



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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The Nativity of the Lord: Vigil & Christmas Day

24 & 25 December 2018



MASSES

Saturday Vigil:
5:00pm

Sunday:
9:30am

Tuesday to Friday:
9:15am

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).

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday 26 December
St Stephen, the first martyr

Thursday 27 December
St John, apostle, evangelist

Friday 21 December
The Holy Innocents, martyrs

Liturgy of the Word—Christmas Vigil

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ex 16:6-7

Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us,
and in the morning you will see his glory.

First Reading

Is 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord takes delight in you.

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.
The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:4-5. 16-17. 27.

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R. see v.2

(R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.' (R.)

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. (R.)

3. 'He will say to me: "You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me."
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure.' (R.)

Second Reading

Acts 13:16-17. 22-25

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul spoke of Christ, the son of David.

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia, he stood up in the synagogue, held up a hand for silence and began to speak: 'Men of Israel, and fearers of God, listen! The God of our nation Israel chose our ancestors, and made our people great when they were living as foreigners in Egypt; then by divine power he led them out. 'Then he made David their king, of

whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose". To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal".'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed:
the Saviour of the world will be our king.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 1:18-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Mary will give birth to a son and you will name him Jesus.
This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:
The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord told him to do: he took his wife to his home and, though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 40:5

The glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all flesh will see the salvation of our God..



Liturgy of the Word—Christmas Day

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 9:5

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

First Reading

Is 52:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.

How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation,
and tells Zion,
'Your God is king!'

Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.

Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.

The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. (R.)

2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. (R.)

3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. (R.)

4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading

Heb 1:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A holy day has dawned upon us.

Come you nations and adore the Lord.

Today a great light has come upon the earth.

Alleluia

Gospel

Jn 1:1-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.

In the beginning was the Word:

the Word was with God

and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.

All that came to be had life in him

and that life was the light of men,

a light that shines in the dark,

a light that darkness could not overpower.

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness,

as a witness to speak for the light,

so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light,

only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light

that enlightens all men;

and he was coming into the world.

He was in the world

that had its being through him,

and the world did not know him.

He came to his own domain

and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who did accept him

he gave power to become children of God,

to all who believe in the name of him

who was born not out of human stock

or urge of the flesh

or will of man

but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh,

he lived among us,

and we saw his glory,

the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,

full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness, He proclaims:

'This is the one of whom I said:

He who comes after me

ranks before me

because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received –

yes, grace in return for grace,

since, though the Law was given through Moses,

grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.

No one has ever seen God;

it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart,

who has made him known.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 97:3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

The Marian Movement of Priests
Invites you, your friends & relatives to
The 26th Annual New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil

WHERE: St Dominic's Church, Flemington
PARKING: Plenty in streets & church grounds
TRANSPORT: Trains all night on N.Y.E. and New Year's Day
(station has lifts)
DATE: Monday 31st December 2018
TIME: Church opens at 8pm. (and is air-conditioned)

Programme

Exposition	8pm	Silent prayer for 30 minutes
First Cenacle	8:30pm	Joyful Mysteries; then silent prayer for 15 minutes
Second Cenacle	9:30pm	Luminous Mysteries; then silent prayer for 15 minutes
Third Cenacle	10:30pm	Glorious Mysteries; then silent prayer
Benediction	11:45pm	
Hight Mass	12:00	Midnight Mass

We will receive 2 Plenary Indulgences as we pray the *Te Deum* at the end of 2018 and the *Veni Creator* at the beginning of 2019.

*Note: Exposition from 8pm until High Mass 12pm | Confessions all night
(Light SUPPER available in parish hall—kindly bring a plate & drinks to share)*

Enquiries: Tony & Lorraine 9642 3373

Christmas Prayer Card

Please pick up a Christmas prayer card at the back of the church.

Healing Mass

Friday 4 January 2019
Celebrant: Father Yacub Barkat
St Joseph's Catholic Church
126 Liverpool Rd Enfield
See noticeboard for further details

Know someone who wants to become Catholic?

Please find brochures at the back of the church to hand out to anyone you know who might be thinking of becoming Catholic.

RECONCILIATION: If your child is in year 2 or above during 2019, they can participate in the Sacrament.

If your child was baptised at St Pius V, Enmore, you will need to record the date on the Enrolment Form at the Information Session. If they were baptised elsewhere, please provide a copy of their certificate.

Certificates will be handed out at the Vigil Mass following the conferral of the sacrament.

RECONCILIATION		
EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE
Parent Information Session	Thursday, 14 th February, 6:30pm	Church
Lesson 1	Thursday, 28 th February, 6:30pm	School
Lesson 2	Thursday 7 th March, 6:30pm	School
Lesson 3	Thursday, 14 th March, 6:30pm	School
Sacrament	Saturday, 16 th March <i>and</i> Saturday 23 rd March, 2:30pm (in 2 groups)	Church

FIRST EUCHARIST: If your child is in year 3 or above during 2019, they can participate in the Sacrament.

If your child did their First Confession at St Pius V, Enmore, you will need to record the date on the Enrolment Form at the Information Session. If it happened elsewhere, please provide a copy of their certificate.

FIRST EUCHARIST		
EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE
Parent Information Session	Thursday, 16 th May, 6:30pm	Church
Lesson 1	Thursday, 30 th May, 6:30pm	School
Lesson 2	Thursday 6 th June, 6:30pm	School
Lesson 3	Thursday, 13 th June, 6:30pm	School
Retreat Day	Thursday, 20 th June, 9am – 3pm	Church & School
Sacrament	Sunday, 23 rd June, 9:30am	Church

BOTH SACRAMENTS: Enrolment forms are to be filled out at the Information Sessions and \$40.00 to be paid for your child's *Activity book*.

Session No.1 in the *Activity book* is to be completed before we meet for Lesson 1. This will be checked.

CONFIRMATION: Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish will not be having Confirmation this year.

The Epiphany Pilgrimage: the journey of the Magi

Are you looking for a different way to start the 2019 new year? Maybe to meet some new people, get fit and conclude the Christmas season on a spiritual high? The Epiphany Pilgrimage is a not-for-profit, 7 day, 110 km Catholic pilgrimage through the Blue Mountains which coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany. The pilgrimage begins at Emu Plains on 2 January, 2019 and finishes at Bell on 8 January, 2019.

Registrations for the full pilgrimage close 9 December with day walk registrations available on the day. *For further information and to register see www.epiphanypilgrimage.org or for general information and current news see <https://www.facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage/>.*

Nuns from Minsk

The Sisters from the Convent of St Elisabeth in Belarus are coming on Christmas Day to sell items of devotion after the 9:30am Mass. These items are made in their convents and proceeds will support their mission.