

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PARISH MENAI

LIVING AND SHARING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE AS A GROWING PARISH FAMILY

Alfords Point Bangor Barden Ridge Illawong Lucas Heights Menai Woronora West



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 July 2025 Year C/1—Divine office Psalter Week 1

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

First Reading

A reading from the book of Genesis
(Genesis 18:20-32)

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me.**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians (Colossians 2:12-14)

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every

record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 11:1-13)

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.

And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Parish Office hours:
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9am - 4pm

Mass Timings:
Weekday: Tue - Sat 9.15am
1st Friday of the month: 7.00pm
Weekend: Saturday Vigil 5.30pm
Sunday: 8.30am, 10.00am

Blessed Sacrament Exposition
Tue - Sat: 8.30am - 9.10am

Fri - 8.30am Laud's music
8.45am Divine Mercy Chaplet
9am Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

1st Friday of the month (after 7pm Mass - 12am)

Lauds Tue, Wed and Thu - 8.45am

Reconciliation: Sat: 4.30 - 5.15pm
Or by appointment.

Holy Communion or Visit at Home:
Please contact the parish office to arrange a time.

Baptisms: 1st Sunday during 10am Mass and every 2nd and 4th Sunday, 11.15am (no baptisms during Lent)

Baptism Preparation Program:
11am on the 1st Sat of each month.

In your love and concern, please pray for all the sick and vulnerable members of our Holy Family community:

Patrick O'Sullivan, Robert Haymes, Lila Diakos, Doris Attard, Lena Galdes, Marko Petrak, Peter Kaye, Lynette Rocca, Marie Gonsalvez, Victoriano Mendoza, Jan Kurianski, Bernadette O'Brien, Ivan David, Tony Trainor, Ilse Von Stamm, Anthony Mifsud, Dymna Fitzpatrick, Sandra Thomas, Frances Rupolo, Matthew McLachlan, Mark F, Robbert A, Carlos Simoes, Beatrice Gonsalvez, Matilda Oliver-Nalder, Angela Symons, Carol Galdes, Julie Gonsalvez, Robert Nicholls, Brad Jory, Jayden, Natividad Sora, Bernard Aclan, Julius Aclan, Jean Aclan, Geoff Eastgate, Joanne Mannah and Chris Halvey.

We remember those whose Anniversaries and Special Prayers have been requested :

Izabela Domino, Wladyslaw Domino, Janina Kwiatkowska, Stanislaw Kwiatkowski, Widad Francis, Marilyn Nicholls, Johanna Nicholls, Barry Walley, Justin Oliffe, Ken Howell, Peter Howlett, Bruce Tyson, Joseph Alam, Angela Marinucci, Arturo Marinucci, George Gioiello, Wilfred D'Souza, Canale Family, Philippe Senat, Paul O'Sullivan, Eugene Doherty and Julia Gawlowski.

Recently Deceased.

Michael Fallon, Anne Colthart, Maria Guidi, Janet Haymes, and Amy McLachlan Wright.

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

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is

seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

AFTER THE PREFACE

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his
benefits.**

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, 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.**

PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

What's on at Holy Family Parish

† **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** - Tue - Sat: 8.30am - 9.10am

† **Morning Prayer (Lauds)** - Tue - Thu 8.45am.

† **Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** - Fri 8.45am

1st Friday of the month (after 7pm Mass - 12am)

† **Rosary** - Sat - 8.45am.

† **Mass** - Tue - Sat 9.15am, during Lent Wed 7.30pm and Fri 7pm (Confession available during Adoration)

† **Children's Liturgy** - Sun - 8.30am Mass (Not during school holidays)

† **Daily Rosary, Rosary** at 8-8.30pm on Zoom, please text (ROSARY) to 0418 433 333 to receive the link.

Parish Pastoral meeting - Tue 19 August, 7.30pm

THE Catholic Weekly

SUNDAY, 27 JULY 2025

PULPIT POINTS

- ♦ Pilgrims journey to Rome for the Jubilee of Youth
- ♦ Four Sydney Catholics receive Papal Honours
- ♦ Fathers and Sons prepare to walk Sydney's Camino
- ♦ CNSW CEO slams Education Secretary for stance on private education
- ♦ Chinese Catholics renewed by leadership conference
- ♦ St Charbel celebrated at Revesby Parish

Available to purchase in the foyer. **Only \$2 please leave the money in the box provided.** Thank you.

