



# ST MARTHA'S PARISH STRATHFIELD

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***'It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner' - Luke 17***

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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](mailto: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**

**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.**



**Happy Birthday to Fr John who celebrated his Birthday on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October.**

**His 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October.**



## IN THIS JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

**Come and hear a word of Hope**

**You are invited to a series of talks to help reawaken Faith and Hope**

"...a hope which will not let us down, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us." (RM 5:5)

*"...reawaken in us, pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of Heaven." (Jubilee Prayer)*

**Sundays and Thursdays at 7.00pm in the Parish hall (the old Church).**

**Child minding provided. Enquiries: Domenico 0419 536 536.**



Fresh look at Sydney's pioneering priest, Fr Therry. Fr John Joseph Therry is one of the pillars of the Catholic Church in Australia. A book to be published next year by Colonial Press explains the significance of this 200th anniversary. Drawing on thousands of rare and previously unpublished letters uncovered in Irish and Australian archives, historian Damian John Gleeson shows that Therry's "dismissal" had the opposite effect to this controversial decision: it galvanised support for an unconventional and intensely nationalist priest across the religious divide. If readers have documents relating to the church in early NSW, Port Phillip or Van Diemen's Land and Fr Therry's connection, Gleeson asks them to get in touch with him at [carnew1798@gmail.com](mailto:carnew1798@gmail.com) or PO Box 343 Goulburn NSW 2580.



## **PRE-ORDERS ARE NOW READY FOR COLLECTION IN THE SACRISTY AFTER MASS**

**2026 GOD'S WORD DAILY REFLECTIONS BIBLE DIARIES – LIMITED STOCK IS AVAILABLE SO RESERVE YOUR COPY NOW.** These Bible Diaries are designed to help you to keep the Word of God close to your heart in your daily life. A companion on the journey to pray, to share, to grow in God's love and be nourished by the Word of God make these an ideal Christmas gift. Please write your name and contact details on a payment envelope in the Church Foyer. **\$20 each (rrp \$21.95) Cash payments only.**

### **SEEKING PARTICIPANTS FOR THE REGIONAL CONSULTATION FOR THE**

**SYNOD OF SYDNEY 2026** - His Grace, Archbishop Anthony Fisher is encouraging participants from parishes throughout Sydney to register for a Regional Consultation in preparation for the Synod of Sydney next year. The next consultation will be held at St Mary's Cathedral on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October from 6pm-9pm**. Registration can be done online at [Trybooking.com/DAVZE](https://trybooking.com/DAVZE). I encourage parishioners to participate in this event. Any queries may be directed to Father John at the parish office [admin@stmarthas.org.au](mailto:admin@stmarthas.org.au)



**October is the month of the Rosary. A prayer full of blessings as we contemplate the mysteries of our salvation. Let us make use of this beautiful prayer as we continue to grow together in faith and love.** We extend our sincerest thanks to the Quan Family, formerly from the Solomon Islands and Founders of the Rosary Mission Group, for generously donating a variety of colourful hand-made and beautifully beaded Rosaries to St Martha's. The Rosary can be a source of hope and comfort, especially during challenging times. Praying the Holy Rosary is a great opportunity for each of us to strengthen our relationship with Our Lady. The Blessed Rosaries are available in the Church foyer and are free, however an offering into the



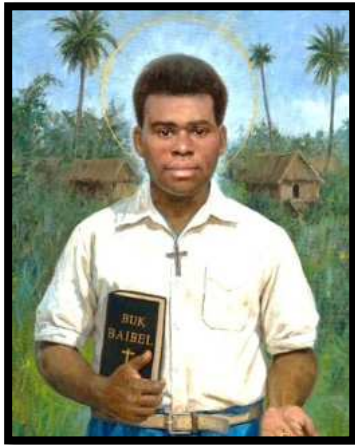
offerings into the Church Foyer.

**LIFELINE DONATION BOX** would be appreciated. **THE DONATION BOX IS LOCATED IN THE CHURCH FOYER**





**IMPORTANT NOTICE: WHEN PARKING IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND  
PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE ONTO THE GRASSED AREA. THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR COOPERATION.**



The Canonisation of Papua New Guinea's first saint, Blessed Peter ToRot will be on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Peter ToRot was a lay catechist who was martyred in 1945 for continuing his apostolate despite a ban imposed by the Japanese. His case is special for several reasons: he will be the first native Papuan saint, a fervent defender of marriage and the family, a catechist committed to the mission of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. His sanctity is the fruit of the close collaboration of priests and laity in evangelisation. Prayer cards will be available in the Church foyer. Mass will be celebrated on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025 commencing 2.30pm at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Randwick. All welcome to attend! On Sunday, 26 October, Holy Cross Parish, Kincumber, in the Diocese of Broken Bay, will host a Mass at 11 am in honour of the newly canonised saint, followed by refreshments. The day will also include unveiling a St Peter To Rot relic, blessing a new statue of St Mary MacKillop, and presenting papal blessings to dedicated parish volunteers. Peter To Rot was a lay catechist and martyr who continued his Christian ministry during the Japanese occupation of PNG in WWII. Let us come together in faith and thanksgiving to celebrate his inspiring witness.

