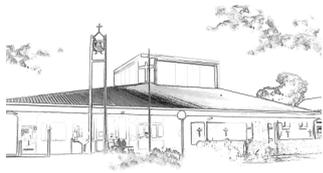


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The Exaltation of the Holy Cross – Year C 13/14 September 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Galatians 6:14

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

FIRST READING: Numbers 21:4-9

When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 77:1-2, 34-38

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 3:13-17

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: John 12:32

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have give us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit it, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

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BEHOLD OUR FIRST MILLENNIAL SAINT: CARLO ACUTIS

While Proverbs 9:10 tells us that "the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom," Proverbs 22:6 instructs us to "train up a child in the way he should go, because when he is old, he will not depart from it". These verses challenge parents and adults Christians to consistently train younger ones in godly principles and ways of wisdom, through instruction and living example. Thus, young ones can develop deep reverence, awe, and respect for God, good sense of judgment, moral integrity, and a life lived in accordance with God's will.

In the light of the foregoing, we can understand that the vocation of all baptized Christians is to live a life of holiness, and union with God in this life and in life eternal. This is not limited to priests and religious alone, but to all baptised Christians both young and old. Thus, on 7 September 2025, at St. Peter's square, Vatican City, the world witnessed the canonisation of an English-born Italian Catholic teenager called **Carlo Acutis**, by Pope Leo XIV.

This young boy (**15 years only**) was known for his devotion to the Eucharist and his use of digital media to promote Catholic devotion. His parents: Antonia Salzano, and Andrea Acutis, guided him to fear and recognize God's power and authority, which made him to know God personally and intimately as a God who encourages holiness, obedience and integrity.

Although St. Carlo Acutis suffered with Christ through his own sickness- Leukemia, yet he did tangible things that aligned with God's will. Thus, with his canonisation and exemplary life, he has become an example of strong personal faith in God, to teach young ones the ways of the Lord, to grow daily in their spiritual life and truths, and to foster a culture of hope, patience in suffering, forgiveness, and unconditional love as Jesus taught us on the cross. **May St. Carlo Acutis, Pray for Us!!!**

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SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 14 SEP 2025

'We Are called to be A Safe, Hope-filled and Welcoming Church'

Today 14 September Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let us be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it is through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Father Ted Tyler joins us over the next three weekends to celebrate the 7.30am & 9.30am Masses. Thank you for being with us.

Catholic Outlook Spring Edition Magazine is available in the church foyer. Please take your free copy today.

Thank you for your contribution to the Bishop's Father's Day Appeal. \$2584.55 was received. Envelopes are still available in the church if you wish to make a donation.

PARISH DIARY DATES



- **Monday 15 September Our Lady of Sorrows.**
- **Tuesday 16 September Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian.**
- **Saturday 20 September Saints Andrew Tae-Gon, Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions.**

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults continues this Monday 15 September, our topic this week is 'Prayer.'

SPRING FAIR: JUST 1 WEEK AWAY! Saturday 20th September..

A HUGE THANK YOU FOR THE ASSISTANCE ALREADY GIVEN & SUPPORT SHOWN BY SO MANY.

Remember, **BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS NEXT Saturday, September 20, 9am -3pm**, and dive into a world of prizes, games, and colourful stalls galore. on.

Any help still needed? YES PLEASE. To make the day truly successful, **we do need everyone's generosity**, a sunny day and larger crowds.

- ◆ The **Devonshire Tea stall needs plenty of fresh scones.** If you're able to bake a batch (large or small), we'd be so grateful for your help. Please contact Cath Littlejohn on 0411 011 721.
- ◆ Donations for the **White Elephant & Books Stalls.** Leave your treasures at the Old Church 9 – 12pm from now until Sept 17. Please: no large furniture or electrical items.
- ◆ Do **bring back your books of raffle tickets, whether sold or unsold with the money of course!** Put them in an envelope and drop them into the white letter box at the Parish Office.
- ◆ In preparation, there are **LOTS OF JOBS to be completed on Friday.** If you can help for one or two hours, **please sign the Assistance Sheet in the foyer.**
- ◆ **ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20, BRING YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND YOUR NEIGHBOURS TOO!**
- ◆ At 3pm on Saturday, we need to get packed up. **MUCH HELP WILL BE NEEDED.** In anticipation of receiving that help, **THANK YOU!**



Sacraments News.

Enrolment for First Holy Communion is **closing on Friday 19th September.**

Please complete the form using the QR code here in the Bulletin or on the poster in the Church Foyer, **BEFORE** the 19th September.



PARISH MASS TIMES

St Monica's
Saturday: 6.00pm
Sunday: 7.30am,
9.30am, 5.30pm
Mon, Wed & Fri: 9.00am

St Gregory's
Saturday: 9am
Sunday: 8am
St John of God
No Masses at this stage

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation
St Monica's:
Saturday 5.30pm - 5.50pm.
St Gregory's:
Saturday after 9.00am Mass.

