

wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Jn 2:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as

well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

Communion Antiphon Jn 11:27

Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.

Prayer for Rain

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient rain, so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdioceses has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore

Archdiocese of Sydney

Serving the suburbs of Enmore, St Peters, Sydenham & Tempe

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 23 February 2020

Entrance Antiphon Ps 12:6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First Reading Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

A reading from the book of Leviticus
You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)



3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)

4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 3:16-23

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God. Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as



Parish Administrator—Reverend Father Christopher Higgins
(available Tuesday to Sunday)

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MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

Masses Tuesday to Friday—9:15am
Saturday—5:00pm
Sunday—9:30am

Whole school Mass on Ash Wednesday morning.

Ash Wednesday evening Mass at 7pm.

Confessions Saturday 4:15—4:45pm or by appointment

Exposition Friday 7:30—8:30pm

Adoration Sunday 9:00—9:25am

Baptisms By appointment—about 1 month's notice required

Marriages By appointment—about 6 months' notice required

COLLECTIONS for last fortnight

1st collection
\$233.35

(supports the expenses of priest)

2nd collection
\$113.70

(for day-to-day running of parish)

Envelopes
\$80.00

(part of 2nd collection)

Candle offerings
\$51.15

Masses have been offered for: William Bryson (RIP), Jack Meagher (RIP), Jose Andrade (2nd year anniversary), Vincenza Crouch (RIP).

Readers' Roster 29 Feb/1 Mar. Saturday Vigil: *seeking a volunteer – please see Jean*; Sunday Morning: *Junior, Vina & Joan.*

St Pius V Catholic Primary School Enrolling Now for 2020 Enrolment packs & school tours available. *See opposite page for contact details.*

Next Morning Tea is Sunday 1 March after Mass.

Divine Mercy Retreat 9am-4pm, Sat 7 March in School Hall. All are welcome. Fr Chris speaking 1-2pm. Bring a plate for lunch. *See noticeboard.*

ANOINTED - Sisterhood Catholic Women's Conference 20-22 March, Stanwell Tops. Registrations: www.sisterhood.org.au *See noticeboard.*

Graffiti Thank you to Ray Smith for painting over the graffiti.

Caritas/Project Compassion Please take home your Caritas envelopes/box for Lenten alms giving.

Stations of the Cross After morning Mass every Friday of Lent.

LENT Please be aware of the precepts for Catholics regarding fasting, prayer, alms giving and good deeds. *Please see noticeboard.*

Teaching Catechism Ray Smith currently teaches year 10 catechism at Woollooware Public School at 11am on Fridays. He would love a Class Helper. Please contact him on raysmith@inet.net.au.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion At the moment we have one person, Jean Cusack, to take Holy Communion to the elderly and sick. We would love more people to volunteer for this much-needed ministry. Please see Father or Jean.

Sherry Weddell Evangelisation 1st meeting to be advised. Fr needs the Sherry Weddell book back before this can start.

The Priesthood? Come & See Seminary Open Day 2020 *See noticeboard.*

Corona Virus Until further notice, Holy Communion will only be distributed under the species of bread to lessen any chance of spreading this disease.

Casimir Catholic College Open Day for Year 7 2021 & 2022 Friday 28th February 2020, 3.00pm – 7.00pm, 200 Livingstone Road, Telephone: 9558 2888, Web: www.casimirmarrickville.catholic.edu.au

Lenten Programme Advise C. Crilly by Thursday morning if you wish to join. We need at least 6 people to make this viable.

Post Parish Council Meeting Notice It was suggested at the Parish Council that parishioners make the announcements from the bulletin at the end of Mass from the pulpit. Please see Father if you are interested in doing this.

End of Mass Speakers Continuing on from last year, if anyone is interested in sharing their faith, stories & life's challenges etc. at the end of Mass after the announcements, please contact Father.