



ST MARTHA'S PARISH STRATHFIELD

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'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'.... John 21

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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

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

In the event of an attack



ESCAPE.

HIDE.

TELL.

Move quickly and quietly away from danger.

Stay out of sight and silence your phones.

Call the police by dialling 000 when it is safe.

What you do matters.

nationalsecurity.gov.au

www.stmstrathfield.catholic.edu.au

Mission:

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

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 safeguardingenquiries@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.



**Office of the
Children's Guardian**

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.



23-27 JUNE - JUBILEE OF PRIESTS, BISHOPS & SEMINARIANS

The Jubilee of Priests is an opportunity to celebrate the joy of the priesthood.

The Jubilee of Bishops is an opportunity to recognise the important role that bishops have in continuing the work of Jesus Christ in the world.

The Jubilee of Seminarians celebrates the gift of God's call to the priesthood and priestly formation.

It is an opportunity for the Church to renew her commitment to form priests after the heart of the Good Shepherd and encourage others to respond generously to Christ's call. Through this Jubilee event we are reminded of the need for seminarians to be formed to know and love the Word of God, proclaim the Gospel with love and truth (1 Cor. 13:6), and to deepen a love for Jesus in the grace of the Holy Spirit. Aware of the multiple and diverse societies and cultures of our age, they will bring the proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world.

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): Mark places this incident at Caesarea Philippi. Luke, because of the importance he wishes to give to prayer in his Gospel, places it in the context of Jesus praying. But Matthew keeps it at Caesarea Philippi. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a "field report" by asking what people are saying about him. He refers to himself as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that "Son of Man" is best understood to mean "human being." As Jesus turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe, Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ. "Christ" is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for "messiah," which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the "messiah" was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Because Jesus has referred to himself a number of times in Matthew by Christological titles this moment is not the revelation of who Jesus is as in Mark. Instead it marks an important moment in the development of the Church. Jesus uses this occasion to bless Peter, who represents all the disciples but also has a unique role to play in the founding of the new community. Peter is blessed not because of a personal insight but because God revealed to him who Jesus is. Peter is the rock on which Jesus will build the Church.

Family Connection: In today's Gospel, Jesus refers to Peter as "Rock" and says that the Church will be built upon him. We refer to someone as a "rock" when they are very reliable. Talk as a family about who has been and is a rock in your extended family. The Gospel reminds us that the Church is built on the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. It is faith that makes Peter the Rock upon which the Church is built. The family, as the domestic church, has this same faith as its foundation. Talk about people whose faith has helped you to be a member of the Church and talk about what you have learned from leaders in our Church today. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 16:13-20. Talk about what you know about Peter and his importance to the early Christian community. Talk about what we can learn from Peter and his profession of faith about Jesus. Conclude in prayer together by praying today's Psalm or an Act of Faith.



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.

"Partners in keeping children safe".

Lord Jesus, Hear our voices as we pray for your care and protection.
Strengthen and guide us as we strive to make our Catholic communities a safe place for all.

We especially ask that the children and vulnerable adults
you entrust to our care are protected.

Give us the wisdom and courage to listen with open hearts,
see with open eyes, and speak out to ensure
children and vulnerable adults are safe, loved, respected, and cared for.

May we also pray for those who have been harmed.

Give them the courage to seek the truth and to heal.

Lord, you call us to walk with integrity in the service of others.

May we all strive to understand our
collective responsibility to work together to safeguard our Catholic communities.

Guide us as we build a community that fosters everyone to flourish and be safe.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

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.

5 th & 6 th July				
Special Ministers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Beatrice Bonett	Gian Surjadinata	Jackie Romanous	Helen Williamson
	Lisa Dennis	Artha Surjadinata	Rita Piras	Volunteer Needed
Readers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Donald Bonett	Greg Glass	Anne Marrins	Andrew Chasle
	Maria Soo	Sonia Gomez	Rita Piras	Volunteer Needed
Altar Servers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Marissa B.	Ryan W.	Jay L.	Zachary A.
	Olivia B.	Dylan W.	Jarvis L.	Volunteer Needed
	Volunteer Needed	Matthew C.	Courtney O.	Volunteer Needed
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Charlize O.	Volunteer Needed
Wardens	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Edith Pun	Peter Yamin	Trudie Rogers	Anthony Thurn

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 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, 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, George Lasrado.
Anniversaries:	Frank Hickey, Giuseppe Andreacchio, Mary Baini, Daniel Lucich, May Chapman, Elise May Corelli, Patrick Ryan, Peter & Margaret Hetherston, 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.

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.





Models of Faith and Courage (Young Catholics)

The lives of Saints Peter and Paul show that faith can grow even in people who make mistakes or face great challenges. Peter was impulsive and sometimes afraid, but he became a strong leader in the Church. Paul started as an enemy of Christians, yet he became a great missionary. Their stories remind us that no matter where we begin, we can grow in faith and serve God in amazing ways. Peter teaches us about trusting God even when it is hard. He walked on water when Jesus called him, but he began to sink when he doubted. He denied Jesus out of fear, but later had the courage to preach about Him in front of powerful leaders. His life shows that faith is a journey. It reminds us that it's okay to stumble as long as we keep trusting God and trying to follow Him. Paul's life shows how God can change hearts and give us a new purpose. Paul thought he was doing the right thing by persecuting Christians, but he was willing to listen when Jesus called him. After his conversion, he used all his energy to spread the Gospel. His story challenges us to reflect on our own lives. Are we open to change? Are we listening for God's call, even if it leads us somewhere unexpected? Both Peter and Paul show us how to be courageous in sharing our faith. They faced prison, hardship, and death because they loved Jesus and wanted others to know Him. Their courage encourages us to think about how we live our faith. Do we share it with others? Do we trust God when things get hard?

Lessons for Everyday Faith

The lives of Peter and Paul teach us that God can use anyone to do His work. Peter was an ordinary fisherman, and Paul started as someone who opposed Christians. Both became leaders of the Church. This reminds us that no matter our past or weaknesses, we can serve God if we are willing to follow Him. Peter's life teaches us about trust and forgiveness. He made mistakes, like when he denied Jesus three times. But Peter repented and accepted Jesus' forgiveness. He went on to lead the early Church with courage. This shows us that failure is not the end. When we turn back to God, He gives us another chance. Paul's life shows the power of change. He was once an enemy of Christians, but after his conversion, he became one of the greatest missionaries. Paul reminds us that God's grace can change even the hardest hearts. No one is too far away from God to come back to Him. Both Peter and Paul show us how to be brave in our faith. They faced threats, prison, and even death, but they kept preaching the Gospel. Their courage inspires us to stand firm in our beliefs, even when it is not easy. Another lesson from their lives is the importance of working together. Peter and Paul had different missions and sometimes disagreed. But they worked for the same goal: spreading the message of Jesus. They remind us that unity is more important than differences. The examples of Peter and Paul teach us to trust God, seek forgiveness, be open to change, and stay strong in faith. Their lives encourage us to live with purpose and to share the message of Jesus with others.

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



YOU ARE INVITED TO

St Martha's Feast Day




CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF EDUCATION

Tuesday 29th July 2025

9:30 am Mass at St Martha's Catholic Church
with Most Rev Terry Brady
10:30am Mosaic Blessing in School Playground
11:00am Morning Tea in School Hall
11:40am Open Classrooms

Please RSVP for the Morning Tea by Friday 4 July via
the google form link or QR code below.



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