



# ST MARTHA'S PARISH STRATHFIELD

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**'God sent his Son to save the world through him' ... John 3**


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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**

  
**Please continue to support the St Vincent De Paul Society through the Church Poor Boxes.**

**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.**

## 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: [Info@stmstrathfield.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Info@stmstrathfield.catholic.edu.au)

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



## 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](mailto: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.**

*"Always loving, thoughtful and kind, such beautiful memories she leaves behind"*



It is with deep sadness and very heavy hearts to announce the sudden and unexpected passing of Marion Li last Sunday night, 24<sup>th</sup> May after a very brief illness.

This has been a devastating week for the Li Family and we ask you to keep them in your prayers as they navigate through this profound loss.

We especially pray for her partner Hendra and their 3 year-old son Thomas, her parents Joy and David, and her sister Jacqueline and family members. Please also pray for all the members of our close-knit music ministry who are also coming to terms with this loss.

Marion was a highly valued member of our parish community and she will be missed more than words can ever express.

As our Music Coordinator, she delighted us with her musical talents during weekend Masses, Christmas and Easter Liturgies and other special events.

UPDATES REGARDING MARION'S FUNERAL WILL BE SHARED AS SOON AS THEY ARE CONFIRMED.

"Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Father Liem has a Birthday approaching on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

**\*\* END OF FINANCIAL YEAR PROCESS \*\***

**The Last Banking day for the 2025/2026 Financial Year will be at 9am on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.**

**Any donations received after this date will go into the next financial year.**

New sets of 2026/27 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.

### PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

Would you like to become a regular contributor to St Martha's Church?

If so, please fill in this slip and return it to the Parish Office via any collection plate or send an email with your details to the parish office at [admin@stmarthas.org.au](mailto:admin@stmarthas.org.au).

Name..... Telephone No.: .....

Address:.....

Email : .....

WOULD LIKE ENVELOPES

WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE USING CREDIT CARD OR DIRECT DEBIT



The **Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal** is still running this weekend. **So far we have raised \$3,010 towards our \$7,395.00 parish quota.** The CWF funds six agencies: Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, CatholicCare, Chaplaincies, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), Ephpheta Centre and The Seminary of the Good Shepherd. The generosity of those who contribute financially to the CWF, means that these agencies are able to assist thousands of people each year. Envelopes are available at the Church Entrances or you can give directly online by visiting <https://www.ourfaithhourworks.org/parishgiving/#donate>

**Background on the Gospel Reading (Loyola Press)** This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons. Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit. Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God. Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life. After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18. In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it. The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

**Family Connection:** Because of God's great love for us, he sent his Son, Jesus, to save the world. Jesus, in turn, sent the Holy Spirit so that our faith in God and his love would be strengthened. The nurturing experiences of family life also help us to understand and have faith in God's love. Create a family poster together showing all the ways in which your family experiences God's great love. Use symbols, pictures, and words to show how you have seen God at work in your family life and in our history. Then read together today's Gospel, John 3:16-18. Pray together, thanking God for his gift of love. Conclude by praying the Glory Be to the Father or today's Psalm.

## *Understanding Scripture (Liturgia)*

### **THEOPHANY - WHEN GOD APPEARS**

The first reading from Exodus describes a 'theophany' - a visible manifestation of the presence of God. Usually, the appearance of God (e.g., when God appeared to Moses on Mount Sinai) was accompanied by physical phenomena such as these: 'peals of thunder and lightning, and a heavy cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast . . . Mount Sinai was all wrapped in smoke, for the Lord came down upon it in fire. The smoke rose from it as though from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently' (Exodus 19:16, 18; also, Ps 18:7-15; note the cloud in this Sunday's first reading). Often such a terrifying sight inspired awe and fear; people kept their distance (e.g., Exodus 20:18-19; Deut 18:16) or covered their faces (e.g., Exodus 3:6; 1 Kings 19:13). It was believed that people who saw the face of God would die (Gen 16:13; Exodus 33:20; Judges 6:22; 113:22). In this Sunday's reading, as God becomes manifest in the cloud, 'Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship' (34:8). Yet despite the awe-inspiring and terrifying presence of God, Moses is told that 'the Lord [is] a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity' (34:6). In the history of God's relationship with the chosen people God would unfailingly manifest fidelity and mercy; to be sure, sin was punished but the love of God never abandoned the people. The definitive manifestation of God's love comes in Jesus: 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son' (John 3:16). The fidelity, kindness, and graciousness of God - accompanied by the terrifying phenomena described above - now take physical form in the incarnation of Jesus, the Word made Flesh (John 1:14). The God who formerly could not be seen now appears in human form (Philippians 2:6-11 - Palm Sunday); the God who could not be approached is now approachable (Hebrews 4:16; 7:25; 12:18). The relationship between God and Israel was symbolised by the 'two stone tablets' Moses carried - the tablets of God's Law and covenant. But now that divine-human relationship is made personal in Jesus.



