

BAPTISM

This Sunday we welcome Liliana Smith and her family and friends at St Gabriel's for this special day.



MASS AND RECEPTION OF ST CARLO ACUTIS RELIC

Join the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney for Mass and Reception of a relic of St Carlo Acutis Relic **this coming Thursday 25 June** at 5.30pm in St Mary's Cathedral. We hope to see you there.

HOW THE PARISH USES YOUR DONATIONS – COLLECTIONS AT MASS

First Collection

Supports ALL priests in the Sydney Archdiocese
Easter, Christmas, wedding and baptism offerings are all added to the first collection. This is passed on to the Archdiocese.

Second Collection

Supports all OUR Parish expenses

Your donations through the planned giving envelopes, all cash placed on the plate, and the tap-and-go machines make up the second collection. This money is used in our parish to cover ALL parish expenses and to support pastoral activities. Expenses include administration, insurance, utilities, staff salaries, priests' car expenses, and the repair and maintenance of all parish buildings.

Parish expenses include insurance, utilities, staff salaries, priests' car expenses, the repair and maintenance of all buildings (churches, halls, presbyteries, convent and office), etc. Note that the parishes must operate within its own income and cannot draw money for expenses from any source other than parish income.

In addition, any shortfall in the yearly target set by the Archdiocese for the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) has to be covered by this collection. As our parishes do not meet the CWF target, funds are directed to the shortfall each year.

Special Collections

The Parish does not retain any money from these collections. These include Charitable Works Fund Appeals, Holy Father's Collection, Catholic Mission, St Vincent de Paul Society and Caritas/Project Compassion.

Thank You for your parish support

We ask you to please think about how you can best support our parish? Your ongoing generosity and support of the parish is gratefully acknowledged, and we respect that everyone's circumstances are different; therefore, please know that you are not expected to give any more than is reasonable.

ST JOSEPH'S PLAYGROUP

We warmly invite parishioners to bring your 0-6 years old to Little Joeys Playgroup every second Friday at 9.15am (school terms only) in the parish hall. Activities may include prayer, craft, music, free play as well as coffee/tea for parents. For more information, please contact Dona at dona.sakr@syd.catholic.edu.au.

THE CALIX SOCIETY

Calix combines the wisdom of the Twelve Steps and the spiritual riches of the Catholic faith. For more information: calixsydney@outlook.com or www.calixsociety.org

EUCHARIST 28 PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the gift of your real presence in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Grant us the grace to receive you reverently, worship you truly and serve you with hearts renewed. By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, so that as you gave yourself to the Father and to us, we too may offer our lives to God and to others. Inspire and help us to serve you in those who are in need, especially the defenceless and homeless, the lonely and lost. Unite us with your sacrifice of the Mass, so that we may truly become what we have received, the Body of Christ, Amen

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

- Christians celebrate what unites them, at Sydney concert
- James and Pablo's road to ordination
- Youth invited to pilgrimage to WYD Seoul
- Book launch tackles reality's deepest questions
- Why Gen Z Needs Pope Leo's warning on AI

CREATED IN LOVE

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." – Psalm 139:13. Open to women aged 16+. Bring your mum, daughter, sister, aunt, or a friend. To be held on **Saturday 1st August** from 9am - 4:00pm at St Jerome's Parish, Punchbowl. The Catholic Women's Network and Maronite Women's Ministry are honoured to present Created in Love: Women, Fertility & God's Plan, a first-of-its-kind retreat day inviting women to discover the beauty, dignity, and wisdom of their bodies through faith, formation, and community. Whether you're seeking clarity, healing, education, or simply a deeper appreciation of the way God created you, this day is designed to leave you feeling empowered, seen, and renewed. For more information and register to attend, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1571890>

CATHOLICCARE - HOME CARE SERVICES

CatholicCare Sydney offers a range of services to help you or a loved one remain happy and safe at home for longer. Our qualified and caring team can help you with: Domestic assistance / Day-to-day tasks like shopping / Connecting with others / In-home respite care / Personal care / Health and wellness activities / Allied Health & Clinical Support. To learn more, please call 13 18 19 or visit catholiccare.org.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK IN OUR PARISHES

We have several parishioners who are suffering from cancer and other serious illnesses, and we ask that you please keep them all in your prayers.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Father Brian Egan, Sr Mercedes and Dianne Carroll.

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Rodgers, Stanley Whitton, and Eileen Stodart.

We especially remember those for whom Masses have been requested, those in our Memorial Books and all our deceased relatives, friends, parishioners and benefactors. May they all rest in peace, Amen.

ST MARY MACKILLOP'S QUOTE

"God's love is too deep for words to express."
6.8.1870

