



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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph—Year C

30 December 2018



MASSES

Saturday Vigil:
5:00pm

Sunday:
9:30am

Tuesday to Friday:
9:15am

WEEKDAY MASSES

(Fr Chris away all of January—weekday Masses resume on Tuesday, 5 February 2019)

Tuesday 1 January

Wednesday 2 January

Thursday 3 January

Friday 4 January

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: Atunaisa Sakopo, Jose Serrao, Celie Doyle, Domenico Mollica, all souls, Trevor & Rufine Gonsalves, Jose Teixeira, Lawson He, Rosemary Marshall, Celie Doyle, Cecilia & Michael Tauro, Emanuel Aquilina, Joyce Lazaro, Iapukitea and relatives and friends of Cusack, Tauro families, Patrick Tauro, Jose Andrade, Ruza Bijac, Michael John McGinness, Maria Huljev, Glen Cusack senior, Jose Andrade, Joyce Hall, Maria Loncar, Brie Garland, Trevor & Rufine Gonsalves and Mona's birthday.

Prayers for the recently deceased: Angela Garcia Salas (mother of Alfredo Bouroncle), Joseph McNeill, Jose Andre, William Garland and John Martin Rigney.

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

Questions/suggestions can be sent to parish2020@ccer.catholic.org.au OR phone 9390 5255.

LAST FORTNIGHT'S COLLECTION

1st collection **\$213.00** (goes to supporting the priests)

2nd collection **\$495.95** is for running the parish)

Figures in brackets denote extra rent, stole fees, etc.

Safeguarding Children Cards

Note to parents:

Green and blue Child Protection cards are placed around the church for you to give to your children.



ST PIUS' PRIMARY
KINDERGARTEN
ENROLMENTS
open for 2019.

Christmas Pack Away

Please stay back after next weekend's Sunday Mass to help deacon candidate Alfredo pack away the advent candles, the nativity scene and Christmas decorations.

Office Assistant – Clergy Remuneration System (CRS)

This Clergy Remuneration System (CRS) is responsible to the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney and is looking for an office assistant, two days per week for 12 months, with the possibility of an extension.

Applications to be sent in confidence to:

Employment Services Manager
Polding Centre
Level 5, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney 2000

or to: hr@sydneycatholic.org

Applications close: 31 January 2019

Christmas Thanks

Thank you to Ray Smith for decorating the presbytery and church fences, and thank you to Di for sweeping up the leaves in preparation for Christmas.

January Healing Mass

Friday 4 January, from 7pm.
Celebrant: Father Yacub Barkat
St Joseph's Catholic Church,
Enfield

Pro-Life Training Day with Brendan

Malone: Internationally renowned speaker Brendan Malone will run workshops on how to effectively participate in campaigns to defeat anti-life parliamentary bills and how to spread the pro-life message with clarity and compassion. We are expecting a new abortion up to birth bill in NSW parliament soon. We must prepare to combat this. **\$30 per head** includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. **Saturday February 16, 9am to 5pm** at St Paul of the Cross Parish, 532 New Canterbury Rd. Dulwich Hill. RSVP essential: www.trybooking.com/ZZAZ

menALIVE Report

Our parish now has SOAP session on Saturday mornings and Thursday nights. The up and coming gatherings will be on **Saturday 5th January at 9am** and **Thursday, 17th January 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.

Thank you to Sonny (brother of Di) for donating a statue of Saint Francis Xavier.

Catholic Weekly

There will be no *Catholic Weekly* on the weekend of 6/7 January as the Catholic Weekly Office will be taking a break.

Lectors

All readers be aware that Fr Chris has purchased a new book *Break Open the Word* to assist you with the pronunciation of difficult biblical words and suggestions for the weekend readings. This book is to be kept underneath the lectern.

Stamps

The parish collects stamps to send to Mary MacKillop International who send these to help the less fortunate in PNG, Peru and Timor-Leste. If you would like to contribute with your own collection, please put your stamps in the Prayer Box at the back of the church.

Mary MacKillop International has sent the parish a note of thanks for the stamps sent, along with some statistics. They raised **\$68,000 in 2018**.

