



ST MARTHA'S PARISH STRATHFIELD

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'A person speaks from what is in his heart'... Luke 6

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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: elena.razzoli@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.



LENT 2025

**THE SEASON OF LENT COMMENCES ON
WEDNESDAY 5TH MARCH.**

ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE.

Mass Times & the Distribution of Ashes

7.00am, 9.10am, 11.40am (School Mass) & 6.30pm

Readers, Special Ministers, Acolytes & Altar Servers are needed for each Mass.

The sign-up sheet is in the Church Foyer.

Lenten Devotion: Stations of the Cross – Every Friday of Lent at 7pm

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS ROSTER			
Special Ministers	7.00AM	9.10AM	6.30PM
	Julie Ryan	Lisa Dennis	Relyn Aguinaldo
	Theresa Kuk	Claudia Elias	Kynetha Torcato
	Volunteer Needed	Anne Marrins	Gian Surjadinata
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Readers	7.00AM	9.10AM	6.30PM
	Greg Glass	Sr Rosemary	Andrew Chasle
	Natalie McNamara	Jennifer Clarke	Helen Williamson
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Emilio A.
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Anthony Assaf
Altar Servers	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Charbel Taok
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	
Acolytes	7.00AM	9.10AM	6.30PM
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

Background on the Gospel Reading (Loyola Press): The third and final section of Luke's Sermon on the Plain begins: And he told them a parable. There are actually four parables, three of which we read today. They are all about how to be a good disciple.

The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart. The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive.

Family Connection: Jesus' parables in this week's Gospel are a reminder of the importance of continued learning, prayer and reflection, and humility in our discipleship. We shine God's light in the world when we are "lit from within" with God's grace, willing to examine our own conscience and recognize our own need for transformation through Jesus. As busy parents responsible for our children's physical, emotional, and spiritual growth, we may sometimes be challenged to find time and energy to care for ourselves and attend to our own spiritual growth. Yet doing so can improve our family relationships and help us guide our children in their faith. We can be reminded of the simple safety instruction we hear when flying: to put on our own "spiritual" oxygen mask before helping others. Gather as a family and spend some time discussing ideas about what it means to be a good disciple. What do we need to learn? How are we to act? How do we treat others? Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 6:39-45. Discuss what Jesus means when he asks, "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Talk about how we might be tempted to focus on one another's shortcomings without noticing our own and how this might lead to conflict. Point out that part of being a good disciple is focusing on our own behavior. As a family, share ideas for responding as a disciple when you are upset with another family member's words or actions. (For example, taking a cooling off break before talking to the person or praying for help to see if our actions contributed to the conflict and we need to apologize.) Pray that you will grow together in your discipleship and then pray the Lord's Prayer.



ST MARTHA'S LENTEN PIETY STALL

A wide variety of religious items and Easter Cards are now available to purchase in the Church Foyer with Prices starting from \$2 to \$15.

Cash payments only. Please see the Church Wardens for assistance.



2025 LENTEN PROGRAM

(Wollongong Diocese Resource)

The program will commence on Monday 3rd March in the Church from 10.30am to 11.30am. Everyone is warmly welcome to attend (booklets are \$10).



Go Make Disciples

FREE Lenten Companion 2025. A limited number of copies are available in the Church foyer to take home.

PROJECT COMPASSION PRAYER 2025

God of our journey
we are all pilgrims of hope
brought together by your love
and your wish that we may all be one.

We pray that in this Year of Jubilee

when we are called to greater justice
and care for our common home
that we may Unite Against Poverty.

May we work in unity for the freedom of the oppressed
and the renewal of creation.

May our compassionate minds and generous hearts
help bring about a world where all can live in peace.

May our Lenten pilgrimage of fasting, almsgiving and prayer
bring us closer to your loving heart.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.



