



ST MARTHA'S PARISH STRATHFIELD

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'Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me' ... Mark 10

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THE PARISH OF ST MARTHA'S ACKNOWLEDGES THE WANGUL PEOPLE AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND ON WHICH THE CHURCH IS BUILT

Vision:

Welcoming

Eucharistic

Transformed by the Word

Full of Grace

Proclaiming Good News



Mission:

Alive with the Spirit

Inspired by St Martha

We Celebrate & Witness

God's love

Using our Gifts & Talents

MASS TIMES

Tuesday: 7.30am

Wednesday: 9.10am

Thursday: 9.10am

Friday: 9.10am

Saturday: 9.10am, 5pm Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8.00am; 10.00am & 6.00pm

1st Saturday of every month:

8.30am Adoration followed by Mass at 9.10am.

Divine Mercy Prayers recited every Thursday after 9.10am mass. We welcome and encourage you to come along.



ACU Strathfield Campus celebrates Mass every Wednesday and Friday at 12:00pm. The Campus is located 25A Barker Road, Strathfield. Everyone is welcome.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday after 9.10am Mass or by appointment.

BAPTISM:

2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 11.00am

Please introduce yourself to Father after Mass to request a Baptism Information pack. Contact the Parish office for more information.

MARRIAGES: By appointment only.
(6 months' notice is required).

ROSARY:

Tuesday & Saturday after morning Mass

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8.30am

7.30pm on Fridays in conjunction with Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

ST MARTHA'S PRAYER GROUP:

Mondays 10.30am – 11.30am (during the school term only)

PLAYGROUP:

St Martha's Primary School Playgroup is a great opportunity for children aged 0 to 5 years to enjoy some books and craft activities and get to know each other. From 8.50am to 10.00am in the upstairs school hall.

Playgroup runs every Monday during the school term only.
Contact: anne.wu@syd.catholic.edu.au

SAFE GUARDING

A reminder to parents that the Notice-Board located at the side entrance contains various resources for children regarding Safeguarding.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY.

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 at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardinginquiries@sydneycatholic.org

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Commitment Statement

The Archdiocese of Sydney is wholly committed to ensuring the safety, well-being and dignity of all Children and Adults at Risk, and it acknowledges its important legal, moral and spiritual responsibility to create a safe and nurturing environment for Children and Adults.



Please be aware that if you "TAG" St Martha's in photos on your Facebook page, the images also appear on an "unofficial" St Martha's Facebook page. This "unofficial" page was created automatically by Facebook and is not controlled by St Martha's. We kindly remind you to take care when uploading photos of any children without parent consent.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

IF YOU PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN - ACOLYTES; READERS; EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS; CHOIR; CHILDREN'S LITURGY (LEADERS & CHILDREN) & SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM (LEADERS & CHILDREN). SIGN IN FOLDERS ARE KEPT IN THE SACRISTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

ALTAR SERVERS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE SACRISTY WITHOUT A PARENT/TEACHER. THE SIGN IN FOLDER IS LOCATED IN THE CORRIDOR OUTSIDE THE SACRISTY.

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ANY CELIAC PARISHIONERS. IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION PLEASE TELL THE CHURCH WARDEN OR SEE AN ACOLYTE IN THE SACRISTY PRIOR TO MASS.

Please support our Catholic Press
Copies of the Catholic Weekly are in the Church Foyer \$2.



Happy Birthday to Phil Robinson. Faithful servant of St Martha's for over 40 years. As we reflect on all the wonderful times, we hope today brings you peace and happiness, knowing how deeply you are loved and appreciated by us all.

IMPORTANT NOTICE- DUE TO UNI COMMITMENTS, LARISSA WILL BE AWAY FROM THE OFFICE FROM FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER AND RETURN ON FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER. THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE UNATTENDED ON WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS DURING THIS TIME, BUT YOU MAY LEAVE MESSAGES THAT WILL BE RESPONDED TO ASAP.



October Rosaries

In Memory of Charlotte O'Brien.

Blessed Rosaries are now available in the Church foyer during the month of October. All donations will go directly to the Kids Helpline which is the charity chosen by Charlotte's parents. Your support will be appreciated. Thank you to the Quan Family, founders of the Rosary Mission Group for generously providing the rosary beads to St Martha's so that we can support this worthy charity.

Background on the Gospel Reading (Loyola Press): In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue to read from the section of Mark's Gospel that reports Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Last Sunday we heard Jesus lament the particular challenges those with many possessions face in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Jesus then predicts his passion to the Twelve, who are amazed and afraid. In this part of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words to his closest disciples seem to be intended to prepare them for the events that will occur in Jerusalem. In today's Gospel, James and John ask to be given seats of honor when Jesus enters into his glory. Once again, the disciples seem to be selective in what they hear Jesus say. They want to share Jesus' glory, but do not appear to understand that his glory will be preceded by his suffering. Jesus notes their lack of understanding and predicts the suffering they will endure for the sake of the Gospel. Jesus says that the honor they seek is not his to give. When the other ten hear what James and John have asked, Mark reports that they are indignant. Jesus takes the opportunity to teach them. Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark 9:33-37), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching is countercultural. In today's Gospel, Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles. Following Jesus' example of sacrificial love continues to be countercultural in our day as well. We might take this opportunity to consider our models of authority and examine our own exercise of authority. On whose example do we model our leadership?

