil Mass. May the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary bring peace and love to your families. Everyone is most welcome to join us.



Didaskō

FAITH FORMATION 2026

The Eucharist in the Life of the Church

Oct

The Eucharist and Morality
Rev Dr Paschal M. Corby OFM Conv
Mondays 12, 19 and 26 October

Nov

The Eucharist and Evangelisation
Dr Kevin Wagner
Mondays 9, 16 and 23 November



Online via Zoom. Each session 7:30 - 8:45pm.
Cost per month: \$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 Rapinetti; 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

REPOSE OF SOULS

Souls of our dearly departed family members.

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.



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.

