



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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Second Sunday of Lent —Year C

17 March 2019



MASSES

Saturday Vigil:
5:00pm

Sunday:
9:30am

Tuesday to Friday:
9:15am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 19 March
St Joseph, Husband of Mary

Wednesday 20 March

Thursday 21 March

Friday 22 March

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 (about one month's notice required)

Sacrament of Marriage:

By appointment (about six months' notice required to allow for adequate preparation of the couple).

Masses celebrated for: Thanksgiving for safe birth of Cusack grandchild, Orazio Salvo, all souls, good health of Kapiele Mafi, Mele Mafi & Silongo Uaku and Cecilia & Michael Tauro.

Morning Tea

Please join us for morning tea this weekend, 17 March, after Sunday Mass.

Cardinal George Pell

In regards to recent events, please see articles from Fr Frank Brennan (Jesuit priest), The Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference, Cardinal Pell's lawyers, George Weigel, *The Herald Sun* in the narthex.

LAST FORTNIGHT'S COLLECTION

1st collection **\$310.30 (\$200)** (goes to supporting the priests)
2nd collection **\$427.25 (\$5,000)** (is for running the parish)
Figures in brackets denote extra rent, stole fees, donations, etc.

menALIVE Report

Our parish now has fortnightly SOAP sessions every second Thursday night. The up and coming gatherings will be on **Thursday, 28th March Thursday and 11th April, from 7-8pm** in the sacristy. SOAP stands for Scripture, Observation, Action & Prayer, with each element lasting about 10-15 minutes. Nothing to lose, only grace to be gained. All men are welcome.

St Patrick's Day Mass

You are invited by Bishop Terry Brady to join him for the Annual St Patrick's Day Mass on 17 March 2019 and 18 March 2019. The Masses will take place at St Patrick's Church Hill on Sunday, 17 March 2019 commencing at 12.00pm and in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on Monday, 18 March 2019 commencing at 10:30am.

Discernment Retreat for Men

20-22 March 2019

Take a glimpse into life and formation into the priesthood; the weekend includes talks, time for personal prayer, sacraments, spiritual guidance, Q&A with seminarians and discussions.

This retreat is designed to help men discern their vocations.

Speakers include a keynote from Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.

Where: Seminary of the Good Shepherd, 20-58 Abbotsford Rd, Homebush.

Cost: \$99 Register: www.vocationcentre.org.au under *Vocation Centre Events*.

To enquire about registration, contact the Vocation Centre on 9207 8424 or joseph.vuicakau@sydneycatholic.org

Calling University Students!

Are you a student (or do you know a student) studying at university? Each university has a Catholic Society that offers daily Mass, social gatherings and avenues to deepen your faith on campus. Visit www.unicatholics.org.au to find what is happening on your campus.

Project Compassion

As we journey into the wilderness, let us remember that we do not travel alone, but rather as the community of the body of Christ. We pray for the one in nine members of that body who do not have enough to eat. We help them by our contributions to Project Compassion. Please find boxes and envelope sets underneath the noticeboard in the narthex. Fr Chris.

Day of the Unborn Child: "I will not forget you, I have carved you on the palm of my hand." Isaiah 49. The Family and Life Institute are holding their annual Day of the Unborn Child rally on **Sunday March 24**.

This is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by abortion. Join us to witness to the sanctity of human life! **10.30am Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, 12pm Angelus, followed by a peaceful procession through the streets of the CBD led by Bishop Anthony Randazzo. 1.30pm Benediction at St. Mary's Cathedral**

Please take a flyer at the back of the church.

LENTEN DAYS OF PENANCE

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, must be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

(a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.

(b) self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.

(c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

LENTEN CONCERT - 'ASHES TO EASTER'

with Peter Kearney

Sunday 24th March, 3.00pm

St. Pius V Church

\$10 at door

Advance registration essential – through Parish Office 9557 1815 (Mondays & Thursdays only)

Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter, singer and guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes' and 'Where Is Your Song, my Lord?'. His concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. "Ashes to Easter creates a prayerful and spiritual atmosphere ... a worthwhile part of the Lenten journey".

See poster & articles at the back of the church.

FIRST RECONCILIATION		
EVENT	DATE & TIME	VENUE
Sacrament	Saturday, 16 th March and Saturday 23 rd March, 2:30pm (in 2 groups)	Church
Certificate	Handed out at 5pm Vigil Mass following the Sacrament.	Church

Statue of Mother Teresa

The statue of Mother Teresa is still being made or is in transit (we're not sure) and should be here in April.

Divine Mercy Lenten Reflection with St Faustina First Class Relic on Tour

23 March 2019 | Saturday 9am-4pm
Parish Hall St Brigid's, Marrickville 392 Marrickville Rd Marrickville

Talk: Fr Duncan Wong

Find out about the Divine Mercy message and the Tribunal of Mercy. Everyone is welcome | FREE ADMISSION

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St Pius Catholic Primary School Enrolling Now

K-6 Co-Educational

Newly refurbished, air conditioned sound proof learning spaces

Collaborative learning environment

Specialist Programs: Gifted and Talented, Music, Drama Art

Large outdoor grassed play areas

St Pius Kids Club - Onsite before and after school care

Healthy Canteen

Enrolment Packs are available from the school office

between 8:20am - 4pm Monday to Friday or contact on 9557 4027 or via email: [in-fo@stpiuscatholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stpiuscatholic.edu.au)

for more information. School Tours available upon request.

We thank Alfredo Bouroncle for submitting the Plenary 2020 report on behalf of the parish.

We thank Martha Saerang for her very generous donation of \$5000 towards the repayment of the loan for the church roof and her donation to Father Chris.

