



ST MARTHA'S PARISH STRATHFIELD

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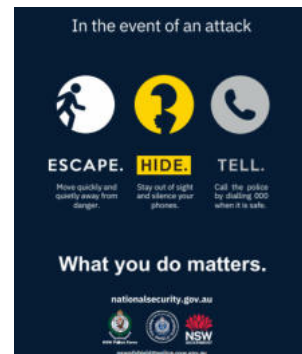
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'Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom' - Luke 23

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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:

Resumes 9th February 2026

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

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

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.**



JUBILEE INDULGENCE 'PILGRIMAGE' – 24th November 2025

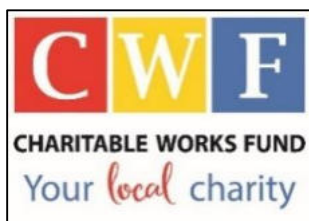
Dear Parishioners, as you know, in this year of the Jubilee of Hope, we can apply a Plenary Indulgence for a departed soul, or for another living person in need of this grace. To facilitate this Special Grace, we will have an opportunity on **Monday 24th November** to fulfil the conditions required for applying the Indulgence. This includes sacramental confession, celebrating Mass, praying for Pope Leo XIV, professing the Creed and visiting a designated Indulgence Church. So, on

Monday 24th November, from 5.30pm to 6.30pm there will be sacramental confession available in our Parish Church at St Martha's. Then at 7.00pm there will be Holy Mass celebrated by Father John Hayes at St Joachim's Church Lidcombe, one of the 12 Indulgence Churches in Sydney. In this month of November, this is a very fitting way to pray for the departed souls of our loved ones.

Heartfelt Community Fundraiser Event – Wednesday 26th November at 7pm at Strathfield Golf Club. Hosted by Charbel Raish and Fr John Iacono.



**Congratulations to the Candidates that received
THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION during the week. Thank you to
Linda Praum, Sacramental Coordinator, teachers, helpers and parents for preparing the
children.**



CWF NOVEMBER PARISH APPEAL - The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal is still running this weekend. The Quota for our parish is \$7,675. Your donation will help those most vulnerable in Sydney. Appeal envelopes are available in the Church Foyer. You can also make a donation and find out more at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf

During the month of November, we remember those who have returned to the Father

We invite all families to write the names of departed loved ones in the books of remembrance. Mass Offering Envelopes are also available. (names cannot be printed in the Weekly Bulletin due to the large volume). We contemplate the lives and deaths of our loved ones and all the departed, recognizing our unity with them in the Church, and praying for their eternal rest. It is a time to be thankful for the gift of life, remember the power of God's love, and reflect on the destructive power of sin, while also reaffirming faith in eternal life through Christ's victory over death. This day provides a moment to extend compassion, hope, and prayer for those who have passed.

We sincerely thank all those who have ministered for our parish for so many years. As parishioners move on and altar servers grow up, we are in need of more volunteers to join the regular roster, especially for the Sunday 6pm Mass.

The new roster commencing January 2026 is currently being compiled. Please advise the parish office of any changes or if you wish to join in these Ministries by 1st December. A gentle reminder also that it is essential that we follow guidelines set out by the Archdiocese. If you are an Acolyte; Reader; Eucharistic minister or in the Music Ministry you are required to sign in – (red folders are kept in the sacristy). The altar servers sign in folder is located in the side corridor.

To assist with the preparation of rosters for the Christmas Masses would any parishioners who are on the regular rosters please volunteer if available. The Sign Up Sheets are now located in the Church Foyer.

St Vincent de Paul 2025 Columban Calendars & Christmas Card packs are now available for \$10.00.

**2026 GOD'S WORD DAILY REFLECTIONS –
PRE CORDERS ARE READY TO COLLECT IN THE SACRISTY AFTER MASS.**



**THERE WILL BE NO PARKING IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS ON
SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER FOR THE 8AM AND 10AM MASSES.**

St Martha's Piety Stall located in the Church foyer has a wide variety of sacramental and religious goods such as candles, statues, rosaries, cards, and other devotional items. Please see the warden after Mass if you would like to purchase an item.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal **Weekend 13th & 14th December**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold its annual Christmas Appeal in this Parish on 13th & 14th December 2025. Envelopes on the seats can be placed in either collection. You can also give by QR Code to the Appeal's Fundraising Website which will issue you with a receipt in real time. The focus of this year's Appeal is the ongoing Cost of Living Crisis resulting in housing insecurity, homelessness, food stress and hunger, family breakdown, and increased physical and mental illness as people must choose between food or medical treatment. We frequently assist whole families living in crisis accommodation. St. Martha's Conference of Vinnies and those we serve would be most grateful for anything you can give to help. **Anthony Thurn, President Strathfield Conference.**

Background on the Gospel Reading (Loyola Press): Today as a Church, we conclude our liturgical year and celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The Gospel we proclaim shows the great mystery of our faith: In the moment of his crucifixion, Jesus is shown to be King and Savior of all. Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Savior of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation. Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Saviour of all.



