



Catholic Parish of  
Our Lady of the Southern Cross Enmore  
Archdiocese of Sydney

*Serving the suburbs of Enmore, St. Peters, Sydenham & Tempe*



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**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year B**

**11 February 2018**



MASSES

Saturday Vigil:  
5:00pm

Sunday:  
9:30am

Tuesday to Friday:  
9:15am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 13 February

Wednesday 14 February  
9:15am (whole school) & 7:30pm  
*Ash Wednesday (fast & abstinence)*

Thursday 15 February

Friday 16 February

SACRAMENTS

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4:15pm to 4:45pm or by appointment.

**Sacrament of Baptism:**

By appointment (at least one month's notice required).

**Sacrament of Marriage:**

By appointment (about six months' notice required to allow for adequate preparation of the couple).

**Masses were offered for:** Mona's private intentions, Emanuel Aquilina, Lawson He, Josephine Farer, Gaca Vasilevska, Mele & Kapeliele Mafi, Gregory Wong, Cecilia Tauro and Michael Tauro, Orazio Salvo.

**Deceased:** Please pray for: Jose Andrade.

**Prayers are requested for:** Sr Antonine, MOS, head of the catechists for our local public schools, currently in hospital undergoing chemotherapy.

## LAST FORTNIGHT'S COLLECTION

Not banked yet.

### NSW Welcomes Alan Ames in 2018

Healing Mass: Sun 11th February 1:30pm, St Therese Church, 51 Sutherland St, Mascot.

Associated with Alan Ames are many testimonies claiming renewal of faith, healing of spirit and physical healings.

*(See back of church for newspaper cutout from Catholic Weekly with 2 testimonies.)*

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The Liturgy Office is currently offering the course for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion at St Patrick's Kogarah and Our Lady of Mt Carmel Bonnyrigg during February and March.

If you are interested, please see Father or contact the office for a registration form.

### Catholic Men's Fellowship Sydney

Our mission is to sustain a fellowship of men which gathers on a regular basis to reflect on and grow in the love of Jesus Christ and men's friendship.

We organise activities involving parishes from the Inner Western Sydney region. (Please see our timetable for 2018 at the back of the church.)

We are looking for someone to be a contact person between our fellowship and your parish.

If that sounds like you, please contact  
*Kevin Smith on 0470 284 590.*  
*sydneycatholicmen@outlook.com*  
*www.sydneycatholicmen.com*

### Sacrament Dates 2018

The Catholic Church teaches us that the sacraments are the sacred rituals instituted by Jesus. For Catholics, the sacraments are the efficacious signs of grace, the visible rites that signify and make present God's grace.

#### Reconciliation

Parent Information Session	Thursday, 8th February (6:30pm—7:30pm in church)
Lesson 1	Thursday, 15th February (6:30pm—7:30pm in school classroom)
Lesson 2	Thursday, 22nd February (6:30pm—7:30pm in school classroom)
Sacrament	Saturday, 24th February (2:30pm-3:30pm in church)

#### First Eucharist

Parent Information Session	Thursday, 10th May (Time TBC)
Lesson 1	Thursday, 17th May (Time TBC)
Lesson 2	Thursday, 24th May (Time TBC)
Lesson 3	Thursday, 31st May (Time TBC)
Retreat Day	Thursday, 7th June (9am-3pm)
Sacrament	Saturday, 17th June (Time TBC)

**please note:** the change of date (due to the Queen's Birthday long weekend)

#### Confirmation

**19 August 11:30am by Bishop Terry Brady**

We look forward to celebrating these beautiful sacraments with you and your child.

*(Religious Education Co-ordinator)*  
**Father Chris Higgins**

### World Meeting of Families 2018

Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018, guided by the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World".

An official prayer, logo, icon and hymn have also been especially prepared for WMOF2018, as key elements of the journey of preparing for the event

### Prayer for 11th of February:

*The experience of love in families is a perennial source of strength for the life of the Church*  
(Pope Francis – Amoris Laetitia 88)

**Real men don't do church?** Wrong, but living out your faith can be pretty tough, and most of us need help. If you are a bloke over 18, consider this: On the 17th and 18th of March, experienced leaders from MAT will be running a menALIVE weekend in Enmore for Catholic men. Come along and be inspired, encouraged, and re-discover God's purpose for your life. Details and registration forms are available in the church foyer. Enquiries, phone Johnnie McGinness on 0413126829, or Truman Lomi on 0413 781 089. To register go to [Eventbrite.com.au](http://Eventbrite.com.au) and search for 'Menalive Enmore'

### menALIVE

*menALIVE* was founded as a response to a great need in the hearts and lives of men, and a great need in the life of the Catholic Church.