Since 2001, they have raised \$312,000. Read the *Tatiana's Story* (small leaflet on back table) to see how these stamps affect Peruvians.

THANK YOU

A parish is a community of Christians who support one another. We thank those members of our parish family who have used their gifts to make our congregation vital.

Appreciation is due to our acolytes, altar servers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, cantors, choir members and musicians, readers, computer operators, commentators, collectors, our counter, gift bearers, God's house-keepers, flower ladies, our deacon candidate, Alfredo, grounds people and hospital visitors.

Thanks for your generosity and wishes. Hope you all have a very happy new year!

Fr Chris

We thank the Tongan choir for singing at both Christmas Masses. God bless them!

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

The Diocese of Broome, WA, requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in the Kimberley. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months. We are currently seeking volunteers for several parishes including Balgo, and La Grange/Bidyadanga and Warmun.

For further details on how to be a part of this unique experience, and an application form, please contact:

Volunteer Coordinator: Anneliese Rohr 08 9192 1060
Email: volunteers@broomedioocese.org
Web: www.broomedioocese.org
Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725

Hot Chocolate on Christmas Morning

We thank deacon-in-training, Alfredo, his wife, Ida, and our new parishioners, Anna and Thiago for distributing hot chocolate on Christmas morning.

Parish Office

The office will be unattended from 14th to 18th of January.

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.

Father Chris' Holidays

Father Chris will celebrate his last Mass before going on holidays on Sunday 30th December. He will be back in the office on Friday 1st February 2019 (no Mass). Father Vince Redden will be covering weekend Masses during Father Chris' absence. There will be no weekday Masses for all of January.

Volunteering with CatholicCare

Interested in volunteering to help seniors?
Based at our Liverpool office, we need callers to phone people waiting for government funded home care to check on their wellbeing.

Interested in volunteering to help children?
Based at our Lewisham office, we need people to help at playgroups for young, vulnerable mothers and their babies.

Call CCareline on 13 18 19 to find out more.

Organ Recital

Door Donations	\$310
LESS:	
Cleaning choir loft	\$160
Organ tune up	\$330
Pastor de Lasala's fee	\$350
Vinnies donation	\$155
Balance:	\$685 in debit

This was a nice occasion, enjoyed by organ aficionados particularly. The school music teacher would like to do something similar half-way through next year. Anything approved by Father Chris will have to run at a profit or, at least, break even, as the church is more worried about spiritual things as opposed to cultural events.

Attention all Volunteers

It is mandatory that all volunteers who have contact with children undergo Safeguarding Children training. The Safeguarding Office has created 2 modules for this purpose. Please email the office if you volunteer in any of the following roles:

- **Acolyte**
- **Senior Altar Server**
- **Minister of the Altar**
- **Minister of the Word**
- **Collector**

The secretary, Bernadette, will email you the link to the modules which must be completed. Thank you for your understanding. And thank you most of all for the time you spend helping the parish.

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

Entrance Antiphon Lk 2:16

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading 1 Sm 1:20-22. 24-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel

For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them.

They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 83:2-3. 5-6. 9-10.
R. v.5

(R.) How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.

My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy
to God, the living God. (R.)

2. They are happy, who dwell in your house,
for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you;
they walk with ever growing strength. (R.)

3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
gave ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been
revealed,

all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people,

if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience,
we need not be afraid in God's presence,
and whatever we ask him,

we shall receive,

because we keep his commandments
and live the kind of life that he wants.

His commandments are these:

that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ
and that we love one another
as he told us to.

Whoever keeps his commandments
lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us
by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 2:41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
*His parents found him in the temple, sitting among
the learned men, listening to them.*

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go
to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he
was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as
usual. When they were on their way home after the
feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind
in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They
assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only
after a day's journey that they went to look for him
among their relations and acquaintances. When
they failed to find him they went back
to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sit-
ting among the doctors, listening to them, and ask-
ing them questions; and all those who heard him
were astounded at his intelligence and his replies.
They were overcome when they saw him, and his
mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done
this to us? See how worried your father and I have
been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for
me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be
busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not un-
derstand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came
to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His
mother stored up all these things in her heart. And
Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour
with God and men.

Communion Antiphon Bar 3:38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived
among us.