

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 \$2

IN THIS WEEK'S EDITION

- VAD deaths in Victoria surge.
- Sydney's 'awesome mothers' celebrate 20 years together.
- Padre Pio comes to Revesby.
- South-West Sydney joins global rosary movement.
- Don't despair about our politicians.
- MGLs elect new moderator.
- The Maronite Season of the Holy Cross.

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

KIDS CORNER

The Wedding Banquet

So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. Matthew 22:10

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

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2. 22-18-3-22-8-12-14 _____
3. 14-22-18-18-12-2 _____
4. 1-13-2-13-17-9-12 _____
5. 6-12-14-14-22-18-4 _____
6. 7-12-2-3-13-18-8-7 _____
7. 17-13-18-11-21-12-8 _____
8. 2-12-16-21-7-12-14 _____

INVITED SERVANTS	WEDDING GUESTS	BANQUET PARABLE	DINNER REFUSED
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ST JOSEPH BELMORE NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEAST DAYS OF OCTOBER

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



- 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**
- MON 19 OCT—Ss John de Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues; St Paul of the Cross
- TUE 20 OCT—St Irene of Tomar
- WED 21 OCT—St Zaira
- THU 22 OCT—St John Paul II, Pope
- FRI 23 OCT—St John Capistrano

A DAY TO QUIET THE NOISE, RECONNECT WITH FAITH AND FIND STRENGTH FOR WHAT'S NEXT

Saturday 17 October, 9:30am—3:30pm, Baulkham Hills

Mens Retreat is a new day retreat at Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre, Baulkham Hills, offering men space to step back from the pressures of daily life. Through honest reflection, small group conversation and practical prayer, reconnect your faith with your purpose. Facilitated by Nehme Khattar.

\$198 incl. GST. Morning tea and lunch provided.

Learn more: www.mmsm.org.au/retreats/mens-retreat



LIFE MARRIAGE FAMILY Sunday

18 OCTOBER 2026

Married couples and families are warmly invited to celebrate Life Marriage Family Sunday at our parish.




RCIA and Sacramental Teams Retreat

"I call you friends"

John 15:15

Come away, be renewed and reconnect with the One who has called us friends, so that filled by His love, we can become a more faithful witness and presence of Christ to others.



Registration Essential.

www.tryBooking.com/au/event/1642791



Saturday 17 October, 2026
8:45 AM - 1:00 PM
St Brendan's Annandale

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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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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

—MyCatholic.life

REFLECTION FOR TODAY

The Wedding Feast of the Liturgy.

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come". Matthew 22:1–3

Today's parable is part of Jesus' final teachings in Jerusalem during Holy Week. It continues His direct confrontation with the religious leaders of Israel—specifically, the chief priests and elders. Through this story, Jesus unveils the mystery of the Kingdom, the tragedy of Israel's rejection, and the universal call to salvation. The central theme of this parable is found in the opening line: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son." In this parable, the king is God the Father, the Son is Jesus, and the Wedding Feast represents the Messianic Banquet—a celebration of the eternal joy of union with God. Today, the Holy Mass is a real participation in that Messianic Banquet and a foretaste of its fullness to come. The first invited guests "refused to come." This is commonly understood to refer to many among the people of Israel who rejected Jesus as the Messiah, especially the religious leaders. The second invitation was ignored by some and met with hostility by others. This reflects the way the prophets were treated throughout salvation history—ignored, rejected, and often persecuted.

When the king learned of their refusal, he sent his troops to destroy those who had been invited, which is a clear reference to God's justice, His judgment, and the penalty of grave sin: spiritual death. The king then sends his servants out to invite everyone they can find. This is the mission of the Church. From the moment Jesus founded His Church and entrusted it to the Apostles, the invitation to the heavenly banquet has gone out to the ends of the earth, and it continues to this day.