The purpose of *menALIVE* is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God and to encourage them to become an active force in the Church.

The mission of *menALIVE* is to encourage men in their faith journey. For some men this is the beginning—for they are yet to experience God's power and love and the freedom that comes through reconciliation with His son, Jesus.

- To register, go to the "Menalive Enmore" page on Facebook and click on the *Follow* and *Like* buttons.
- From the Facebook page you can click through and register and book tickets from the Eventbrite website by clicking on *Learn More* or clicking on *Events*.
- You can also simply go to the Eventbrite website and search on *Menalive Enmore*.

### menALIVE Raffle

The menALIVE team are running a raffle. Please support them by buying tickets, sold at the back of the church.

### Marriage and Relationship Programmes

See flyers at back of church for the 2018 brochures and calendars. 3 different course formats are offered to suit couples at different stages of their relationships.

### 9:00am Sunday Exposition

*When you carry a Rosary, Satan has a headache.  
When you say a decade of the Rosary, Satan has more than a mere headache. He feels sick.  
When Satan sees you praying the Rosary, he feels very, very sick.*

*Conversely, the health of your spirit is improved or enhanced when you pray the Rosary.*

Come early and join us before Mass at 9:10 as, together, we pray for our parish's menALIVE event to be held in March, and raise our voices praying the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament.

### 7.00pm Friday Exposition

Every Friday from 7 till 8 pm, Adoration will take place in the church. All are welcome.

### LENTEN DAYS OF PENANCE

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, must be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

(a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.

(b) self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.

(c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

### Days of Fasting and Reparation

The Australian Catholic bishops have proclaimed the days **from Ash Wednesday until the following Saturday (14-17 February) Days of Fasting and Reparation in sorrow for child sexual abuse and the healing of victims.** In addition to the work that has been undertaken in the area of the protection of children and vulnerable adults, the Days of Fasting and Reparation are an authentically Catholic response to supplement those efforts.

Resources can be accessed at [www.catholic.org.au/fastingandreparation](http://www.catholic.org.au/fastingandreparation)  
See noticeboard for a detailed notification.

Ray Smith would like to invite anyone who is interested in accompanying him as he goes to the local basketball courts and skate parks as he hands out church parish bulletins to the local youth, as a way of inviting them to our services.

Please contact Ray on [raysmith@inet.net.au](mailto:raysmith@inet.net.au).

### Mindfulness in Modern Life

QndA lets the audience ask the questions. On anything, from anyone.

Going beyond the sound-bite and the narrowly political, QndA brings together people of depth to discuss issues of depth. It's open, passionate, and respectful.

When? Thursday, 15 February, 6pm at St Benedict's Hall, University of Notre Dame, 104 Broadway. Admission is free but seats are limited. RSVP at [www.nd.edu.au/QndA](http://www.nd.edu.au/QndA)

See back of church for further details.

**Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Ps 30:3-4

Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**First Reading**

Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus  
*As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord  
imputes no guilt,  
in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)

2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;  
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess  
my offence to the Lord.'  
And you, Lord, have forgiven  
the guilt of my sin. (R.)

3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,  
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,  
all you upright of heart. (R.)

**Second Reading**

1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!  
A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel**

Mk 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
*The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

**Communion Antiphon**

Jn 3:16

God so loved the world  
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,  
so that all who believe in him may not perish,  
but may have eternal life.

**Saint Valentine** was a Roman, born in the 3rd century. Not much is known about saint Valentine. For this reason he was removed from the General Roman Calendar in 1969. The church still recognises him as a saint, however, and it is agreed that he was martyred and then buried on the Via Flaminia, north of Rome.

One of the legends associated with saint Valentine tells the story of St Valentine being imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and helping Christians under persecution during the reign of Claudius. Claudius became enraged and commanded him to renounce his faith or be beaten and beheaded. Valentine refused to renounce his faith and was executed outside the Flaminian Gate in 269.

Another legend says that St Valentine secretly married couples so that husbands wouldn't have to go to war. We know that Valentine did really exist, because a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to St. Valentine have been unearthed by archaeologists. His relics can be found all over the world. He is the patron saint of affianced couples, bee keepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travellers and young people. He is represented in pictures with birds and roses. He died in 269 AD. **His feast day is 14 February.**