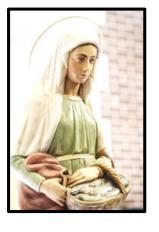
ST MARTHA'S PARISH STRATHFIELD



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'Unless you repent you will all perish as they did'.... Luke 13

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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**

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:

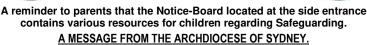
St Martha's Primary School Playgroup is a great opportunity for children aged 0 to 5 years to enjoy some books and craft activities and get to know each other. From 8.50am to 10.00am in the upstairs school hall. Playgroup runs every Monday during the school term only.

Contact: elena.razzoli@syd.catholic.edu.au



Mission: Alive with the Spirit **Inspired by St Martha** We Celebrate & Witness God's love **Using our Gifts & Talents**

SAFE GUARDING



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 safeguardingenguiries@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 or report crimes to the police.

Commitment Statement

The Archdiocese of Sydney is wholly committed to ensuring the safety, well-being and dignity ofall Children and Adults at Risk, and it acknowledges its important legal, moral and spiritualresponsibility 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.



<u>LENT 2025</u>



Go Make Disciples - FREE Lenten Companion 2025. Limited copies are available in the Church foyer to take home. Copies of Archbishop Anthony's Lenten Penance are also available.





Third Sunday of Lent 22nd and 23rd of March 2025

Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.



Photo credit: Caritas Australia **Please donate today**. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code

above. Or online at: <u>caritas.org.au/project-compassion</u> Or by calling: 1800 024 413 413.

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.

<u>Cash payments only</u>. Please see the Church Wardens for assistance.

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

Easter is the largest liturgical celebration throughout the year and many volunteers are needed across all ministries. If you are on the regular roster and attending any of the Easter Liturgies, could you please consider volunteering.

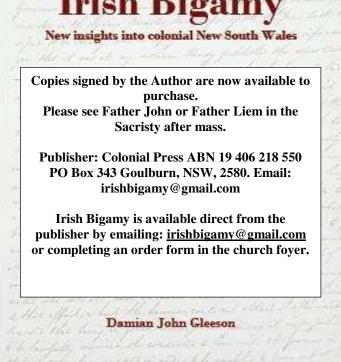
We are in need of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Lectors, Altar Servers, Acolytes & Wardens. Please write your name on the sheets on the rear table of the church or contact **Helen Williamson on 0408 970 120**.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO NEEDED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 'WASHING OF THE FEET' AT THE HOLY THURSDAY MASS. PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN-UP SHEET AT THE REAR OF THE CHURCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER.

Lent: HTime for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love

New Book Release Now Available to Purchase

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When Irish Eyes Hre Smiling.

Inviting parishioners to join the Maria Forde Celtic Tour of Ireland 2025 (September 20– October 4th). Enjoy two glorious weeks traversing the spectacular Irish countryside, experiencing the hospitality of the Irish people, and learning about their history and story. Enjoy Celtic music, cuisine, and sacred sites, including Glendalough, Clonmacnoise and Kylemore Abbey. Travel comfortably by coach and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of a small tour.

(Max 20 people) If you're worried about travelling alone or going abroad for the first time, rest assured that our Irish driver, other guests, and I will welcome and support you. For an itinerary, please contact Debbie at Emerald Travel on 96902123, debbie@emeraldtravel.com.au or scan the OR code.

ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN YOUTH CAMP

OPEN TO YR9-YR12

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We can't even begin to tell you how excited we are to host Purpose Camp 2025! The Sydney Catholic Youth team and Youth Leaders from across the Sydney Archdiocese are working hard to make this year's high school camp bigger and better! So, if you are currently in years 9-12 then come have the time of your life these upcoming holidays with tons of friends you haven't met yet! There'll be heaps of time for games, activities, talks, discussions, prayer and the chance to grow in your faith. This camp is so big we can only run it once a year so get on board now or miss out! **Email info@sydneycatholicyouth.org or call Sydney Catholic Youth on 0437 863 316.**



CatholicCare - Archdiocese of Sydney CatholicCare P: 13 18 19 www.catholiccare.

Call 1800 55 1800









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.

