



ST MARTHA'S PARISH STRATHFIELD

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'They all ate and were filled'.... Luke 9

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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

6.00pm 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 **2nd 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.

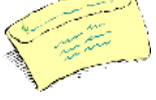
Please support our Catholic Press
Copies of the Catholic Weekly are in the Church Foyer \$2.

**** END OF FINANCIAL YEAR PROCESS ****

The Last Banking day for the 2023 Financial Year will be at 9am on Monday 23rd June.

Any donations received after this date will go into the next financial year.

Offering Envelopes



New sets of 2025/26 Planned Giving Envelopes are now available for collection in the Church Foyer. We encourage all Parishioners to join the giving system by either Weekly Envelope or Monthly Credit Card as this is the main income of the parish, by means of which we run everyday expenses, funds projects and plan for the future. Tax deductibility is 30%. If you would like to join, please complete the slip below or completed a form in the Church Foyer which can be returned via any collection plate or directly to the parish office.



Background on the Gospel Reading (Loyola Press): Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time. Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called Corpus Christi, Latin for "the Body of Christ." In the most recent revision of the liturgy, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology. The feeding of the 5,000 is the only one of Jesus' miracles to appear in all four Gospels. Luke places it between Herod's question, "Who is this about whom I hear such things?" and Peter's response to Jesus' question about who he thought Jesus was: "You are the Messiah of God." In Luke the feeding is not the result of Jesus' compassion for the crowd but is instigated by the disciples. They wanted Jesus to send the crowd away to town. Instead Jesus tells the disciples to give them some food on their own. The passage is meant to remind us of two feedings in the Old Testament: the feeding of the Israelites in the desert and Elisha's feeding of 100 people with 20 loaves in 2 Kings 4:42-44. It is also connected to the institution of the Eucharist. As in the Last Supper accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke and in Paul's account in 1 Corinthians 11:23-24, Jesus takes bread, looks up to heaven, blesses the bread, breaks it, and then gives it to the disciples. In using this exact language, Luke is reminding his readers that in this miracle Jesus is doing more than feeding hungry people as God did for the Israelites and the prophet Elisha did as well. The bread he gives is his body, which he will continue to give as often as the community breaks bread in remembrance of him in the Eucharist.



Family Connection: In our age of fast food and eating on the go, families often find that they are not eating meals together at a dinner table. As a family, look back over the past week and recall how many meals were eaten together and how many meals were eaten alone or on the run. In the Bible, meals are seen as much more than a means to satisfy a physical need. The Hebrew people viewed eating a meal as a way of expressing and strengthening their relationship to one another under God's covenant. It is no coincidence that meals are often the setting of Jesus' teaching and miracles in the Gospels. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the story of Jesus feeding the crowd of 5,000 people. Read this Sunday's Gospel, Luke 9:11b-17. Talk about the kinds of hungers that people have in addition to physical hunger. Describe the hungers that a family nourishes (love, compassion, forgiveness, laughter, and so on). Together give thanks for the food that Jesus gives us that we celebrate on this Sunday's feast of the Body and Blood of Jesus. Make a commitment to share in this Eucharistic meal together as a family.



The next parish appeal will be the annual Holy Father's Appeal held across the weekend 5th & 6th July. This appeal, also known as Peter's Pence, is a gesture of solidarity with the universal Church to support the works of the Holy Father Pope Leo.



Working with Children Week 23rd – 29th June.

We celebrate Working with Children Week in recognition of over 1.9 million people who contribute to the lives of the state's children. The theme for this is "Partners in keeping children safe". The Safeguarding Office would like to thank everyone for all that they do every day to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children within the Archdiocese of Sydney. Working with Children Week is a chance to celebrate those all those who put children first. The Safeguarding Office is committed to providing safe environments for our children by maintaining an open and inclusive culture. We take this opportunity to especially thank our Parish Safeguarding Support Officers, Dianne Dawson and Helen Williamson who volunteer a tremendous amount of time to assist our parish community with training and compliance.



21-22 JUNE - JUBILEE OF GOVERNEMENTS - JUBILEE OF GOVERNMENTS The Jubilee of Governments is an opportunity to recognise the role that governments can play in fostering a peaceful, harmonious society.

PRAYER

God of this land and of every people, who shape all things according to your own design and write your law in every human heart: we thank you for this country we call home, from the First Nations people to others born here and those who have come here from across the world.

We pray for the citizens of our land in these troubled times, that we may be committed to justice, to the dignity of each human life, and to solidarity with all Australians and with the world.

Guide all our elected representatives who serve the nation; may the Holy Spirit inspire them to pursue a better politics, that governs for the good of all and never neglects those who are considered to be the least or who have the least.

May all of us see and hear you in the most vulnerable, that responding to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, we may respond to you.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Adapted from the Australian Catholic Bishops Statement for the 2022 Federal Election)



Important Information from NSW Police

The Terrorism Protections Unit of the New South Wales Police Force as part of its on-going guidance in the event of a terrorism attack, has released additional resources which we share with our Parishes. While the chance of our Parish being caught up in a hostile act remain low, it remains important to be vigilant and aware of these guidelines.

Flyers are available in the Church Foyer to take home.

A reminder also to be wary of scam emails, text messages and phone calls.