Each of us has received this divine invitation. Today, the fullest way to participate in the Wedding Feast is through the Holy Mass. The Mass is truly our wedding banquet, and our union with Christ is sealed in Holy Communion. But do we see the Mass this way? Often, we tend to evaluate the Mass by the personality and preaching of the priest, the quality of the music, or other superficial elements. When we fail to attend Mass as we would attend the Wedding Feast of the Son of God, then we, like the first group, "refuse to come"—even if we are physically present. True attendance requires spiritual attentiveness and interior participation. When we view the Mass as a burden or inconvenience, we act like those in the second group who responded with indifference or hostility.

Ideally, we will attend Mass every Sunday—and more often if possible—willingly, joyfully, reverently, and with hearts prepared to encounter the Bridegroom. This requires that we remain in a state of grace. The parable ends with a sobering image: A man found at the feast without a wedding garment is cast out into the darkness. The "wedding garment" symbolizes the state of the soul, especially the presence of sanctifying grace, which is received in Baptism and restored through Confession. To approach the altar without this garment is to risk being cast out, as the man in the parable was. We must therefore examine our conscience, repent of sin, and prepare our hearts with devotion so that we may worthily partake of this Heavenly Meal.

Reflect today on the Mass as the true Wedding Feast of the Lamb. Do you approach this sacred celebration with joyful reverence, spiritual preparation, and genuine love for the Bridegroom? Strive to make your presence at Mass much more than physical; let it be the expression of a soul properly clothed, joyfully responding to the King's invitation. May our worthy participation in the Eucharist be a foretaste of the eternal banquet prepared for those who are invited and respond with all their hearts.

My King and Bridegroom of the Church, the Mass is Your Wedding Feast and a foretaste of the eternal Banquet of Heaven. You invite us to this Feast not only in body, but with hearts recollected, minds engaged, and souls prepared by grace. May I always respond to Your invitation with faith and love, and celebrate the Holy Mass with all my heart, clothed in the garment of sanctifying grace. Jesus, I trust in You.

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

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 ISAIAH

25:6—10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **R.**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R.**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

4:12—14, 19—20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

22:1—14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants. "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

NEXT WEEK: 18 OCT 26—TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

READINGS:

Reading 1: Isaiah 45:1, 4—6

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1, 3—5, 7—10

Reading 2: Thessalonians 1:1—5

Gospel: MATTHEW 22:15—21



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 54TH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028 SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

ONE IN CHRIST UNITED IN MISSION
100 YEARS OF WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

For 'Yamikani', getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

*Name changed for privacy

Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

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 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; 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

WALK WITH CHRIST – 22 NOV 26

EUCHARIST28 PREPARATION—ST JOSEPH BELMORE—WED 14 OCT, 7:00PM

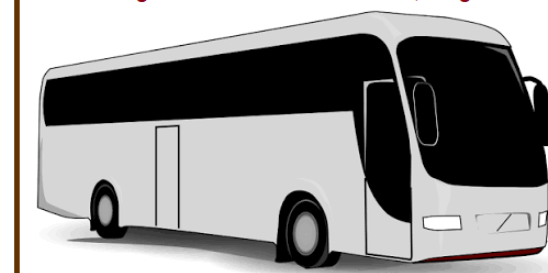
As part of the preparation for the Eucharist28 and in the lead up to this year's Walk with Christ on 22 November our parish will be running small prayer and discussion groups, beginning on Wednesday 14 October at 7:00pm, after Adoration, for six weeks.

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. Thank you.



BUS TRIP - Walk With Christ 2026 Sunday 22 November, Sydney CBD



Pick up - 1:00pm, St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Wilson Avenue.
Drop off - Martin Place, Sydney CBD.

Pick up - 5:00pm, St Mary's Cathedral.
Drop off - St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Wilson Avenue.

LIMITED SEATS!

Book Now with **Georgette** on **0421 286 180**

MASS INTENTIONS

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

REPOSE OF SOULS

Souls of our dearly departed family members.