## **May 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 can receive many benefits from praying the Rosary. We can have peace

of mind, an increase in love for Jesus, unity with our Church, follow Mary's request, understand better the will of God in our lives, and a greater focus on God instead of ourselves. Before you pray the Rosary, take a moment to quiet yourself. Pray before you begin, asking God to be with you and lead you. As you pray, reflect on the mysteries with your intention in mind. Write down any messages, insights, or thoughts that came to you as you prayed that you want to remember. 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 now available in the Church foyer. An offering into the **LIFELINE DONATION BOX** would be appreciated.

## Mass Intentions

<b>Recently Deceased:</b>	Marion Li, Dilki Peiris, Hannah Theresa Teklic, Graham Burland, Sister Patricia Bell, Peter Tohme, Marion Issa, Madeleine O'Rourke, Pat (Ivy) Killalea, Peter Cranny, Ana Adaman, Anne Burton, Matthew Quan, Nancy Au, Grace Maria Rumore, Andre Miguel Marquez.
<b>Repose of The Soul:</b>	Fr Adrian Horgan, Fr Paul Ryan, Kevin Bouffler, Br Ray Dowding, Francesco & Sarina Campanale, Daniel Lucich, Stefano, Francesco & Maria Colagiuri, Mena Tarzia, 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, Filomena & Giuseppe Pagano, Joseph Tannous, Nejja 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, Pauline Gibson, Robert Rumore, Elize Castelino, Jim Bradbury, Julian & Mabel Doyle, Olga Chidiac, Joseph & Charbel Mannah.
<b>Anniversaries:</b>	Tony Khoury, Zmerod Chidiac, Terry McWilliams, Michael John Cusack, Stephen Patrick Cusack, Kevin Bouffler, Dennis O'Hara, Andrew Coote, Paul Duggan, Boulos Bainsi, Joseph Mannah, Dionisio Parulan, Michael Leahy, Rex Fernandes, Joseph Lam, Carmel Josephine Jack, Maureen Marrins Allan, Anne Bechara.
<b>Sick Intentions:</b>	Dan Deehan, Simon Alam, Patrick Connolly, Amy Scott, Dareth Flavell, Paul Woodbury, Baby Mia Valente, Geoff Sims, Cameron Stacy, Helen McAlister, Elliot Leahy, Norma Habib, Joe Everitt, Alf Buda, Ann Cincotta-Tangey, Mark Samaha, John Weitering, John Hay, Ajith Antony, 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.
<b>Special Intentions:</b>	Members of the Li and Deehan Families. Deceased friends, relatives & Benefactors of the Dominican Order & St Vincent de Paul Society.

### 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> June

**IF YOU CANNOT FULFIL YOUR ROSTER DUTY PLEASE ORGANISE A REPLACEMENT.**

	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Grace Herro	Gina Surjadinata	Relyn Aguinaldo	Theresa Kuk
	Rick Herro	Andri Surjadinata	Rita Piras	Volunteer Needed
	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
<b>Readers</b>	Maria Soo	John Edwards	Emmanuel Nathan	Owen Loney
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Michael Quinland	Volunteer Needed
	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Beatrix A.	Mary Louise I.	Emilio A.	Volunteer Needed
	Collin A.	Archie S.	Emilia T.	Volunteer Needed
	Ethan P.	Ryan W.	Ryan L.	Volunteer Needed
	Volunteer Needed	Dylan W.	Charlotte L.	Volunteer Needed
	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM



This winter, we're calling on our community to help support locals doing it tough. By donating to Vinnies, you'll help provide warmth, practical support, and hope to families in our area who need it most during the colder months.

Every contribution makes a real difference.

SCAN TO DONATE



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DR JOANNA HOWE
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TRADIES FOR BABIES

# LIFE RALLY Sydney

6-7PM | TUESDAY 2 JUNE 2026  
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