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Boxes and Share Packs are now available in the Church foyer.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:	Angela Vasta, Paul Pickering, Mary Henry, John Butcher, Ann Hoban, Michael Seuy Peng Ng, Paul Pickering.
Repose of The Soul:	Fr Adrian Horgan, Fr Paul Ryan, Fr Mark Baird, Elias & Julia Georges, Alfredo Pjanic, Kevin Bouffler, Br Ray Dowding, Sr Audette Mansour, Francesco & Sarina Campanale, Daniel Lucich, Stefano, Francesco & Maria Colagiuri, Filomena & Giuseppe Pagano, Matteo & Caterina Genova, Caterina Guarnia, Frances 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 & Slaiman Herro, Aldo & Fiorella Amarino, Salvatore Puglisi, Roger O'Reilly, Monica & Patrick Ryan, Elie Sahyoun, Christopher John Stewart, Stephen Maxwell Stewart, Margaret Raeburn, Francesco & Mary Sorbello, Bruce & Estelle Thurn, Gerald Wilson, Lisa Cooke, Michael & Mary Cassar, Giuseppe & Romilda Reginato, James Webb & Wajih Saliba, Julian & Mabel Doyle & Jim Bradbury, Joseph Sellathambo, Teresa & Christie Moses, Stan Ayoub,
Anniversaries:	Anne Lam, Jim Henness, Morna Marturia, Peter Choi, Roland Peters, Mrs Raju, Maureen Sarks, Margaret McGannon, Richard Sullivan, John Tandiono, Grace Hunt, Mark Kelly, Dorothy Harris, Elias Aslan, Antonio Iannella.
Sick Intentions:	Giuseppe Mazzaferro, Ann Cincotta-Tangey, Margaret Harrington, Mark Samaha, John Weitering, Willie Quan, John Hay, Ajith Antony, 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, Joanna Jo, Simon Alam, Rosanne Sukkar, Henry D'Souza, Danielle Fabien, Maroun Moussa.
Special Intentions:	Deceased friends, relatives & Benefactors of the Dominican Order. Zoe Harries, Antonio Heo.

Remembering someone with a Mass Intention honours them in a unique way – surrounding them with the warmth of God's love. A Mass may be offered for the living or deceased, for a Birthday, Anniversary, for somebody who is ill, or for a special intention. Mass Intention envelopes are available at the Church Entrance. If you would like a Mass offered on a particular date, please contact the parish office to arrange this.

The February to August Roster is now available from the side entrance of the Church and on the parish website.

8 th & 9 th March 2025				
IF YOU CANNOT FULFIL YOUR ROSTER DUTY PLEASE ORGANISE A REPLACEMENT.				
Special Ministers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Tandiono Family	Gian Surjadinata	Anne Marrins	Theresa Kuk
	Tandiono Family	Artha Surjadinata	Rita Piras	Volunteer Needed
Readers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Natalie Baini	Greg Glass	Helen Williamson	Owen Loney
	Maria Soo	Sonia Gomez	Rachel Suriano	Volunteer Needed
Altar Servers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Lincoln M.	Archie S.	Bonett Family	Volunteer Needed
	Hayden M.	Shannon D.	Bonett Family	Volunteer Needed
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Beatrice L.	Volunteer Needed
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Wardens	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Linda Praum	Anton De Almaida	Trudie Rogers	Volunteer Needed

Join in prayer for Pope Francis as he continues to battle serious illness. Let us keep the Holy Father close to our hearts and ask God to strengthen him.

Loving God,

We pray for your servant Pope Francis.

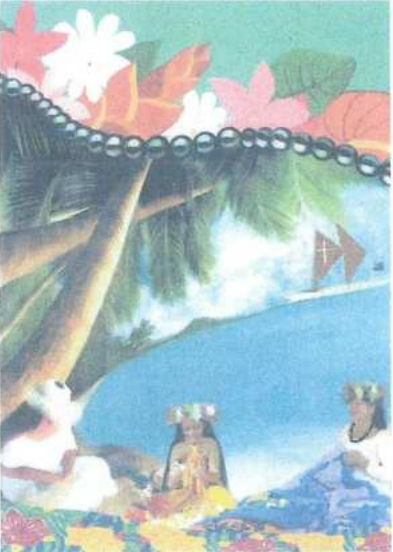
May he be strengthened in every way by the Lord in his present suffering and be uplifted by the prayers for him by people all over the world.

We pray for his recovery and for the health care professionals working to lead him through this setback. We ask our Merciful Lord to restore Pope Francis to good health and to keep him free from pain as he receives treatment.

May the Spirit of God grant him good health, courage and peace.

Amen.

World Day of Prayer 2025
focus country: the Cook Islands

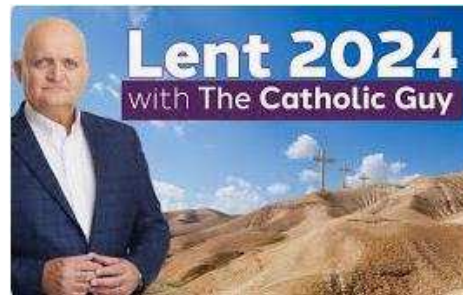


Join your local one-hour prayer service:
CONCORD BAPTIST CHURCH
location of service **3 CARRINGTON AVENUE**
STRATHFIELD NORTH
date and time **10.30 AM THURSDAY 6 MARCH 2025**



JUBILEUM 2025

Resources and copies of the Decree on the Proclamation of Places of Pilgrimage in the Archdiocese of Sydney on the occasion of the Jubilee Year of Our Lord 2025 are available to take home in Church Foyer.



Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical

and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here:

<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>

Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.



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