



ST MARTHA'S PARISH STRATHFIELD

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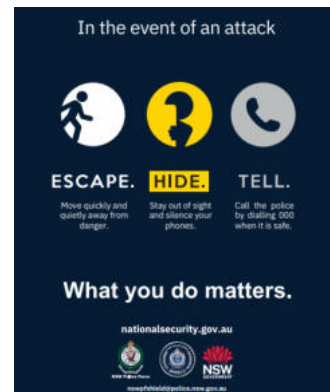
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'Who is my neighbour?'... Luke 10

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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

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 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.



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.

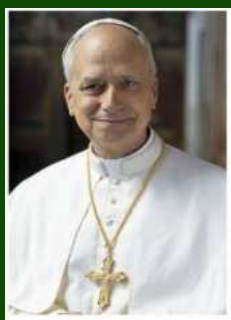


Bon Voyage Father John!

Our Parish Priest Father John will depart on Thursday 24th July, on a Jubilee pilgrimage to the Holy Doors at St Peter's in Rome. He is accompanying a group of 100 pilgrims from various parishes, including from St Martha's Neo Catechumenate Group. He assures us all of his fervent prayers, and hopes to bring back with him the grace of a blessing from Pope Leo XIV. He will return to the parish on Friday 8th August.

Bishop Tony Percy blessed and sent Fr John and the pilgrims in a special liturgy on Wednesday night at St Martha's.

JULY: For formation and discernment. "Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel"



*Holy Spirit, you, light of our understanding, gentle breath that guides our decisions, grant me the grace to listen attentively to your voice and to discern the hidden paths of my heart, so that I may grasp what truly matters to you, and free my heart from its troubles.
I ask you for the grace to learn how to pause, to become aware of the way I act, of the feelings that dwell within me, and of the thoughts that overwhelm me which, so often, I fail to notice.
I long for my choices to lead me to the joy of the Gospel.
Even if I must go through moments of doubt and fatigue, even if I must struggle, reflect, search, and begin again...
Because, at the end of the journey, your consolation is the fruit of the right decision.
Grant me a deeper understanding of what moves me, so that I may reject what draws me away from Christ, and love him and serve him more fully. Amen.*



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.

2024/2025 TAX RECEIPTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN THE CHURCH FOYER



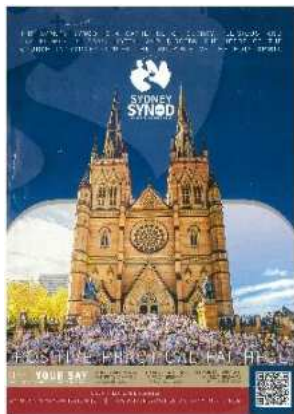
Background on the Gospel Reading (Loyola Press): The story of Jesus in the home of Martha and Mary complements the story of the Good Samaritan, which immediately precedes it in Luke's Gospel. Both stories are unique to Luke. The story of the Samaritan opens with the words "a certain man." Today's reading opens with the words "a certain woman." The Samaritan is an example of how a disciple should see and act. Mary is an example of how a disciple should listen. Mary, a woman, is a marginalized person in society, like the Samaritan. Both do what is not expected of them. As a woman, Mary would be expected, like Martha, to prepare hospitality for a guest. Here again Jesus breaks with the social conventions of his time. Just as a Samaritan would not be a model for neighborliness, so a woman would not sit with the men around the feet of a teacher. Both stories exemplify how a disciple is to fulfill the dual command which begins chapter 10—love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan). These are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart and one's neighbor requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and also times for listening and learning at the feet of a teacher.

Family Connection: In our families and homes, we have boundaries. Some are geographical; we may have our own room or part of a room that we want others to stay out of. Parents may have home offices that are off-limits to children. Some boundaries are behavioral; children may speak one way to their friends, but they are not allowed to speak the same way to their parents or other adults. A Curfew is another type of boundary, whose purpose is to protect children's safety. Talk about examples of boundaries in your family. For the most part, these boundaries are good. Talk about how sometimes we set up boundaries for the wrong reasons. For example, if we are angry with a sibling, we may draw a line and tell him or her to stay on his or her side. Explain that when we use boundaries to exclude others, we are being hurtful. Point out how in Jesus' time, some boundaries were used to unfairly exclude people. One example was from last week's Gospel: Samaritans. This Sunday's Gospel has another example: women. Talk about how the role of women has changed in your lifetime. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus breaks down a barrier that kept women from being disciples. Read aloud Luke 10:38-42. Talk about how Martha is conditioned by the existing boundaries of her society, but how her sister, Mary, breaks through that boundary and becomes a disciple of Jesus. Talk about how you can work as a family to break down boundaries that separate people. Point out that when we pray the Lord's Prayer, we call God "Our Father," meaning that we are all his children; no boundaries should separate us. Conclude this time together by praying the Lord's Prayer.



