



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
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.

Deceased: Please pray for: Jose Andrade.

**LAST FORTNIGHT'S AND LAST WEEK'S
COMBINED COLLECTIONS**

1st Collection: \$677.30

2nd Collection: \$998.20

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 4th of February: *May each family rediscover family prayer, which helps to bring about mutual understanding and forgiveness. Amen. (Pope Francis)*

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.*

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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

When we have more information about Confirmation we will pass it on. We look forward to celebrating these beautiful sacraments with you and your child.

Mrs Elizabeth Webster (Religious Education Co-ordinator)

Father Chris Higgins

Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 11 February 2018 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

Some parking for disabled people is available in the school grounds and general parking in the nearby council car park.

Society of Our Lady of Lourdes

Learn to sing Gregorian Chant

Would you like to sing, or learn to sing, Gregorian Chant? The Gregorian Schola of Sydney resumes rehearsals at 6pm on Thursdays at St Bede's Pyrmont (not far from Star City) from February 8. Come along and join us. We need you.

Bring your friends also. "Gregorian Chant (is) specially suited to the Roman Liturgy .. (and) should be given pride of place in liturgical services" (Vatican II SC 116). It is not hard to learn and you have the satisfaction of acquiring a new skill.

Marie Therese Levey rsj / Musicologist and Teacher of Piano, Violin, Theory
The Gregorian Schola of Sydney
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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.

Fr Chris would like to have a school dad to work with the team of 3 current organisers for the men's weekend. The team meets once per month for 6 months leading up to the event, which will be held on the weekend of the 17/18 March 2018. In the month before the gathering, the team will meet once per week.

- 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*.

9:00am 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.

Extra Exposition

Beginning Friday 9 February from 7 till 8 pm, Adoration will take place in the church. All are welcome.

St Bakhita's Day: International Day for victims of modern slavery and human trafficking

Have you ever considered that what you buy may actually be contributing to modern slavery? From what we wear to what we eat, many of our commonplace purchases are tainted by modern slavery, including forced labour and human trafficking.

Pope Francis has called on all of us to eliminate all forms of modern slavery.

So please join us at Mass on Thursday, 8 February, at 9:15am, to commemorate St Bakhita's Day, the international Catholic day for victims of modern slavery and human trafficking. To pray for the eradication of modern slavery and human trafficking. Let us show our support by shopping ethically (check out the ethical shopping guide at the back of the church).

If you can't make our parish Mass, the Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, will celebrate the Feast Day of St Bakhita at St Mary's Cathedral at 5:30pm on 8 February.

Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita

St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering. Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church.

O, St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery. Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.

Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith. Help all survivors find healing from their wounds. We ask for your prayers and intercessions for those enslaved among us.

Amen.



Saint Josephine Bakhita

Josephine Bakhita was born around 1869 in Sudan. Her father was a tribal chief and she had a happy childhood. At about the age of 8, she was kidnapped by Arab slave traders, and would be bought, sold and given away over a dozen times over the next 12 years. As a result of her time in captivity, she forgot her original name. As a slave, her treatment varied from fair to cruel. She was placed in the custody of the Canossian sisters in Venice when one of her mistresses decided to go overseas, and it was the sisters who revealed who God was to her. During her time there, Josephine discerned a call to follow God. Upon her mistress' return, Josephine refused to leave and she was granted her freedom. She became a Canossian sister in 1896 and worked in a convent as a doorkeeper and cook for the next 42 years. When speaking of her enslavement, she professed that she was thankful, for, had she not been kidnapped, she may never have known Christ. She was canonized in October 2000 and is the patron saint of Sudan.

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.

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.