

ST MARTHA'S PARISH STRATHFIELD

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'He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out' ... Matthew 9


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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
 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.

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: Info@stmstrathfield.catholic.edu.au

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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 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.

Father Liem will be away from the parish until 14th July.
We wish him safe and happy travelling.

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

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

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Understanding Scripture (Liturgia) - Disciples and Mission

There seem to be three different groups of people in this Sunday's gospel: 'the disciples' (9:37), 'the twelve disciples' (10:1), 'the twelve apostles' (10:2). The 'disciples' are the broadest group of those who follow Jesus. One does not volunteer to be a disciple; one must be called by Jesus. Apparently, there is also a sub-group of 'twelve disciples' who are obviously 'the twelve apostles.' The technical term 'apostle' means 'one who is sent out.' The 'twelve' are properly called 'apostles' only when they are 'sent out' (10:5) 'to drive . . . out [demons] and to cure every disease and every illness' (10:1). The term 'apostles' appears only this one time in Matthew's gospel; apparently the term itself is not of great significance to Matthew, but the number 'twelve' is. There are four references to 'the twelve disciples,' and three references to 'the Twelve' who will 'sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel' (19:28). Though there is some variety in the actual names of the twelve, the number remains consistent. For Jesus the coming of the kingdom will reconstitute the dispersed twelve tribes of Israel. For Matthew the Church is the new Israel. While the mission of the twelve disciples is described in 10:1, the overall context provides more details. Jesus is moved with 'pity' (the Greek word is 'compassion') for the 'troubled and abandoned' crowds (9:36). He first instructs his disciples to pray that God 'send out' labourers (10:39); then, in the following verses, he himself 'sent out' the twelve. Two points are noteworthy. First, the mission of the disciples is a concrete expression of Jesus' compassion for people; the mission of disciples, then, is more than doing what Jesus did - exorcising demons and healing people. To be a disciple is to be the embodiment of the Lord's compassion. Second, Jesus does what he had instructed the disciples to ask the 'master of the harvest' to do: in sending out the much-needed labourers, Jesus is acting in the place of God. This episode reveals the identity both of Jesus and the disciples - an identity manifest in mission.

This weekend we celebrate the Anniversary of the Consecration of the Maria SS di Porto Salvo Statue and to pray for the those involved in the fishing industry. We warmly welcome members of Sydney's fishing fleet devoted to Our Lady.

Let us pray: O God, in Your kindness, lead all seafarers through the perils of the ocean and bring them back in safety to their homes and friends. Amen.



Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public & Political Life

The Tim Fischer Oration 2026 is an opportunity to give thanks for what we have received. It calls forth young people to protect and promote the common good through ethical attitudes and actions in public and political life. Professor Mary Healy will deliver the third Tim Fischer Oration.

DETAILS:

Date: Wednesday, 17 June 2026 at 6.00pm

Venue: Rosehill Gardens

Cost: \$50 per ticket

For more information, visit tfo.org.au or see church noticeboard.

Background on the Gospel Reading (Loyola Press) In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out, and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated. More than any other Gospel, Matthew's Gospel elaborates on the work of the Church, which is to continue after Jesus' death and resurrection. The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church. Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples, as do Mark and Luke. Matthew also uses the word apostle when referring to the Twelve. The word apostle means "one who is sent." In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed. As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission.

Family Connection: Every person in the Church is sent by Christ to do the work that he did. This task can seem daunting. Yet when we have learned to work together with others to achieve a common goal, we have learned something of what it means to do the work of Christ. The family is one such place in which we work with others, sharing a common task and a common goal. As family members gather, invite each person to reflect upon their contributions to family life. Invite each one to share one or two things that they do to help keep your family life flowing smoothly. Take time to thank one another for the contributions each person makes to your family life. Invite a family member to read aloud today's Gospel, Matthew 9:36-10:8. In this Gospel, Jesus sends the disciples to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. Point out that the disciples are called to work together just as family members must work together. Pray together that your family will always work together as a family to help one another. Pray that your family can be a model for other families. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:	Father John Thomas Hayes (Fr John's uncle in QLD) Ron Weaver, Marion Li, Dilki Peiris, Hannah Theresa Teklic, Graham Burland.
Rest of The Soul:	Fr Adrian Horgan, Fr Paul Ryan, Kevin Bouffler, Anne Burton, Br Ray Dowding, Francesco & Sarina Campanale, Daniel Lucich, Stefano, Francesco & Maria Colagiuri, Pat (Ivy) Killalea, 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, 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, Pauline Gibson, Robert Rumore, Elize Castelino, Jim Bradbury, Julian & Mabel Doyle, Olga Chidiac, Joseph & Charbel Mannah, Bruan O'Hare.
Anniversaries:	Frank Hickey, Charlie Isaac, Margaret Hetheron, Dalisay Bacho, Tony Khoury, Zmerod Chidiac, Terry McWilliams, Michael John Cusack, Stephen Patrick Cusack, Kevin Bouffler, Dennis O'Hara, Andrew Coote, Paul Duggan, Boulos Bains, Joseph Mannah.
Sick Intentions:	Ajith Antony, Simon Alam, Amy Scott, Dareth Flavell, Dan Deehan, Patrick Connolly, Paul Woodbury, Geoff Sims, Cameron Stacy, Helen McAlister, Elliot Leahy, Norma Habib, Joe Everitt, Ann Cincotta-Tangey, Mark Samaha, John Weitering, John Hay, 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, Rosanne Sukkar, Henry D'Souza, Danielle Fabien, Maroun Moussa, Stephen Chase (snr), Ajay Babu Avirneni & Baby Mia Valente.
Special Intentions:	Deceased friends, relatives & Benefactors of the Dominican Order & St Vincent de Paul Society. Elijah & Micha.

The next parish appeal will be the annual Holy Father's Appeal held across the weekend 27th & 28th June. This appeal, also known as Peter's Pence, is a gesture of solidarity with the universal Church to support the works of Holy Father Pope Leo.

20 th & 21 st June				
IF YOU CANNOT FULFIL YOUR ROSTER DUTY PLEASE ORGANISE A REPLACEMENT.				
Special Ministers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Tandiono Family	Georgette Sahyoun	Anne Marrins	Mary L'Estrange
	Tandiono Family	Volunteer Needed	Rita Piras	Volunteer Needed
Readers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Natalie Baini	Maria Yu	Maria Battikha	Melanie John
	Maria Soo	Volunteer Needed	Rachel Suriano	Volunteer Needed
Altar Servers	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Hayden M.	Mary Louise I.	Beatrice L.	Volunteer Needed
	Zachary A.	Archie S.	Holly C.	Volunteer Needed
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Bonett Family	Volunteer Needed
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Wardens	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Joy Li	Abboud Baladi	Trudie Rogers	Anthony
Acolytes	5PM	8AM	10AM	6PM
	Peter McCluskey	Anton Ravi	Roger Bonett	Joseph Samarasinghe



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.

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