



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 Epiphany of the Lord—Year C

6 January 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

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

REFLECTION The Christmas season reaches an apex with the Epiphany. In some liturgical traditions, it is the central celebration of Christmas. It commemorates not only the birth of Christ and the visit of the Magi, but also his baptism in the Jordan and the manifestation of his glory at the wedding feast of Cana. In the Roman Catholic tradition, the focus is on the visit of the Magi and the implications of that visit for the glorious manifestation of God to all the peoples of the world.

There is a wonderful summons to alertness and presence of mind and heart, a call for all the nations to witness the marvellous works of God that shine as light in the midst of the surrounding darkness. The light of God is known in the ways in which the most vulnerable in the city are cared for and acknowledged. In just action and righteousness, the city becomes the beacon of God, and all the nations are attracted by this light. The quality of the light leads the way through the darkness and sustains the world in goodness and peace.

The manifestation of God among us changes the ways in which we perceive each other. Christ's birth provides us with the light by which we see a new criterion for relating. The Magi represent the multi-ethnic and cultural diversity in civic and parish situations, as well as the many religions of the world. All people, regardless of race or ethnic origin, can be co-heirs with Christ.

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LAST FORTNIGHT'S PLUS CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

1st collection **\$1085.40** (goes to supporting the priests)
2nd collection **\$1106.05** (is for running the parish)

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.**

Thank you to Sonny

(brother of Di)
for donating a
statue of Saint
Francis Xavier.

Catholic Weekly

There will be no *Catholic Weekly* this weekend as the Catholic Weekly Office will be taking a break.

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.

menALIVE Report

Our parish now has SOAP session on Saturday mornings and Thursday nights. The up and coming gatherings will be on **Thursday, 17th January at 7pm** and **Saturday 2nd February at 9am** 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.

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

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

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.

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.

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 and Saturday 23 rd March, 2:30pm (in 2 groups)	Church

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

Minsk Sisters

The nuns who came to sell their wares on Christmas day thank us for our generosity, amounting to approximately \$500.

Thank you to Jean Cusack and John Vu for the liquid oil candles.

Parish Office

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

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.

Christmas Pack Away

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

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.

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 halfway 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.

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.

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 housekeepers, 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

Father Chris' Holidays

Father Chris 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.

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 (Vigil) Cf. Bar 5:5

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East
and see your children gathered from the rising to
the setting of the sun.

Entrance Antiphon (Day) Cf. Mal 3:1;
1 Chr 29:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and do-
minion.

First Reading Is 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has
come,

the glory of the Lord is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises
and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:
all are assembling and coming towards you,
your sons from far away

and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart throbbing and full;

since the riches of the sea will flow to you;
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;

everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense

and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. (R.)

2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)

3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.

The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.

Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. (R.)

4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.

He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephe-
sians

*The revelation means that pagans now share the
same inheritance, that they are parts of the same
body.*

You have probably heard how I have been en-
trusted by God with the grace he meant for you,
and that it was by a revelation that I was given
the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that
has now been revealed through the Spirit to his
holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any
men in past generations; it means that pagans
now share the same inheritance, that they are
parts of the same body, and that the same prom-
ise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus,
through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mat-
thew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Ju-
daea during the reign of King Herod, some wise
men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is
the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw
his star as it rose and have come to do him hom-
age.' When King Herod heard this he was per-
turbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He
called together all the chief priests and the
scribes of the people, and enquired of them
where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in
Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the proph-
et wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders
of Judah,

for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Communion Antiphon (Vigil) Cf. Rv 21:23

The brightness of God illumined the holy city Je-
rusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

Communion Antiphon (Day) Cf. Mt 2:2

We have seen his star in the East,
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.