

Gospel Mt 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Communion Antiphon Mt 5:9-10

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.



Prayer against Coronavirus

O God, Healer of all our ills, to Whom we turn in this time of distress, grant we pray, in the power of faith, eternal rest to the dead and comfort to those who mourn, health to the sick and peace to the dying, strength to medical workers, wisdom to our leaders and a spirit of kindness to us all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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.

Name Tags It was suggested at the last Parish Council meeting to again promote the use of name tags. With our community having shrunk in this time of COVID, this could be a great way to learn names as there are fewer people to remember. See Ray or Fr Chris for materials.

Pigeons are trying to come to Mass. Please don't let them in as they refuse to pay rent or wear a mask, nor they do they abide by the social distancing requirements and they never sign in.

Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore

Archdiocese of Sydney

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

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 30 August 2020

Social Justice Sunday

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-6. 8-9 v.2

R/ My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R/**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R/**

3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R/**

4. For you have been my help; in the



shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R/**

Second Reading Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18 Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!



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MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

Masses	Tuesday to Friday—9:15am Saturday—5:00pm Sunday—9:30am – (12:00pm Indonesian)
Confessions	Saturday 4:15—4:45pm <i>or</i> by appointment
Exposition	Friday 6:00—7:00pm
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 15/16 & 22/23 August

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$453.90 (supports the expenses of priest)	\$317.50 (for day-to-day running of parish)	\$140.00 (part of 2nd collection)	\$416.60

Masses have been offered for: Jose Serrao (RIP), Mele Mafi’s birthday, asking for God’s healing of Tavita Tala in New Zealand, 36 year anniversary of Kapeliele & Hinehina Mafi and Kapeliele’s birthday, Cesar Ludena Rojas (RIP), Silongoua Fotofili (RIP), Mafi, Jose Andrade, Francesca’s birthday.

COVID HIGHLIGHTS Parishioners are exhorted to wear face masks as a safeguard to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Church attendance numbers are now limited to 100 people, providing there is a four square metre space around each person, with the exception of people from the same household. The same rule applies to baptisms and funerals. Weddings still allow a maximum of 20 guests.

Social Justice Statement 30th August You can read the Social Justice Statement of the *Australian Catholic Bishops Conference* at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Fr will be starting this in September for anyone interested in becoming a Catholic.

Healing Mass Friday, 4th September, St Joseph’s, Enfield. Celebrant: Fr Miechels.

COVID Vaccine - Archbishop’s letter to PM See our website to read this. There is also one copy at the back of the church.

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Epetition to proclaim Modern Slavery Act 2018 Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is encouraging people to sign an ePetition calling on the Premier and the NSW Government to take immediate steps to proclaim the state’s Modern Slavery Act 2018. Despite this law having passed parliament over two years ago, it still hasn’t been brought into law, thanks to stalling tactics which have failed some of our state’s most vulnerable citizens. You’ll find a link to the petition here: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/la/pages/epetitions-list.aspx>. Please note the closing date for this ePetition is 1st September 2020. With the securing of 20,000 or more e-signatures, a debate on the subject of the ePetition will be activated in the Legislative Assembly.

A new public lecture “Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics” is to be given via Zoom on Monday, 12 October 2020 by Sr. Prof. Julia Upton, RSM, Provost Emerita and retired Distinguished Professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies at St. John’s University (NY). It will go from 10am -11:30am AEDT. See flyer back of church.

Parish Council Minutes The February minutes can be found on the noticeboard.

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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. *The Archdiocese has requested that this message be a permanent addition to parish bulletins.*