TAX RECEIPTS

It's tax time!...and this means it's time for us to distribute annual tax receipts for giving and donations to our planned givers. Receipts can be emailed to parishioners or collected from Parish office. Either way, if you would like a copy of your tax receipt please email admin@holyfamilymenai.org.au Thank you.



Little Sisters of the Poor
HOSPITALITY AT HEART

A MESSAGE FROM THE LITTLE SISTER OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor are so grateful for your Contribution to our Fundraising Appeal.

Last weekend at Holy Family Catholic Parish we raised the wonderful amount of **\$4,104.10** from 3 Masses. This money will assist us with the care of our Residents in Randwick.

Again, we are so grateful and indebted to you all, and we will not forget to pray to the Lord and to Saint Jeanne Jugan for all your needs...

May God Bless You.

The Little Sisters of the Poor. Randwick. NSW



The Gospel of John Bible Study continues on

Friday 8th August at 7.30pm.

Chapter 10

Speaker will be Adrian D'Mello.

ROSTER FOR 2/3 AUGUST (1ST WEEKEND) 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		5.30pm	8:30am	10am	OTHER
	ACOLYTES/ SERVERS	Christopher Fetherston Peter McLachlan	Paul Tyson	Bernard Govind	Counters: Robert Mulcahy's Team
	READERS	Year Six Family Mass	Emma Gioiello Erica O'Brien Julie Tyson	Adrian D'Mello Marina D'Mello	Children's Liturgy: Roster - TBC
	COMMENTATOR /ANNOUNCER	Bridget Nappa	Emma Gioiello	Lesley David	Aeralife Aged Care: Terri
	WARDENS	Charlie Zammit/Benny Falls	George Szymura/Jim Montague	Robert Pedic/Tony Ibrahim	Barden Lodge Aged Care: Volunteer Needed
	MUSICIANS	Year Six Family Mass	Gino (PowerPoint MP3)	Lisa (PowerPoint MP3)	
	PIETY STALL	Maria G	Priscilla	Laura/Georgia	



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.

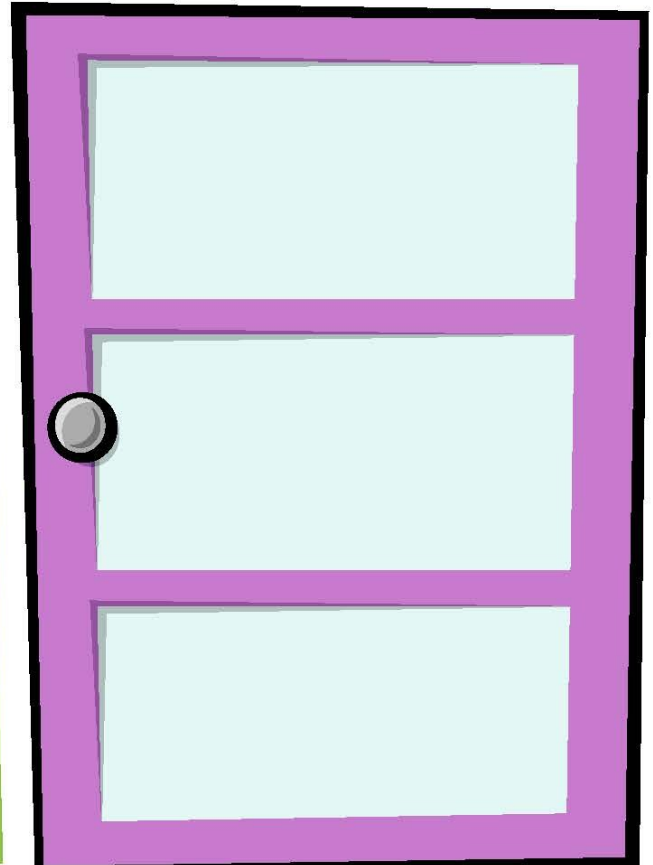


Use the words below to complete this prayer which Jesus taught to his disciples.

