



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

**28 October 2018**



MASSES

**Saturday Vigil:**  
5:00pm

**Sunday:**  
9:30am

**Tuesday to Friday:**  
9:15am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 30 October

Wednesday 31 October

Thursday 1 November  
9:15am and 7:00pm  
*All Saints*

Friday 2 November  
9:15am and 7:00pm

*The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

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

**Exposition, Adoration and Benediction:**

Friday 7:30pm to 8:30pm (no Benediction)  
Sunday 9:00am to 9:25am

**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 recently offered for:** Jose Andrade, Atunaisa Sakopo, Jose Serrao, Lisia, Celie Doyle, Domenico Mollica, Rita D'Castro, Angela Garcia Salas, Dominic Khong, Rosaria Salvo, Aleksa Canadi, Gerry Orlevic, Mark Kelly, all souls, Neville Demoulin, Luis Rego, Trevor & Rufine Gonsalves, Jose Teixeira, Lawson He, Rosemary Marshall, Celie Doyle, Cecilia & Michael Tauro, Rosaria Salvo, Emanuel Aquilina, Joyce Lazaro and Iapukitea.  
**Prayers for the recently deceased:** Angela Garcia Salas (mother of Alfredo Bouroncle), Joseph McNeill, Jose Andre and William Garland..

**LAST FORTNIGHT'S COLLECTION**  
1st collection **\$234.05** (goes to supporting the priests)  
2nd collection **\$200** (is for running the parish)  
*Figures in brackets denote extra rent, stole fees, etc.*

**Plenary Council 2020—Listen to what the Spirit is saying**  
Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. It is a significant moment for the Church in Australia to make decisions about the future. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question *What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?* Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website now online:  
[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)  
Questions/suggestions can be sent to  
parish2020@ccer.catholic.org.au OR phone 9390 5255.  
OR see the noticeboard for the Archbishop's letter and the Parish 2020 team.

**Safeguarding Children Cards**  
*Note to parents:*  
Green Child Protection cards are placed around the church for you to give to your children.

**Annual Tongan Parish Festival**  
We thank our Tongan community, who raised \$15,000 + for various needs. They donated \$1000 to Fr Chris and \$2000 to the parish.

**Plenary Council 2020**  
Pentecost 2018 to Pentecost 2019 has been a designated as a year of "dialogue and discernment" in the lead up to the Plenary Council. During this time, you will have an opportunity to participate by giving your input on these matters and many others that you may have by engaging with our Archdiocesan Plenary Council Working Group co-chaired by bishop Terry Brady. I encourage those in our parishes to enter into the Plenary Council process as we move towards the first session. Please take a prayer card to pray for this endeavour.  
Fr Chris has appointed our deacon-in-training, Alfredo, to run meetings so that people can provide feedback. See him after Mass or ring him on 0478 136 000.  
Our next Plenary Council Discussion date is TBA.  
*Please see prayer cards at church entrances.*

**Organ Recital**  
The date for our organ recital is Saturday 1st December at 2pm. The organist is Pastor de Lasala. He will be playing French Christmas carols. Tickets to be bought at the door. Cost TBA.

**ATTENTION!**  
For the 4th week now, the parish phone has been OUT OF ORDER.  
Please email the office or see Father Chris for any enquiries. FYI *Commander* is, for the moment, our provider.

**CWF Appeal**  
The November appeal will be held next weekend, on the 3rd and 4th.  
The CWF supports the following agencies: **Catholic Care, chaplaincies, The Ephpheta Centre, seminaries, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine and the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry**  
*See noticeboard for further details on these agencies.*

**menALIVE Report**  
Following on from our menALIVE debrief, we will be trialling SOAP sessions on Saturday mornings and Thursday nights. The up and coming gatherings will be on and **Saturday 10th November at 9am and Thursday, 22nd November at 7pm** in the church. You are probably wondering what SOAP is. It stands for Scripture, Observation, Action & Prayer, which each element going about 10-15 minutes. Nothing to lose, only grace to be gained. These SOAP sessions will continue every two weeks, but will alternate between a Thursday evening and a Saturday morning. Our parish's menALIVE team members will address the community at some stage giving a little more detail about SOAP. All men are welcome.  
A skilled, small group of men are meeting every Wednesday morning at Summer Hill, also doing SOAP sessions. If you are unable to go to the above sessions, you are welcome to come to **Summer Hill on Wednesday mornings**. Please call Ray Smith on 0402 811 042 for a ride, leaving at 6:35am.