Anointing of the Sick Mass
Second Friday of the month, 9am
at St Monica's or by arrangement
with the priests

Baptism

By appointment only.
St Monica's: 2nd & 3rd Sundays
at 11am.
St Gregory's: 1st Sunday at 11am
Booking & Preparation are essential.

Marriage

Strictly by appointment. A minimum
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COUNCIL MEETINGS

PPC - 08/10/2025
PFC - 17/09/2025

Time at 7pm.
Meeting Minutes
available on notice
boards in church foyers
& parish website

The Jubilee Year 2025

Pope Francis chose the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope' for this Jubilee year and we are invited to embrace hope through local initiatives of the Parramatta Diocese. There is a retreat coming up on **Saturday, 15 November at Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa** (registration closes 1 November). The retreat is from 9am – 5pm, and the cost is \$40 or a donation according to your circumstances. To register either scan the QR code on the posters at the back of the Church or go online at:-

parracatholic.org/events/diocesan-retreat-15-november

For more information you can speak with Cathy Vogt, Michael Pastoors & Denise Makepeace of the Parish Pastoral Council or phone the parish office.

The Lost Sheep

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?" Luke 15:4 (NIV)

Based on Luke 15:1-7



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Grant Eternal Rest to the recently deceased:

David Gagg, Graham Cant, Pat Keegan, Emanuel Galea, Ralph Sullivan, Marie Brown, Gwen Lloyd, Linda Borg

... and those we remember this week:

Anthony & MaryAnn Xiberras, and deceased members of Xerri, Xiberras, Azzopardi & Portelli families

We Prayerfully Remember the Sick

Lily Vella, Delina Galea, Angela Copland, Addie Moloney, Lorraine Phillips, Joan Crutcher, Leanne Ryan, Margaret Skelley, Maria Zeks, Hal Moloney, Mark Potter, Pat Stanton, Rose Galea, Pam Everingham, Peter Johnson



We welcome the newly baptized...

...to our Christian family



Happy birthday to all those celebrating this week:

Luke 24 Youth Group (8-17yrs)

Monday 13th October.

Venue: Emmaus Room from 5.30 - 7pm.

Luke 24 Young Adults Group (18-35yrs)

Date: tbc.

Venue: The Emmaus Room at 6.30pm.



REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

Rosary

St Monica's: 8.40am before weekday Mass.

St Gregory's: 8.40am before Saturday Mass.

Children's Liturgy

Every Sunday excluding school holidays during 9.30am Mass at St Monica's

Parish Morning Tea

After 9.30am Mass every fourth Sunday of the month at St Monica's & every second Sunday of the month at St Gregory's after 8am Mass

Body of Christ Prayer Group

First Wednesday 7-8.30pm pray for vocations. All welcome 1 Hughes Ave, Hobartville.

Table Tennis fortnightly on Monday's 5-7pm in the Old Church.

Benediction & Mass

St Monica's: Every 1st Friday of the month 6.30pm - 7.30pm
 St Gregory's: Every 1st Saturday after 9am Mass.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St Monica's: Wed after 9am Mass to pray for vocations.

Monthly Special Blessings.

Marriage Anniversaries - Every 2nd Sundays of the month.
 Birthdays - Every 4th Sundays of the month.



NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER
20/21 September 2025
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C

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Readers

6.00pm - C. Allison L. O'Brien
 7.30am - S. Duff M. McMahon
 9.30am - K. Petersen M. Manea
 5.30pm - C. Salkeld A. Salkeld
Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

Minister at the Altar

6.00pm - R. Ujmiak
 7.30am - K. Bauer
 9.30am - A. Brailey
 5.30pm - P. Delahay

Junior Ministers

6.00pm - L. Sultana
 7.30am -
 9.30am -
 5.30pm -

Data Projector

6.00pm - M. Breaden
 7.30am - C. Thompson
 9.30am - L. Culican
 5.30pm - Choir Members
Children's Liturgy
 9.30am - S. Beverington

Counters

14 Sep - N. Godsell L. Bowen M. McMahon
 21 Sep - C. Barber F. Pausanos
 C. Thompson

WEEKDAY ROSTER

Monday 15 September 2025

Reader - M. Breaden

EMoHC -

Wednesday 17 September 2025

Reader - C. Allison

EMoHC - A. Moloney

Friday 19 September 2025

Reader - L. Sheffield

EMoHC - A. Aquilina

St Gregory's

Saturday 20 September 2025

Reader - F. Crew

EMoHC - M. Ryan

Sunday 21 September 2025

Readers

8.00am - M. Ryan C. Smioldo E. Leddy

Minister at the Altar - C. Byatt

Extraordinary Ministers at Holy Communion

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