



# 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**

## 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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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:

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> Monday** during the **school term only**.

Contact: [elena.razzoli@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto: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](mailto: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.

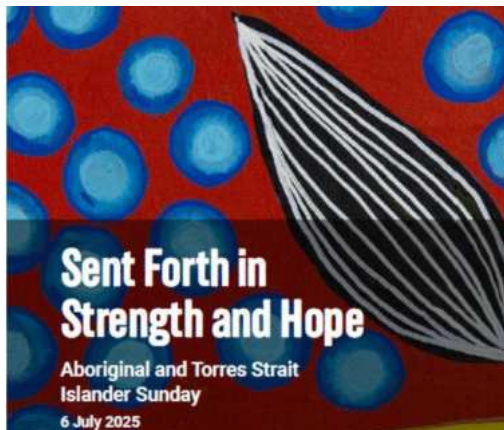
**Please support our Catholic Press**  
**Copies of the Catholic Weekly are in the Church Foyer \$2.**



*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"*



The Annual Holy Father's Appeal is running this weekend 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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.



## ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

Artwork by Polly Anne Carter

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday falls within the National celebration of NAIDOC Week. A week where we celebrate history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. This year, we come together under the theme: "Sent Forth in Strength and Hope." It is Christ who sends us to walk together in faith, grounded in the deep spirituality and culture of First Nations Peoples, strengthened by the Gospel, and filled with hope for the future God is leading us into. Our Catholic Church is a tapestry woven from many cultures. From the enduring wisdom of the world's oldest continuing cultures — the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples — to those who have journeyed from distant lands, we are one Body in Christ. In our diversity, we discover richness. In our unity, we find strength. And in every heart,

we see the Spirit of God at work. Saint John Paul II once reminded us: "The Church herself is enriched by the development of different forms of culture... she takes them up in her evangelising mission and adopts them." Today, we honour that truth. We celebrate the living story of faith and culture walking hand in hand — of ancient traditions alive in Christ, and of a Church made more whole when all are welcomed, seen, and heard. The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) invites you to enter into today's Liturgy with open hearts. May it deepen your appreciation of First Nations spirituality, draw us closer in Christ, and renew our shared calling toward reconciliation, justice, and love. May the Holy Spirit move among us and send us forth — in the strength of Christ and in the unshakable hope of the Gospel. May God bless us all on this journey together.



**Background on the Gospel Reading (Loyola Press):** Today's Gospel begins immediately after the final verse in last Sunday's Gospel. After strong language about the difficulties of discipleship, Jesus immediately appoints 72 people to go ahead of him to every town and place he plans to visit, proclaiming that the Kingdom of God is at hand. He sends them in pairs. In the Law of Moses two witnesses were needed for a testimony to be credible. It was probably also a safer way to travel. Jesus admits it will be difficult, that he is sending them out like lambs among wolves. Yet they are to bring nothing with them, not even a money bag or sandals. They are to greet no one on the way so as not to be distracted from their mission. When they enter a house, their message is simply "peace." The response they will receive may be positive or negative. Either way, they are to know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. They are not to demand special treatment but eat and drink whatever is given them. They are to stay in one house and are not to look around for one that provides better accommodations. They are to heal the sick as a sign that the Kingdom of God is at hand for them. Like Jesus' miracles, healing is a sign of the coming of the kingdom. If the town will not receive them, they are to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Even in the case of such rejection they should know that the Kingdom of God is at hand. When they return from their journeys, they are rejoicing because their mission has been successful. Demons were under their power because of Jesus' name. Jesus may have sent them out as lambs among wolves, but at the conclusion of this passage he assures them that they have been given power over the enemy and nothing will harm them, not even serpents and scorpions. A key theme of today's Gospel and last Sunday's Gospel is discipleship—its challenges, its difficulties, and its rewards. Sharing in the mission of Jesus is difficult, but everyone is called to do it, not just some professionals trained for ministry. Even for us today, the harvest is plentiful. We should pray to the master of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.



**Family Connection:** Families teach a sense of togetherness and community. It is in the family that we learn that we are dependent on one another and where we learn to work together and live together. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus sends out the 72 disciples in pairs, a sign that we are to work together to serve the mission of the Kingdom of God. Talk about all the ways that your family works together. Talk about the various chores and tasks that family members work on together to accomplish in order to keep the household running smoothly. Read aloud Luke 10:1-12, 17-20. Talk about why it was important that Jesus sent his disciples out in pairs. Discuss ways that

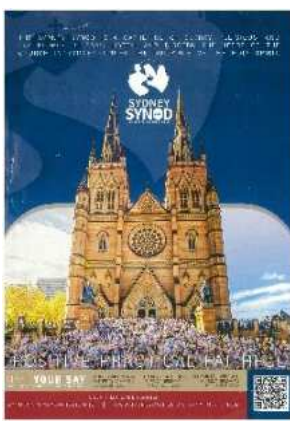
your family can work more closely together to support one another and to make the household run more smoothly. Pray for the strength to overcome the temptation to be too individualistic and to recognize the need for working together as a family.