**ST PIUS' PRIMARY KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS**  
open for 2019.

**Prayer to St Michael, the Archangel:** Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**JOY OF COMMITMENT**  
Sunday 28 October 2018  
God of love, We ask that all married couples are faithful to each other, honouring and keeping their promise to love, through both good times and bad times. Help us to always be witnesses of Your love and joy in the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**MONTH OF PRAYER FOR MARRIAGE AND FAMILIES**  
Once again we are celebrating the Month of Prayer for Marriage and Families in October. Please go to this link to find resources you can use for the month: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/hne65hypizxp4mt/AABQIXVIFpuwNiiSjVROan6Ja?dl=0>  
There are prayers to be used by families in the home. For more info or assistance email Chris Gordon at the Life Office: [christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:christopher.gordon@sydneycatholic.org)  
Like and join us on Facebook: [m.facebook.com/PrayForMarriage/?tsid=0.012018370298937597&source=result](https://m.facebook.com/PrayForMarriage/?tsid=0.012018370298937597&source=result)

### Mother Teresa of Calcutta Statue for the Youth

The same as we raised money for the refurbishment of the nativity scene figures last year, if anyone would like to contribute towards our new statue, please put your money in a envelope labelled *Mother Teresa Money* and place it in the normal collections. The statue should be ready in 2 months. The goal is \$1000. **So far, we've collected \$525.** Thanks, Father Chris.

### We thank

**Arsenia** for the beautiful pyx that she has purchased for the parish.

### MEN, RISE UP!

Men's Ministry Network Meeting  
Friday 23rd November  
St Paul of the Cross parish, 532 New Canterbury Rd, Dulwich Hill  
6:30 start: Mass, Dinner, Presentations  
RSVP [www.trybooking.com/431767](http://www.trybooking.com/431767)  
*See noticeboard*

An anonymous parishioner has saved a bookcase from its ignominious fate and has now placed it in the narfex of our church.

In the past era, Priests, Brothers, and Sisters in training - in formation - engaged in practice called "spiritual reading". This meant reading and nourishing the spirit on inspiring books.

Now, in light of the diminished numbers of candidates to the religious orders and the priesthood, the laity is invited to do likewise as in previous times. This formerly monastic practice of reading is part of the Church's transition to the Modern era, to the Postmodern era.

Many of the books that gradually will be made available to parishioners in the bookcase (at the entry of the Church) are top-notch spiritual or religious classics. These books are part of the rich heritage of our ancient Catholic Faith. These books are inspiring. They can move the reader to an informed perspective on vital matters of Faith. (You are asked to read and return the books after a few weeks so that others might benefit likewise).

#### 1) Ten Evenings with God by Sister Ilia Delio OSF.

Professor Delio has written extensively on Franciscan theology. This in an inspiring, easy-to-read book with amazing insights.

Tap into the amazing graces offered by this book and learn to live life more abundantly.

#### 2) Prayer and the Quest for Healing by Barbara Fiand.

The author is at the prestigious Loyola University, Chicago, where she lectures on prayer, feminine spirituality, and mid-life psychology. However, this book is "not for the feint-hearted".

It is a compassionate book that explores brokenness, cosmic redemption, and personal healing. Those who read it will advance in their spiritual maturity, and their wisdom. It is a book offering healing on both a personal and a familial level.

Chapter 12 is "Bearing the Suffering of Others".  
Enjoy!

### Do you remember that in 1571 Pope Pius V called upon Catholics to pray the rosary at an important and pivotal point in history?