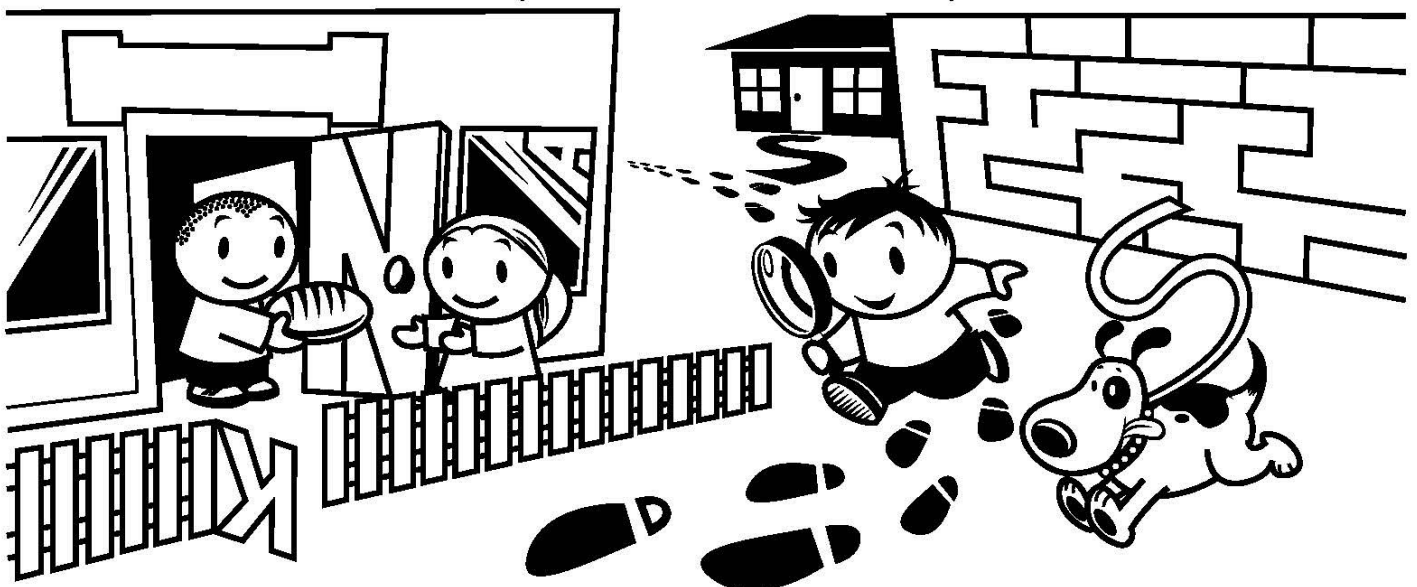
Our _____ who art in _____,
 hallowed be thy _____;
 thy _____ come, thy _____
 be done on _____ as it is in heaven.
 Give us this _____ our daily _____
 and _____ those who trespass
 _____ us, and lead us not
 into _____, but deliver us
 from _____. Amen.

will temptation name evil
 heaven bread forgive Father
 day kingdom earth against

On the door, write down three things you can ask Jesus to help you with



Find the hidden letters in the picture and use them to complete the sentence below.



Everyone who _____ will receive, everyone who searches will _____.

OUR PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MARY MACKILLOP'S PLACE

The **journey to Mary MacKillop Place** is a meaningful pilgrimage that offers visitors a chance to reflect on faith and history.

As you travel to this significant site, you'll discover the rich stories that shaped Australia's first saint and her dedication to education and care for the less fortunate.

Monday, 4 August

Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney

Details of Travel:

8.30am - Carpool from Holy Family car park to Padstow Station (or you can meet us at the station)

5.45pm - Arrive at Holy Family car park

A copy of the travel itinerary for public transport to and from North Sydney can be found in the foyer.

YOU WILL NEED YOUR OPAL CARD FOR THE TRAIN

Schedule:

11:00am - Adoration & Confession

11:30am - Mass

12:30pm - Lunch

1:30pm - Museum Tour


3:00pm - Rosary


4:00pm - Departure


Cost: \$30 per person


(Includes lunch, museum entry, tea/coffee)

Lunch includes:

 Sandwich

 Bottled water

 Fruit platter (to share)

 Tea & Coffee

Minimum 15 people required to book.

Please register your interest by 27th July, so we can confirm numbers and secure the group booking. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer.

Join us on this spiritual journey.



JOIN US FOR ALPHA NIGHT!



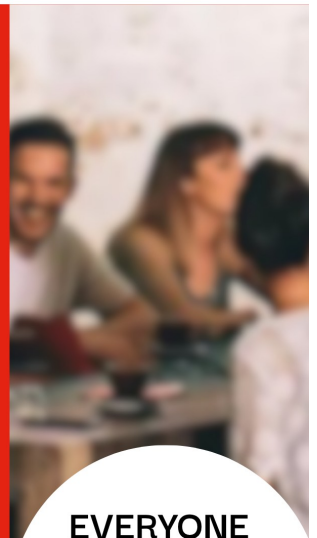
DISCOVER A WARM AND WELCOMING COMMUNITY

Come and see what
we're all about
on

**Wednesday, 13th
August at 7pm.**

**'A taste of Alpha' for
all who would like to
understand what
Alpha is.**

Includes: fingerfood, wine,
cheese, video and
discussion



**EVERYONE
IS
WELCOME!**

FOR CATERING
PURPOSES, PLEASE
REGISTER YOUR
INTEREST ON THE SIGN
UP SHEET IN THE FOYER.
THANK YOU.