The Church is preparing to celebrate the **5th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**, on Sunday, 27th July 2025, with the motto "Blessed are those who have not lost hope" (cf. Sir 14:2). The theme, announced by the Vatican 4 February, is taken from the Book of Sirach as part of its moral instruction to the Jewish faithful. The theme expresses the blessedness of the elderly and points to the hope placed in the Lord as the way to a Christian and reconciled old age. Particularly during the Holy Year 2025, the world day seeks to be an opportunity to reflect on how the presence of grandparents and elderly people can become a sign of hope in every family and ecclesial community. The Church observes the World Day each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Jesus' grandparents, Saints Joachim and Anne. Pope Francis instituted this Day in 2021 since, he believes, grandparents are often forgotten, yet they "are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young." Pope Francis chose as this year's theme "Do not cast me off in my old age". As Christians, he said, the World

Day dedicated to grandparents and the elderly calls us to put aside our throwaway culture and show "tenderness and affectionate attention" to the most fragile members of our communities.



SYDNEY SNOD 2026 RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYER

Archbishop Fisher has convoked an Archdiocesan Synod for 2026 in response to Holy Spirit-inspired longings from Sydney Catholics for more prayerful liturgies, more Christ-centred communities, and a more mission-oriented Church. In preparation, the Archbishop invites you to share your positive, faithful, and practical ideas on how these longings can be met, by attending any of the three regional consultations:

Saturday 30 August 9am - 12pm, Menai

Tuesday 14 October 6 - 9pm, Cathedral

Thursday 16 October 6 - 9pm, Liverpool

For more information and to be part of the consultations, go to

<https://sydcath.au/sydney-synod>



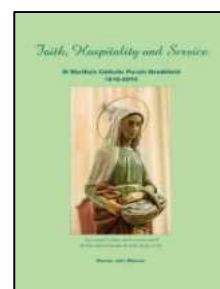
The Parish Mass to celebrate the Feast Day of St Martha, our patron saint, will be at 7.30am on Tuesday 29th July

The parish is offering copies of the Parish History Book, written by Dr Damian John Gleeson, at a reduced rate of \$10. The Book was published to commemorate the Parish Centenary in 2016. Discover the history of St Martha's

Parish Strathfield in this skilfully written, carefully researched book that

includes a large number of historic photographs, illustrations and documents. Find out the story of the Parish, the evolution of its identity as a unique Catholic community, its beliefs, relationships and challenges. Copies will be available in the Church Foyer for the next few weeks.

Payment can be placed in the secure box provided.



Family History Month at Liverpool Library

Irish Bigamy

New insights into colonial New South Wales

This Family History Month, join us for a fascinating talk exploring love, marriage and bigamy among Irish convicts in early New South Wales. We welcome historian and genealogist Dr. Damian John Gleeson, who will share insights from his new book, "Irish Bigamy: New Insights into Colonial New South Wales". Based on over 100 real cases, Dr. Gleeson reveals how convicts — regardless of religion — navigated relationships and sometimes bent the rules to remarry in the early colony. Dr. Damian John Gleeson is a well-regarded genealogist and historian, with numerous publications in both Australia and Ireland. His latest book, "Irish Bigamy: New Insights into Colonial New South Wales" will be available for purchase for \$30.00.

Friday 1st of August

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Liverpool City Library (Yellamundie)

Bookings are essential:

<https://events.humanitix.com/family-history-month-irish-bigamy-with-damian-gleeson>



26th & 27th July


Special Ministers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Peter McCluskey	Gina Surjadinata	Elias Family	Helen Williamson
	Marian McCluskey	Andri Surjadinata	Maria Soares	Volunteer Needed
Readers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Lisa Dennis	Greg Glass	Elias Family	Owen Loney
	Patricia Saad	Sonia Gomez	Mark Soares	Volunteer Needed
Altar Servers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Celeste S.	Mary Louise I.	Alysha N.	Volunteer Needed
	Thomas S.	Archie S.	Aidan M.	Volunteer Needed
	Jeff C.	Shannon D.	Elias Family	Volunteer Needed
	Matthew Z.	Volunteer Needed	Elias Family	Volunteer Needed
Wardens	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Linda Praum	Georgette Sahyoun	Trudie Rogers	Paulina Roncevic

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:	Catherine Tolme, Percy Karunatileka, William Terence McWilliams, Joseph Ramanathan, Luke James Manassa, Maria Nguyen Thi Mung, Robert (Bob) O'Hara.
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, Rachel Francis, Norma Peralta Collantes, Peter Sereno, Phillip & Hind Azar, Emile & Foula Moubarak, Bridie McWilliams, John Harrington, Patricia Wilson.
Anniversaries:	Giuseppe & Maria Andreacchio, John McNamara, William (Bill) Starr, Antonio Truscello, Samir Hakin, Mary Anne Harrington, Clare Kenny, Vincenzo Nadile, Elie Sahyoun, Frank Hickey, Mary Baini.
Sick Intentions:	Giuseppe Mazzaferro, Elliot Leahy, Jason Gereis, Br Tony Wheelan cfc, Toni N, Norma Habib, Joe Everitt, Alf Buda, Ann Cincotta-Tangey, 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 & Reg O'Neill.

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.



[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/Y9VND5C9](https://tinyurl.com/y9vnd5c9)

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

To purchase tickets visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1367178>

TABLES OF 10 OR SINGLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE

MUST BE OVER 18 YEARS OLD TO ATTEND

RSVP 18TH JULY 2025