The Pope called for the rosary to be recited in order to stave off the conquest of Europe by Islam. At the start it was an uneven battle at Lepanto. The superior Islamic navy even had 13,000 Christian slaves to row their war ships. But it was the prayers of the rosary that are credited with delivering victory against the odds. Please join the men and women who gather here **every Sunday at 9:05, before Mass**, to pray the powerful prayers of the rosary. Victory over death and sin are the aim. Success in dealing with your life issues are on offer. This initiative is important to our building up the strength and vigour of our parish.

Be there. Be with us. Be a part of new victory.  
MenAlive. And women for new life!

### GUEST SPEAKER: FR LEO PATALINGHUG

The Parish of St Kevin's at Eastwood are so excited to announce that TV chef, Priest, black belt and break-dancer, Fr Leo Patalinghug, has accepted an invitation to come to Eastwood, to present his internationally renowned talk...

### GRACE BEFORE MEALS: RECIPES AND INSPIRATIONS FOR FAMILY MEALS AND FAMILY LIFE.

Fr Leo is hugely popular in the US and will share with us tools to bring families back to the dinner table to be nourished- body, mind, and soul. You will laugh and be inspired from beginning to end. **DON'T MISS THIS!** Save the date and bring your friends.

**When: Thursday 15th November,**

**Time: 7pm**

**Where: St Kevin's Church, 36 Hillview Rd, Eastwood.**

To register for this free event or email [alison.khalil@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:alison.khalil@syd.catholic.edu.au)

### Working With Children Check IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It is now required by law that you update any change of details in your WWC within 3 months of the change. If you have not provided them with your email, please do so, as you will receive your reminder when coming up to expiry via email.

Access the **latest publications from the Pope** and of the various departments of the Roman Curia. You can see today's issue or back issues at anytime by clicking on the Link for Vatican Bulletin:

<https://press.vatican.va>

On the same site you can find Vatican News, the **new information system** of the Holy See:

<https://www.vaticannews.va>

### The Bishop's Blend

A breakfast for professionals.

6th edition

Thursday 15 November 2018

Radisson Blu Hotel Sydney

Guest address by **Gray Connolly**, barrister-at-law, naval officer and war veteran.

Ticket only event. To book:

[thebishopsblendsixthedition.eventbrite.com.au](http://thebishopsblendsixthedition.eventbrite.com.au)

### The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney, we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812.

*This notice will be a permanent fixture in the bulletin as per the request of the Chancery Office.*

**The Archdiocese policy, protocols and guidelines are public documents and are available on the Archdiocese website [www.sydarch.org.au](http://www.sydarch.org.au)**

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 104:3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

### First Reading

Jer 31:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.*

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel! See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, / It seemed like a dream. / Then was our mouth filled with laughter, / on our lips there were songs. (R.)

2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels / the Lord worked for them!' / What marvels the Lord worked for us! / Indeed we were glad. (R.)

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage / as streams in dry land. / Those who are sowing in tears / will sing when they reap. (R.)

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, / carrying seed for the sowing: / they come back, they come back, full of song, / carrying their sheaves. (R.)

### Second Reading

Heb 5:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.*

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

### Gospel Acclamation

See 2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Mk 10:46-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Master, grant that I may see.*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

### Communion Antiphon

Eph 5:2

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a fragrant offering to God.

### Celebrating 160 years—Part 6—The Smidmore Connection

The opening of Sts Peter and Paul at Tempe Cook's River 160 years ago this month was a progressive step – Catholics had fought for religious freedom in colonial society and were moving forward. Religious liberty was the favoured term – with all the implications you might expect from a group which had seen Catholicism banned, the harsh cruelties of the convict system, and active prejudice. Today, religious freedom is again an issue but in the context of losing it rather than gaining it.

As stated in Part 1 Thomas Smidmore had a less than propitious start to life but nonetheless he prospered. His 'secular' career has been outlined (see Google) but sadly his love for his Catholic faith and support for the growth of the faith has not.



St Pius V convent grounds. Group of schoolgirls. Back ground – original home built by Thomas Smidmore at Frankfort Park. (Located approx where the side driveway from Smidmore St is today.) Early to mid 1930s.