**PLEASE  
DO NOT  
DRIVE OR  
PARK ON  
GRASS**

**Background on the Gospel Reading (Loyola Press):** Today we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke's Gospel, faith is found in surprising places. Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

**Family Connection:** Children fluctuate between moments of deep, heartfelt gratitude and an attitude of entitlement. These fluctuations are normal. Among our tasks as parents is to help foster the gift of gratitude, particularly gratitude to God for all God's goodness to us. Read today's Gospel, Luke 17:11-19. Make a poster showing some of the gifts from God to your family. Display this poster in a prominent place and, as a family, write a prayer of thanksgiving for all of God's goodness to you.

**Let us keep the HSC students and their families in our prayers during  
this time of preparation for the final exams.**

**Prayer for HSC Students**

Dear Lord, we ask for your blessing on our students that are preparing  
to undertake HSC Examinations over the coming weeks.  
Grant them the confidence they deserve from their years of diligent study.  
Grant them the ability to comprehend questions  
and effectively plan and articulate their responses.  
May they be enriched by the gifts of the Holy Spirit  
Wisdom, Understanding, Fortitude and Knowledge.  
May their faith and piety give them the strength to face these examinations  
and the satisfaction of achieving their personal best.  
We ask these things though Christ Our Lord, Amen.

**18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Special Ministers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Beatrice Bonett	Gina Surjadinata	Jackie Romanous	Kyneth Torcato
	Lisa Debbus	Andri Surjadinata	Rita Piras	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Readers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Maria Soo	Maria Yu	Anne Marrins	Owen Loney
	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Robert Smith	Steven Doumit	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Altar Servers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Marissa B.	Mary Louise I.	Jay L.	<b>Zachary A.</b>
	Olivia B.	Archie S.	Jarvis L.	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Austin S.	Courtney O.	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Shannon D.	Charlize O.	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Wardens	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Linda Praum	Georgette Sahyoun	Trudie Rogers	Paulina Roncevic

# MISSIONARIES OF HOPE

among all peoples



## Appeal Weekend 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October

For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

**This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.**



FreeCall: 1800 257 296  
catholicmission.org.au/mission



**NEWSLETTER:** THE SEMINARY OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD are delighted to welcome you to the second edition of *The House of the Good Shepherd*, biannual publication by the Seminary. In this edition, you'll find fresh insights, inspiring stories, and updates that reflect the vibrant spirit of our community. We ask that you keep our seminarians in your continued prayers. Your spiritual support is a source of strength and grace, and it helps sustain the work we do. Link:

<https://sgs.org.au/newsletter>



## First Reconciliation

(For Year 2 Students or older)

### Enrol Now

On our parish webpage

<https://stmarthas.org.au/sacraments/reconciliation/>

(Enrolments close Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at our Information Session)

### Don't forget

**Information Session with Fr. John**

*Compulsory for one parent to attend*

*(Both are welcome. Children can attend, though session will be for parents)*

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025 @ 6pm**

In the Church of St Martha's Strathfield

## Mass Intentions

<b>Recently Deceased:</b>	Maree O'Hara, Brother Bob Wallace, Salvatore Corelli, Giuseppe Mazzaferro, Georgette Tannous, Greg Whitby, Dr Dexter Ekanayake, John Wright, Monsignor Kerry Bayada, Terry McCarthy, Tommy Patch, Pepito Awayan, Raymond Jung.
<b>Repose of The Soul:</b>	Fr Adrian Horgan, Fr Paul Ryan, Fr Mark Beard, Elias & Julia Georges, Luke Manassa, Alfredo Pjanic, Kevin Bouffler, Br Ray Dowding, Francesco & Sarina Campanale, Daniel Lucich, Stefano, Francesco & Maria Colagiuri, Filomena & Giuseppe Pagano, Matteo & Caterina Genova, Caterina Guarina, Frances & Harry 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, 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, Salvatore La Cava, Marie Mastan, Illuminata Raspa.
<b>Anniversaries:</b>	Michael Issa, Saad Saad, Alfred, Charlotte & Juliette Alam, Ken & Patricia Miller, Maria Giovanna Frino, Gerald Wilson, Campbell Farrell, Dorothea Starr, Frank & Kathleen Moynihan, Joseph Manning, Khalil Herro.
<b>Sick Intentions:</b>	Paul Moynihan, Helen McAlister, Sr Marilyn Farley, Elliot Leahy, Toni N, Norma Habib, Joe Everitt, Alf Buda, Ann Cincotta-Tangey, Mark Samaha, John Weitering, John Hay, Ajith Antony, Rudy Raeburn, Robert Rumore, Carmine 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), Ajay Babu Avirneni.
<b>Special Intentions:</b>	The Corelli, Howell, Mazzaferro & Coluccio Families, Nelly Galano, Dareth Flavell, Henry Quan & Willie Quan, Savitri & Anusha. Deceased friends, relatives & Benefactors of the Dominican Order & St Vincent de Paul Society.