

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

- Conscientious objection for healthcare workers endangered in NSW.
- Blessed Fulton Sheen had a heart for world's Eastern Catholic Churches amid oppression.
- Pope's communications day theme targets pitfalls of the 'attention economy'.

KIDS CORNER

The Parable of the Tenants

Last of all, he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said. Matthew 21:37 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:33-46 (NIV)

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BUILT	LANDOWNER	LAST	TIME	FARMERS
DUG	FRUIT	REJECTED	VINEYARD	JOURNEY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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
- SAT 10 OCT—St Eulampia
- SUN 11 OCT—St John XXIII, Pope
- MON 12 OCT—St Carlo Acutis
- TUE 13 OCT—Our Lady of Fatima
- WED 14 OCT—St Callistus I, Pope
- THU 15 OCT—St Teresa of Jesus
- FRI 16 OCT—St Hedwig; St Margaret Mary Alacoque
- SAT 17 OCT—St Ignatius of Antioch
- SUN 18 OCT—ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST

MASS & BLESSING OF THE SICK

SUN 11 OCT—LOURDES SHRINE, EARLWOOD

Recitation of the Rosary at 2:30pm

Mass & Blessing of the Sick 3:00pm

Celebrant – Fr. Roberto Castillo

Choir – The 1st Year Seminarians from Homebush Seminary

Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood

For information please phone (02) 9559 2171

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

WALK With CHRIST

22 NOVEMBER 2026

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St Joseph's

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We are called to reach out to everyone with the Love of God.

NEWSLETTER

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ST JOSEPH'S PARISH

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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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REFLECTION FOR TODAY

The New Vineyard of Grace.

Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit”. Matthew 21:42–43.

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants is rich in Old Testament imagery. The image of the vineyard comes from the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 5:1–7) and represents the people of Israel. The landowner is God, who, from the time of Abraham, has lovingly and intentionally cultivated His people. The hedge, tower, and winepress symbolize God’s providential care, protection, and the structure He established for their spiritual growth, respectively. The tenants are the religious elite of Israel who were entrusted with guiding the people in holiness. The servants sent by the landowner are the prophets—faithful messengers consistently rejected and mistreated. Finally, the son is Jesus Himself, sent by the Father as the culmination of His divine outreach. The parable ends in tragedy with the son’s murder. Yet from that tragedy arises a new beginning: “The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit” (Matthew 21:43). Though Jesus was addressing the religious leaders of His time—the scribes, Pharisees, chief priests, Sadducees, and elders—His enduring promise of a new beginning speaks to us today. We are invited to be part of the people to whom God now entrusts His vineyard, the Church. Today, the hedge, winepress, and tower represent the Sacraments, the teaching authority of the Church, Sacred Scripture, and the communion of the faithful. God continues to cultivate His vineyard with great care, expecting it to bear fruit through our lives of holiness, fidelity, charity, and truth. Each of us, as members of the Body of Christ, is called to receive this trust with gratitude and to labour diligently for the Kingdom, never forgetting the price paid by the Son who was cast out and killed for our redemption. Sometimes, when we speak of “the Church,” we do so as if it were some distant institution. Our minds may turn immediately to the Vatican, the pope, or the local bishop. While these shepherds hold crucial and foundational roles within the vineyard, we need to understand the Church in a more encompassing way. To use the image from today’s parable, the vineyard and the fruit it is meant to bear are not equated exclusively with the tenants, the servants, the son, or even the landowner. The vineyard itself represents the entire people of God. The fruit it produces is the grace-filled witness of lives transformed by faith. This includes all of us: clergy, religious, and laity alike. Every member of the Church is a labourer in the vineyard, called to work together, under the guidance of Christ, the true Son, and to offer to the Father a rich harvest of justice, mercy, and truth. Reflect today on how to make this parable your personal calling. The Kingdom of God has been partly entrusted to you to be one who will labour for the salvation of souls—“people that will produce its fruit.” The work of evangelization is an ongoing and urgent mission. In what ways is God calling you to work in His Divine Vineyard? Is it through faithful prayer, by which the vines of grace are pruned and nourished? Is it through the work of harvesting, where you draw others to Christ by your words, your witness, and your works of love? Is it through quiet perseverance in suffering, offered in union with the Crucified One? However God calls you, do not delay. Receive His trust with humility, and labour with joy. The vineyard is His, but the fruit depends, in part, on you. My glorious King, You have called us to Yourself and made us members of Your Kingdom. You have also sent us forth to labour in the vineyard of Your Church and help draw many souls to Your Sacred Heart. Please reveal to me the role and mission You have entrusted to me. May I listen attentively to Your gentle commands and respond with a heart full of generosity and faith. May Your Church—of which I am a living member—continue to bear abundant fruit through the grace You pour forth. 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.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

ST JOSEPH BELMORE NEWSLETTER

4 OCT 2026

READINGS OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

A READING FROM THE PROPHET ISAIAH

5:1—7

The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:9, 12—16, 19—20

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R.**
2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **R.**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**
4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R.**

SECOND READING

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

4:6—9

Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

21:33—43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance". So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?'

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit'.

The Gospel of the Lord.

NEXT WEEK: 11 OCT 26—TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

READINGS:

Reading 1: *Isaiah 25:6—10*

Responsorial Psalm: *Ps 22*

Reading 2: *Philippians 4:12—14, 19—20*

Gospel: *MATTHEW 22:1—14*

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.



THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY'S APPARITIONS AT FATIMA—ROSARY EVENT

SAT 10 OCT—8:30AM, ST JOSEPH BELMORE

The Australia Needs Fatima organisation has asked St Joseph Parish Belmore to hold a special event to pray the Rosary in honour of Our Blessed Mother's apparitions at Fatima. Please join us, in our church as we pray for world peace.

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. Bring your family and friends to experience this beautiful occasion.

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—OCTOBER

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 Loneran; 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; Therese Lichaa Chidiac; 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



Five First Saturdays

- * Make a good Confession to be in a state of grace.
- * Receive Holy Communion with the intention of Reparation for the sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Communion of Reparation is the central act in making the Five First Saturdays.
- * Pray the five decades of the Rosary with the intention of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- * Keep Jesus and Mary company for 15 minutes while meditating on one or more mysteries of the Rosary.

In the End, My Immaculate Heart Will Triumph

WALK WITH CHRIST – 22 NOV 26

EUCHARIST28 PREPARATION—ST JOSEPH BELMORE

As part of the preparation for the Eucharist28 and in the lead up to this year's Walk with Christ on 22 November the parish will be running small prayer and discussion groups, beginning on Wednesday 14 October at 7:00pm, after Adoration, for six weeks. This program will allow time for quiet, guided reflection over the Gospel and an opportunity for all to consider and discuss the Eucharist and what it means.

Please join us as we prepare our hearts to walk with Our Lord. If you have any questions, reach out to Theresa Khoury or Maureen Damm.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED—ACVVS RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE

An hour a week. A friendship that lasts.

Through the Aged Care Volunteer Visitors scheme you are matched with an older person living in a residential aged care home. Weekly or fortnightly visits—a cuppa, a chat, a walk in the garden. A small commitment that quietly changes someone's week.

To join, contact Evette Johnstone on 0422 257 878 or via email: Evette.Johnstone@chcs.com.au.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

REPOSE OF SOULS

Souls of our dearly departed family members.