This is indeed a shame as it was a large part of the person he was – there are many inspiring stories about past members of our faith community which are never told. Thomas was a publican and a business man. He was a councillor for Brisbane Ward in the city's first municipal council. During the late 1830s and 1840s he was a proprietor of the Australasian Chronicle – an independent Catholic newspaper with news relating to Catholics internationally and locally as well as

matters of general interest. Indeed Michael Gannon – based at the Rocks – was one of its promoters.

Thomas was an active member of Catholic society as well: 1845 on the committee raising funds for Fr Therry; a signatory to a protest at the exclusion of Catholic jurors in Dublin in 1844 (also included Edward Campbell, Fr John McEnroe, Michael Gannon); 1841 – Mrs Smidmore and 3 children gave donations for the erection of St Patrick's Church, Churchill. On one occasion Councillor Smidmore and his wife attended a meeting for Fr McEnroe's temperance society also attended by Mrs Caroline Chisholm. In 1852, by then resident in the district, a donation towards a school house at nearby St Peter's Anglican church. In 1858 he donated 250 pounds towards the establishment of St John's College, University of Sydney. His association with the establishment of Sts Peter and Paul in the district is clear from reports of the church's consecration and first Mass – four months after its foundation ceremony – when Thomas donated 10 pound (of the 28 collected on the day) and his wife Mary donated a suite of vestments.

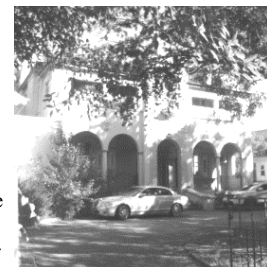
Despite his successes he experienced much sadness – his first wife died leaving him with one child and in 1848 his second wife died leaving him with 5 children. He moved away from Sydney town in this decade – he bought land and named it Frankfort Park – part of the site of the present presbytery and school and of course, Smidmore St. He built a house on this property but also acquired more property – Silver Hill just across the way and built a new 'Georgian villa', Silverleigh, on this site fronting Unwins Bridge Road – he was established in this home by the early 1850s.

He died in 1861 with his Requiem Mass held at old St Mary's Cathedral. Mary died in 1880. In 1884 the Illawarra Railway was opened – the new line went right through their property and a few years later more of the land was sold off. Around this time one of his sons by his second wife – Albert Murray (A M) – built a grand Victorian house on the Frankfort Park estate.

A M married three times. With his first wife Margaret Jane he and his family lived in this house. With his second wife Mary Jane, a descendant of Michael Gannon, they had a daughter Vera who seems only to have been a baby when her mother died in 1896. A few years later A M remarried and sold the house and land and moved to the Blue Mountains (died 1905). Originally owned by the Salvation Army, with the establishment of the school and church across the road, the Sisters of Mercy Parramatta purchased the house for their convent and the new school was built next door.

At this point past meets present and small miracles occur. Within the past month or so two things happened. Copying of historical pictures from a montage held at the school, and, Paul Smidmore with his family visiting their ancestor's home (descended from A M and Margaret Jane). Two weeks after the photos were copied Peter Smidmore and his son Paul, with other family members, met Fr Chris, and also Mary, to connect with their family's former home and history. As a result of this meeting further research has identified the mysterious building in one of the photos from the 1930s (above). (If any senior parishioners have information this would be welcomed – it likely was demolished in the 1950s.) Preserved in this photo is the original home that Thomas built at Frankfort Park – his son's much grander home in front. This is a rare and direct link to Thomas Smidmore.

Surely Thomas would be gratified to see that the Smidmore connection lives on in a visible way and in the local Catholic community. His business acumen as well as his faith had lasting benefits – and on that occasion on 31 October 1858 when he added his 10 pounds to the subscriptions for the new church at Cook's River he could not have foreseen he would one day have descendants who would come looking for him and named Peter and Paul!



Frankfort Park today the presbytery and parish office. The sisters added a chapel and new facade c 1920