Announcement: The Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis and the Canonization of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati will be on 7 September. The canonizations of the two young saints—one from the early twentieth century, the other the first twenty-first-century saint—have been greatly anticipated due to the great devotion among the faithful. Pope Leo made the choice to enrol among the number of the saints two young men



from different eras who led completely different lives, but who are nonetheless united in their love for Christ and their ability to impart that love to those whose lives they touched. Prayer cards, Novenas & mini posters are available in the Church foyer.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

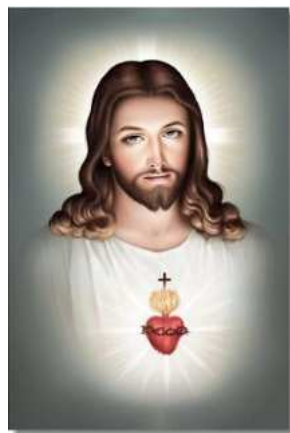
The current roster has now been updated to include the newly trained Altar Servers. The NEW ROSTER has now commenced. Copies of the updated roster are now available from the Church side entrance & on the parish website.

28 th & 29 th June				
Special Ministers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Tandiono Family	Gina Surjadinata	Anne Marrins	Theresa Kuk
	Tandiono Family	Andri Surjadinata	Rita Piras	Volunteer Needed
Readers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Natalie Bains	Maria Yu	Helen Williamson	Owen Loney
	Maria Soo	Robert Smith	Rachel Suriano	Volunteer Needed
Altar Servers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Lincoln M.	Mary Louise I.	Beatrice L.	Volunteer Needed
	Hayden M.	Archie S.	Holly C.	Volunteer Needed
	Zachary A.	Shannon D.	Bonett Family	Volunteer Needed
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Bonett Family	Volunteer Needed
Wardens	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Linda Praum	Abboud Baladi	Trudie Rogers	Paulina Roncevic

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:	Maria Nguyen Thi Mung, Robert (Bob) O'Hara, Haifa Katrib Jimm, Sr Helen Ryan OP, Vilho Olavi Makkonen, Pia Rossi, Maureen Allan Marrins, Neville Ashby, Dennis O'Hara, Theresa Orton, Sr Rosemary O'Neill, Anne Bechara.
Repose of The Soul:	Fr Adrian Horgan, Fr Paul Ryan, Fr Mark Baird, Elias & Julia Georges, Alfredo Pjanic, Kevin Bouffler, Br Ray Dowling, 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, Joseph Tannous, Nejia 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, Gladstone & Noel Jebanasam.
Anniversaries:	Mary Bains, Daniel Lucich, May Chapman, Elise May Corelli, Patrick Ryan, Peter & Margaret Hetheron, Sr Audette Mansour rsm, Judith Goodacre, Dr Vivian Colman.
Sick Intentions:	Giuseppe Mazzaferro, Br Tony Wheelan cfc, Toni N, Norma Habib, 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, Stephen Chase (snr).
Special Intentions:	Deceased friends, relatives & Benefactors of the Dominican Order. Deceased members of the Georges & Sassine Families.

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.



A beautiful selection of items are now available to purchase at the Piety Stall to celebrate the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday 27th June. Please see the warden after any Mass.



Reflection for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Year C

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Year C celebrates the deep and unending love of Jesus for all people. The readings remind us of His care, His sacrifice, and His desire to seek and save those who are lost. Each reflection offers a way to understand His love and how we can respond to it in our own lives.

God Cares for His People

The first reading for the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Year C reminds us that God is like a shepherd. A shepherd knows his sheep, watches over them, and protects them from harm. He searches for the lost and brings them back to the fold. This image helps us understand how much God cares for each one of us. He doesn't leave us alone when we are struggling or lost. Instead, He goes looking for us and brings us back to Him with kindness and love. God's care is personal and gentle. Just as a shepherd knows the needs of each sheep, God knows what we need. He gives us the guidance, comfort, and support we need to live well. This reading reminds us that God is always with us, even when we don't realize it. We can trust that He is leading us on the right path, even when life feels uncertain or difficult.

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for loving us and never giving up on us. Help us trust You when we feel lost or alone. Teach us to follow Your example of care and sacrifice for others. Fill our hearts with kindness and guide us to share Your love with the world. Amen.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE CELEBRATION OF OUR

100 YEARS

Gala Dinner

DATE: SATURDAY 02/08/2025
TIME: 7PM - 11:30 PM
VENUE: STRATHFIELD GOLF COURSE
52 WEEROONA RD. STRATHFIELD NSW 2135


\$155 PER PERSON
INCLUDES 3 COURSE DINNER,
UNLIMITED BEER, WINE, & SOFT DRINKS
DRESS CODE: SEMI FORMAL

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS HERE

TABLES OF 10 OR SINGLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE

MUST BE OVER 18 YEARS OLD TO ATTEND

RSVP 18TH JULY 2025



NIGHT OF PRAYER AND REPARATION TO INTERCEDE FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD AND THE WELFARE OF AUSTRALIA

The World Apostolate of Fatima (Sydney Archdiocesan Committee)



INVITE YOU TO JOIN US AT ST. MEL'S PARISH

Friday June 27th Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday June 28th Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Doors open at 8.15pm

St Mel's Church, Corner of Evaline Street & Duke Street, Campsie, 2194
(Park in either of the 2 carparks behind the church on Duke Street)

- Part 1: Sacred Heart of Jesus**
- 9.00pm Solemn Mass
 - 10.00pm The Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary,
 - 10.30pm Re-dedication & Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus before the exposed Blessed Sacrament
 - 11.10pm Break
- Part 2: Immaculate Heart of Mary**
- 11.30am Liturgy of the Word to honour the Immaculate Heart of Mary
The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary
Litany of Our Lady & Consecration
 - 12.00 Midnight: Lauds - Morning Prayer of the Church
 - 12.30am Mass in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
 - 1.15am Close

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