Position Vacant: Director of Communications, Diocese of Broken Bay

The Diocese of Broken Bay is seeking a Director of Communications to join their Chancery Office in Pennant Hills. For a full job description and details of how to apply visit <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>

Applications close 25 March 2019.

Stations of the Cross

Please join us for Stations of the Cross, led by your illustrious priest, Fr Chris Higgins.

Y Factor 2019

Annual Sydney Archdiocesan camp

Open to all teens & students in years 7-12

Sat April 13 to Tue April 16

Cost \$260 (includes accommodation, meals, transport & activities)

For more info, contact Sydney Catholic Youth on 02 9307 8152 OR info@sydneycatholicyouth.org

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Positions Vacant

Pastoral Services Leader, St Catherine Labouré Parish Gympie. Part-time position working 4 days (30 hours) per week. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on 0402 210 055. Applications close 28 March 2019

Full time position: The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney

Applications are invited for the full time role of Employment Services Assistant, part of the HR team located at the Polding Centre, Sydney.

For further information, the advertisement and position description for this role can be viewed at <https://catholicjobsonline.com.au/job/employment-services-assistant-sydney/>

We thank Divine Monuments of Bankstown for their kind and generous donation of 2 plaques for the statues in our garden.

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.

Healing after Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat offers a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion, in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment. Rachel's Vineyard offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555 or email: info@rachelsvineyard.org.au. The retreats for 2019 will be held at **Varroville, NSW on April 5-7 and October 25-27**. Brochures are in the church or see the website: www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Courses

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is offering marriage preparation courses for engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Each course will be held over 3 consecutive Wednesdays. 2019 dates left are: October 16, 23, 30. To book online visit <https://www.trybooking.com/ZWSU> or please contact us at LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org.

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.

Cf. Ps 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

First Reading

Gen 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis / *God made a covenant with Abram, his faithful servant.* / Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? (R.)

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' (R.)

3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. (R.)

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading

Phil 3:17 – 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians / *Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.* / My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Lk 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.
Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Enmore Parish's First Parish Priest – Second article in the series relating to local Catholic history

In the previous column the leadership of Patrick Dean Slattery in the foundation of Enmore was noted. This was the last highlight in a long and varied life in the service of the church – he was parish priest for only six months. On 28 October 1908 he died at St Joseph's presbytery, Newtown. He was 75 – one of the oldest and most respected pastors in the Archdiocese.

Like many priests of the period he was Irish. He was born near Tralee in County Kerry and later studied at the Irish College in Paris and Maynooth College in Ireland. Class fellows included Thomas Carr and Joseph Higgins (Archbishop of Melbourne and Bishop of Ballarat respectively). He was ordained at Killarney Cathedral in 1864.

After a short time on mission in Ireland he came to Australia and was made assistant priest at Sacred Heart parish Darlinghurst. His next appointment was Bega – the first priest in charge of that town and district. Slattery later moved to Cooma and had charge of that parish for several years. In March 1892 he was recalled to Sydney and given Newtown parish, succeeding Fr Paul Fitzpatrick OSB.

Father Slattery was raised to the title of Dean by Archbishop Vaughan in the early 1880s. As a young man he was one of the 60 priests who stood with Archbishop Polding at the laying of the corner stone of our current St Mary's Cathedral on 8 December 1868.

In Sydney, the dean served in a number of roles – as a member of the Diocesan Council, a Fellow of St John's College (University of Sydney) and Diocesan Examiner of Schools. He was prominent in philanthropic movements – in recognition of which the NSW Lyne Government (September 1899 – March 1901) appointed him a member of the Advisory Board for the betterment of the working classes. He was one of the first directors of The Catholic Press (1895-1942). He also contributed papers on the Papal Encyclicals of the 19th century at the First Australian Catholic Congress. Slattery's reputation was such that a farewell presentation at the Newtown Town Hall on the eve of a 12-month tour of Europe, America and Japan, in 1903, was packed. In his 40 odd years in the ministry in Australia that was his first vacation. He was a keen literary man and owned one of "the finest private libraries". As well as being a writer he also excelled as a pulpit orator. His Lenten sermons were said to have drawn people to St Joseph's from every part of Sydney.

Through the years he maintained his love of Ireland and its people – he was an ardent supporter of the popular Home Rule cause.

He was described as a big man, genial, social, forceful, and faithful to his faith. Slattery was also interested in sport: "... he loved to chase the kangaroo, which were plentiful in the Bega district in his time; and many a 'spill' he met, when his avoirdupois [weight] brought him with positive force to the grass, but he was almost as quickly in his saddle again pursuing the quarry." (Twofold Bay Magnet and South Coast and Southern Monaro Advertiser 9.11.1908 p 3 Trove)

Cardinal Moran presided at the dean's Requiem High Mass at St Joseph's. Large numbers of priests, diocesan and religious, were also present; as were parishioners, local citizens, and prominent public identities. Members of the Children of Mary, AHCG, Hibernians, St Vincent de Paul Society and the church committee from St Pius formed part of the funeral procession following the Mass.

"From the day of his ordination in Killarney to the day of his death he was a thorough priest in mind, in love, and in his way of life. His heart was in his work – the Church, the school, the convent, the poor, the unfortunate, the sick, the dying. In Newtown his popularity was immense." (Catholic Press 29.10.1908 p 21 Trove)

(Main sources: Catholic Press 29.10.1908 p 21; Freeman's Journal 5.11.1908 p 18 Trove)



Dean Slattery from *Freeman's Journal* 5.11.1908 p 18 [Trove]