Family Connection: In the daily routine of family life, power struggles seem unavoidable. Whenever two or more people live together, there will be occasions of disagreement and attempts to exert influence over each other. Today's Gospel can be an invitation to consider how authority is exercised in your household. There is a temptation to exercise our authority in ways that show our power over others. Especially when conflicts emerge, many of us rely upon the power we believe our role gives to us. Jesus teaches us that there is a more persuasive form of leadership. In these daily challenges we have the opportunity to practice and teach the kind of service and leadership Jesus modeled for us in his ministry and in his passion and death. As you gather as a family, invite family members to participate in a role play in which family roles are reversed. For example, you might assign children the role of parents putting their children to bed with parents acting like the children. Or you may have them role play parents asking for cooperation from children to clean up the family room. When the role play is finished, ask if it was an accurate picture of how this situation usually plays out in your household. Does everyone cooperate when asked? What happens when someone doesn't cooperate? How are the conflicts that emerge resolved? Observe that conflicts based on power struggles in situations such as these seem unavoidable in family life. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches how Christians are to show their authority over others. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 10:35-45. After reading the Gospel, talk with your family about Jesus' unique message to his disciples about how they are to exercise authority. Talk about ways in which you might apply Jesus' words in your family life. Conclude by praying we may receive honor in God's eyes by learning to serve others in love. Pray together the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
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 where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
 where there is sadness, joy.
 O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled as to console,
 to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

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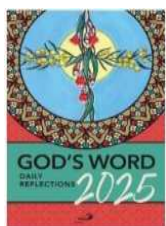
Happy 100th Anniversary of the “NEW” St Martha’s Church



St Martha’s Prayer

19.10.2024

*Refresh us with your Spirit Lord
as we celebrate our centenary.
Thank you for your blessings.
Like St Martha, we seek to serve you
and each other with humility and joy.
We offer to you the hospitality of our hearts
and seek your face in all we meet.
Breathe new life into the many ways
you invite us to serve.
Let faith, hospitality and our care for the poor
be the marks of our community.
In this year of Jubilee,
help us to proclaim Good News to all
and be instruments of your mercy and grace.
Through us, may your kingdom come!
St Martha – pray for us. Amen.*



2025 Bible Diaries (limited stock) - To purchase a copy please write your name on a completed payment envelope in the Church Foyer.

These Bible Diaries are designed to help you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life. A companion on the journey to pray, to share, to grow in God’s love and be nourished by the Word of God make these an ideal gift.

\$20 each (rrp \$21.95) Cash payments only.

ORDERS CAN NOW BE COLLECTED FROM THE SACRISTY

PROCESSION WITH OUR LADY OF VICTORIES – Commences at 4.30pm sharp on Sunday 27th October from St Joseph’s Enfield to St Michael’s Belfield. (see notice board for more details)

Let us keep the HSC students and their families in our prayers during this time of preparation for the final exams.

Prayer for HSC Students

Dear Lord, we ask for your blessing on our students that are preparing to undertake HSC Examinations over the coming weeks.
Grant them the confidence they deserve from their years of diligent study.
Grant them the ability to comprehend questions and effectively plan and articulate their responses.
May they be enriched by the gifts of the Holy Spirit Wisdom, Understanding, Fortitude and Knowledge.
May their faith and piety give them the strength to face these examinations and the satisfaction of achieving their personal best.
We ask these things through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

*During the month of November,
we remember those who have returned to the Father!*

FROM THIS WEEK WE INVITE ALL FAMILIES TO WRITE THE NAMES OF DEPARTED LOVED ONES IN THE BOOKS OF REMEMBRANCE. THESE BOOKS OF SPECIAL INTENTIONS WILL BE SET UP ON A SPECIAL MEMORIAL ON THE SANCTUARY DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER. MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE. (NAMES CANNOT BE PRINTED IN THE WEEKLY BULLETIN DUE TO THE LARGE VOLUME).