Background on the Gospel Reading (Loyola Press): Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance. Today's reading is found in the chapters of Luke's Gospel that describe Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions. There is no parallel in Mark's or Matthew's Gospels for today's reading from Luke. While Mark and Matthew describe an incident in which Jesus curses the fig tree, today's reading makes the barren fig tree the subject of a parable. Luke tells us that some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. It was commonplace to render people's suffering as evidence of their sinfulness. Jesus challenges this interpretation. Those who were massacred were no more or less sinful than the ones who report the situation to Jesus. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin. Jesus' words at first appear to have a fire-and-brimstone quality. Jesus says in essence, "Repent or perish as these people did; all are sinful before God and deserving of God's punishment." The tone changes, however, in the parable that follows. The parable of the barren fig tree courtasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear first. Next week's Gospel to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us. This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts. Next week's Gospel will give an eve

Eamily Connection: We may be unfamiliar with fig trees, but we might know about the growth of spring flowers. Perhaps we have looked at a dry, brown flower bulb and wondered how this produces the colorful tulip or daffodil blossom that we expect to bloom in the spring. Perhaps we've even thought about the patience and hope that are required to plant flower bulbs in October. We don't have to be gardeners, however, to know about patience and hopefulness. As parents, we practice these virtues each day with our children. We may become frustrated and even angered by their willfulness and lack of cooperation. Yet we continue to offer our attention and guidance in hope that one day our efforts will bear fruit. Today's parable suggests that God is like that with us, working with us in patience and in hope that one day we will show evidence that such work is not in vain. As parents, we know God's kindness when we find evidence for our hope for our children. Does God find such glimmers of hope as he works with us? Gather your family and show a spring flower in bloom. Recall that in the fall this flower was a dry bulb (if a flower bulb is available, show this as well). Talk about the hopefulness and patience shown by those who plant flower bulbs in the fall in the hope that they will bloom in the spring. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 13:1-9. Compare the parable of the barren fig tree to your discussion about spring flowers. Consider the patience and hopefulness that God has with us as he works with us, calling us to return to him when we sin. Offer prayers of thanks and praise to God for his patience and hopefulness towards us. Conclude by praying together today's Psalm, Psalm 103.

Mass Intentions

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Recently Deceased:	Carmel Josephine Jack, Bill Graves, Moussa Soueid, John Cullen, Rebecca Forwood, Sue Yee, Angela Vasta, Paul				
	Pickering, Mary Henry, John Butcher, Ann Hoban.				
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,				
Sec.	Filomena & Giuseppe Pagano, Matteo & Caterina Genova, Caterina Guarnia, Frances Doumit, Frederick McDowell,				
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and the	Puglisi, Roger O'Reilly, Monica & Patrick Ryan, Elie Sahyoun, Christopher John Stewart, Stephen Maxwell Stewart,				
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	Cassar, Giuseppe & Romilda Reginato, James Webb & Wajih Saliba, Xavier & Josephine Sellathambu, Joseph				
	Sellathamboo, Teresa & Christy Moses, Myrtle Fernandes, Ian Jack.				
Anniversaries:	Paul Duggan, Mattia Taglini, Rosy D'Costa, Anna Lam, Patrick Marrins (snr), Harry Amalan, Anne Lam, Jim Henness,				
	Morna Marturia, Peter Choi, Roland Peters, Mrs Raju, Maureen Sarks, Margaret McGannon, Richard Sullivan, John				
	Tandiono, Grace Hunt, Mark Kelly.				
Sick Intentions:	Giuseppe Mazzaferro, Toni N, Joe Everitt, Alf Buda, 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.				

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.

29 th & 30 th 2025					
IF YOU CANNOT FULFIL YOUR ROSTER DUTY PLEASE ORGANISE A REPLACEMENT.					
Special Ministers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM	
	Grace Herro	Gina Surjadinata	Relyn Aguinaldo	Andrew Bova	
	Rick Herro	Andri Surjadinata	Helen Williamson	Volunteer Needed	
	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM	
Readers	Lisa Dennis	Maria Yu	Emmanuel Nathan	Melanie John	
	Maria Soo	Robert Smith	Michael Quinlan	Paulina Roncevic	
	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM	
Altar Servers	Beatrix A.	Mary Louise I.	Emilio A.	Volunteer Needed	
	Collin A.	Archie S.	Emilia T.	Volunteer Needed	
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Wardens	Edith Pun	Mary Daley	Trudie Rogers	Paulina Roncevic	