**K-6
Family Mass**

**Sunday 7th December
10am**

We warmly invite all families from the Parish to celebrate Mass with us as part of our final 100 year celebrations.

Following Mass we look forward to enjoying a special morning tea together on the playground.

Please RSVP using the QR code below by 1st December.



**Celebrating
100
Years of Education
in 2025**

Family Connection: Understanding today's Feast of Christ the King may be particularly challenging. While we may not have a direct experience of kings or royalty, we have some sense of what these mean. We know that royalty have sovereignty over their kingdom. We know that those who are subjects to royalty offer them allegiance and honor. Christ is King in a way that is different from traditional understandings of royalty. Christ's kingship extends to all places, all people, and all times. Christ manifests his kingship through his death on the Cross, in which he offers salvation to all. Recall with your children stories that you may have read about royalty. Talk with your children about what they have learned from these stories about what it means to be a king. Talk about what they have learned from these stories about what it means to be a subject. Tell your children that this Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church Year, and on this Sunday, we celebrate a special feast called the Feast of Christ the King. Read today's Gospel, Luke 23:35-43. Reflect together on how the various people in this Gospel respond to Jesus on the Cross. Who in this Gospel recognizes Jesus as King? (the thief) What does Jesus promise the thief as a result? (The thief will be with Jesus in paradise.) Talk about how your family will recognize and honor Christ the King. Pray together the Lord's Prayer and ask God to help your family to act in ways that show you recognize and honor Christ as King.

The Dominican Sisters of Eastern Australia and the Solomon Islands are seeking an experienced Assistant in Nursing. The position is based in Strathfield. Hours: Mon-Sat, 8.30am-1.30pm. Enquiries Colleen 97449511.

THANK YOU TO OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

As we celebrate the Feast of St Cecilia, the patron saint of music, we thank our musicians for their service in the music ministry. Anyone wishing to share their gifts and talents by joining the music ministry in 2026 please contact Marion Li on 0417 200 538.

The Parish wishes to sincerely thank the Catechists of St Martha's for their generous commitment to teaching Special Religious Education to the children in the State schools during 2025. A very special thank you to Lorraine Kazzi for her coordination and assistance.

29 th & 30 th November				
Special Ministers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Lisa Dennis	Georgette Sahyoun	Rachel Suriano	Mary L'Estrange
	Joanne Touma	Volunteer Needed	Maria Soares	Volunteer Needed
Readers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Maria Soo	Paulina Roncevic	Mark Soares	Melanie John
	Volunteer Needed	Robert Smith	Merlyn D'Souza	Volunteer Needed
Altar Servers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Grace T.	Archie S.	Marcus V.	Volunteer Needed
	Peter T.	Volunteer Needed	Elijah M.	Volunteer Needed
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Christian C.	Volunteer Needed
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Wardens	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Joy Li	Mary Daly	Trudie Rogers	Theresa Kuk

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:	Michelle Hugonnet, Sr Pauline Riley OP, Sr Mary Raphael rsm, Alan Cuthbert, Kazimiera Kotulski, Paul Moynihan, Maree O'Hara, Brother Bob Wallace
Repose of The Soul:	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 Guarnia, Frances & Harry Doumit, Frederick McDowell, Dorothy Harris, James Brady, Elizabeth Keating, Anne Cecilia Glass, Reginald & Agnes Glass, Giuseppe Mazzaferro & Salvatore Corelli, 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, Pauline Gibson, Novak Victor Cujic, Caterina Severino, Narcisa Saya.
Anniversaries:	Dominic Van So Duong, Mary Dinhvu & John Hao Vu, Padma Rajah Sittampalam, John & Clare Musso, Dorothy & Carl Butler, Frank & Marie Monaghan, Maud Soares & Blanche Saldanha, Thomas Kenny, Emile & Foula Moubarak, Aida & Domenico Bucciarelli, Camillia & Carlo Tiberio, Slaiman Herro, Elias Georges, Anthony Menino D'Costa, Hamide Najjar, Noha Dimnasi Srour, Frances Doumit, Tina Doumit, Margaret McGannon, Don Khoury, Vito & Giuseppina Iannella.
Sick Intentions:	Dareth Flavell, Geoff Sims, Corrina Abraham, Cameron Stacy, 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, 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), Ajay Babu Avirneni.
Special Intentions:	Deceased friends, relatives & Benefactors of the Dominican Order & St Vincent de Paul Society.

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 Entrances. If you would like a Mass offered on a particular date, please contact the parish office to arrange this.

Please visit the Church Notice-Boards for upcoming events.