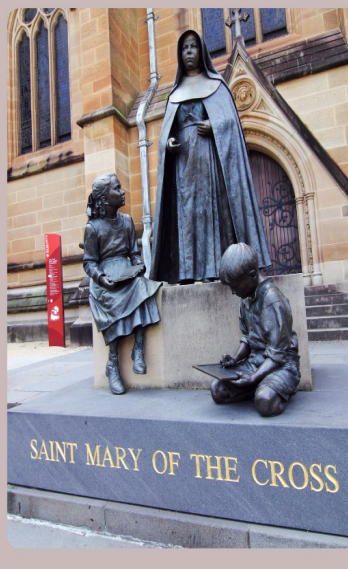
Please join us to

CELEBRATING ST. MARY OF THE CROSS SOLEMNITY

Friday 8 August

Masses at 9.15am & 7pm

Honoring St. Mary of the Cross,
a special day in the church
calendar for her significant
contributions and impact.




Teachers Mass

Saturday 16th August
5:30pm Vigil Mass
Welcome Bishop Tony Percy

Join us and the teachers in our parish as we
pray for them and their important vocation.




ARCHBISHOP FISHER HAS CONVOKED AN ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD FOR 2026 IN RESPONSE TO HOLY SPIRIT-INSPIRED LONGINGS FROM SYDNEY CATHOLICS FOR **MORE PRAYERFUL LITURGIES, MORE CHRIST-CENTRED COMMUNITIES, AND A MORE MISSION-ORIENTED CHURCH.**

IN PREPARATION, THE ARCHBISHOP INVITES YOU TO SHARE YOUR POSITIVE, FAITHFUL, AND PRACTICAL IDEAS ON HOW THESE LONGINGS CAN BE MET, BY ATTENDING ANY OF THE **THREE REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS:**

SATURDAY 30 AUGUST 9AM - 12PM, HOLY FAMILY MENAI (JP11 HALL)

TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 6 - 9PM, CATHEDRAL

THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 6 - 9PM, LIVERPOOL

TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER: BROCHURES AND PRAYER CARDS ARE AVAILABLE TO TAKE HOME IN THE FOYER.

Support the charitable
works of the Holy Father



HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL

PETER'S PENCE 2025

The annual **Holy Father's Appeal** is on this weekend. The appeal highlights the global charitable causes spearheaded by Pope Leo XIV and is aimed at alleviating the suffering of those affected by natural disasters, wars, refugee crises, and poverty. It is an opportunity for us to get involved in an important initiative of the Catholic Church on a local level, and we humbly ask you to give what you can.

4 Ways to Donate

1) Scan to give



2) Online:

[www.ourfaithourworks.org/
give-to-holy-fathers-appeal](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal)

3) Phone: 1800 753 959

4) Through our parish collection. There are envelopes left in pews for any cash donations.

SPECIAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING



at all Masses next weekend 2/3 August,
for all couples celebrating their Wedding
Anniversary during the month of
August.



2nd August | 5.30pm

Please RSVP via the [google form](#)
There will be light refreshments afterwards
to celebrate your last Family Mass



Emma Leva | Family Educator

Donate to the Charitable Works Fund Appeal

2 and 3 August 2025



The CWF is the charity of the Catholic community in Sydney and your local parish.
Together, we bring hope and care to those who need it most.

FIRST FRIDAY OF
EVERY MONTH

JOIN US FOR

Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass

followed by
Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY 1 AUGUST 2025

MASS AT 7PM

Every First Friday we will
be praying for our sick and
vulnerable members of our
Holy Family community at
9.15am and 7pm Masses

ADORATION,
STRAIGHT AFTER
MASS UNTIL 12AM.

A time for reflection and
prayer.

All are welcome.



Give generously.
Your tax-deductible gift changes lives.

To donate:
Scan the QR code
Visit: www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf
Call: 1800 753 959
Or complete the parish envelope.

Scan to Give



Menai Parish Target is \$11,300