All Saints Day Friday 1st November - Mass will be celebrated at 9.10am
All Souls Day Saturday 2nd November - Masses will be celebrated at 9.10am

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:	Dr Peter Hancock, Anthony Arditto, Wilfred D'Souza, Charlotte O'Brien, Monsignor John Usher, Helen Jewell, Melville Mendes, Slaiman Herro, Ken Wai Ken Lee, Sr Patricia Woodbury, Sr Frances Caine, Adriana Lugo.
Repose of The Soul:	Fr Adrian Horgan, Fr Paul Ryan, Fr Mark Baird, Kevin Bouffler, Br Ray Dowding, Francesco & Sarina Campanale, Daniel Lucich, Stefano, Francesco & Maria Colagiuri, Filomena Pagano, Matteo & Caterina Genova, Francis Doumit, Frederick McDowell, Dorothy Harris, James Brady, Elizabeth Keating, Anne Cecilia Glass, Reginald & Agnes Glass, Gerald & Frances Gleeson, Elias & Julia Georges, Joseph Tannous, Faado & Alice Herro, Aldo & Fiorella Amarino, Salvatore Puglisi, Roger O'Reilly, Monica & Patrick Ryan, Elie Sahyoun, Christopher John Stewart, Stephen Maxwell Stewart, Mary & Anne Trefle', Margaret Raeburn, Francesco & Mary Sorbello, Bruce & Estelle Thurn, Gerald Wilson, Lisa Cooke, Greg Doyle, Jim Bradbury, Julian & Mabel Doyle, Michael & Mary Cassar, Giuseppe & Romilda Reginato, Antonio Sahyoun, Larry & Fernando Laurento. Donald Khoury, James Webb & Wajih Saliba, Lawrie Soares, Michael Hickey, Charlotte Bonaser, Charlotte Alam, Alfred Alam.
Anniversaries:	Monica Ryan, Paul Albert Sarkis, John Quinlan, Ted Burton, Francis Doumit, Vito & Giuseppina Iannella, Donald Khoury, James Webb & Wajih Saliba, Lawrie Soares, Michael Hickey, Charlotte Bonaser, Charlotte Alam, Alfred Alam.
Sick Intentions:	Giuseppe Mazzaferro, Con Limnios, John Weitering, Willie Quan, Sr Mary Campion, John Hay, Margaret Harrington, Ajith Antony, Dareth Flavell, Rudy Raeburn, Robert Rumore, Carminella Tiberio, Theo McLean, Joseph Akkary, Sylvia Watson, Virgilio Lim, George Jabbour, Dr Maher Ishak Morian, Stephanie Harrington, Phil Harriss, Sophie O'Donnell, Ken South, Siena Fabrie, Giuseppe Faraone, Joanna Jo, Simon Alam, Rosanne Sukkar, Henry D'Souza, Danielle Fabien.
Special Intentions:	Deceased friends, relatives & Benefactors of the Dominican Order. Dorothy Harris.

ROSTER 26th & 27th October

Special Ministers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Vince Blefari	Georgette Sahyoun	Jackie Romanous	Mary L'Estrange
	Beatrice Bonett	Peter Yamin	Khairallah Family	Volunteer Needed
Readers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Donald Bonett	Paulina Roncevic	Anne Marrins	Andrew Chasle
	Helen Blefari	Robert Smith	Steven Doumit	Volunteer Needed
Altar Servers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Marissa B.	Mary Louise I.	Jay L.	Volunteer Needed
	Olivia B.	Ryan W.	Jarvis L.	Volunteer Needed
	Volunteer Needed	Dylan W.	Khairallah Family	Volunteer Needed
Wardens	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Edith	Mary Cooke	Trudie Rogers	Anthony Thurn



Enrolling now

To prepare & receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation

For Children in Year 2 or Older and
who have received the Sacrament of Baptism.

To participate,

complete an Enrolment form

downloadable from our parish website

@ <https://stmarthas.org.au/sacraments/>

All candidates are required to be baptised in the Catholic faith.
(Arrangements can be made if your child has not been baptised)

Parent information Session- with Fr. John
Compulsory for 1 parent to attend (Both are welcome!)

6pm Monday 21st October 2024

Lesson Schedule

1st lesson: 3:30pm Wed 23rd or 3:30pm Sat 26th October

2nd lesson: 3:30pm Wed 30th or 3:30pm Sat 2nd November

3rd lesson: 3:30pm Wed 6th or 3:30pm Sat 9th November

4th lesson + rehearsal: 3:30pm Wed 13th or 3:30pm Sat 16th Nov

Sacrament date:

6pm Tuesday 19th or

6pm Wednesday 20th November 2024

Life, Marriage & Family Sunday
Prayer Cards are available in the Church foyer.



Beyond Blue
P: 1300 22 4636

W: www.beyondblue.org.au



CatholicCare – Archdiocese of Sydney
P: 13 18 19

W: www.catholiccare.org



Call 1800 55 1800



Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention.

Lifeline

P: 13 11 14

W: www.lifeline.org.au



NATIONAL DOMESTIC FAMILY AND
SEXUAL VIOLENCE COUNSELLING SERVICE

1800RESPECT

P: 1800 737 732

W: www.1800respect.org.au