**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 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN THE COMING WEEKS.**



## **SYDNEY SNOD RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYER**



### **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.*

<b>12<sup>th</sup> &amp; 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>				
<b>Special Ministers</b>	<b>5PM</b>	<b>8AM</b>	<b>10AM</b>	<b>6PM</b>
	Lisa Dennis	Georgette Sahyoun	Rachel Suriano	Mary L'Estrange
	Joanne Touma	Peter Yamin	Maria Soares	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Readers</b>	<b>5PM</b>	<b>8AM</b>	<b>10AM</b>	<b>6PM</b>
	Maria Soo	Paulina Roncevic	Mark Soares	Melanie John
	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Robert Smith	Merlyn D'Souza	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>	<b>5PM</b>	<b>8AM</b>	<b>10AM</b>	<b>6PM</b>
	Grace T.	Archie S.	Marcus V.	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
	Peter T.	Henry L.	Elijah M.	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Amy L.	Christine C.	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Wardens</b>	<b>5PM</b>	<b>8AM</b>	<b>10AM</b>	<b>6PM</b>
	Joy Li	Anton De Almaida	Trudie Rogers	Anthony Thurn

### **Mass Intentions**

<b>Recently Deceased:</b>	Luke James Manassa, 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.
<b>Repose of The Soul:</b>	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.
<b>Anniversaries:</b>	Elie Sahyoun, Frank Hickey, Giuseppe Andreacchio, Mary Baini, Daniel Lucich, May Chapman, Elise May Corelli, Patrick Ryan, Peter & Margaret Hetherton, Sr Audette Mansour rsm.
<b>Sick Intentions:</b>	Giuseppe Mazzaferro, Elliot Leahy, 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).
<b>Special Intentions:</b>	Deceased friends, relatives & Benefactors of the Dominican Order. Deceased members of the Georges & Sassine Families.



## Reflection for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

(Young Catholics)

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C calls us to reflect on God's care, the message of the Cross, and the call to discipleship. Through the readings, we see the joy of trusting in God, the importance of humility, and the hope found in sharing His love with others. These themes encourage us to rejoice in God's blessings, rely on Jesus, and embrace the mission He has given us.

**Rejoicing in God's Care** - The first reading for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us to rejoice in God's care. Isaiah describes how God comforts His people, bringing joy and peace to their lives. This image of God's care is like that of a loving mother who provides for her children with tenderness and compassion. This message encourages us to trust in God, even in difficult moments. His care is constant, and His blessings are all around us. By recognizing His love in our lives, we can find strength and peace, no matter the challenges we face. Rejoicing in God's care also calls us to gratitude. We can look at the blessings in our lives and thank God for them. It helps us to see that even in times of struggle, God is present, guiding and helping us.

**Glory in the Cross** - In the second reading for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, Paul reminds us to glory only in the Cross of Christ. The Cross shows us how much God loves us and brings salvation to the world. It is not about worldly success or personal pride, but about what Christ has done for us. This reflection on the Cross invites us to live humbly, trusting in God's plan rather than our own achievements. Paul's message shows us that our lives should centre on Jesus and His sacrifice, not on seeking approval or power from others. When we focus on the Cross, it changes how we see our lives. It helps us to embrace faith, hope, and love, even in the face of challenges. The Cross reminds us that Jesus is our greatest source of strength and that His love is always with us.

**The Joy and Challenge of Discipleship** - The Gospel for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C gives us a glimpse of life with Jesus and His disciples. The disciples are sent on a mission, preaching and healing in Jesus' name. Their work brings joy, even though it involves hardship. They are learning and growing, becoming more like Jesus through their actions. Discipleship brings both challenges and hope. The work of sharing God's love is not always easy, but it is rewarding. We can find joy in following Jesus when we remember that He is with us and gives us the strength we need. Jesus also gives clear guidance to His disciples. He tells them to travel in pairs, rely on God, and accept the hospitality of others. He reminds them to stay humble and to move on when rejected. These instructions show us how to live as disciples today, trusting in God and focusing on the mission of love and peace.

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

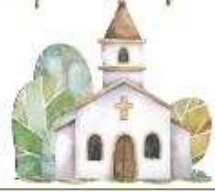
TABLES OF 10 OR SINGLE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE  
MUST BE OVER 18 YEARS OLD TO ATTEND

RSVP 18TH JULY 2025



YOU ARE INVITED TO

## St Martha's Feast Day




CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF EDUCATION

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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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