

a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:26-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You will conceive and bear a son.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

Communion Antiphon Is 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

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

St Edmund, patron saint of pandemics, pray for us.

St Sebastian, patron saint of plague sufferers, pray for us.

St Roch, invoked against the plague, pray for us.

St Godeberta, invoked against drought & epidemics, pray for us

St Luke, patron saint of doctors, pray for us.

St Agatha, patron saint of nurses, pray for us.

St Damien, patron saint of chemists, pray for us.

St Anthony of Egypt, patron saint of gravediggers, pray for us.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

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 Christ our Lord. Amen

Masses have been offered for:

Thanksgiving for all that has happened recently, Andrija Zovko.

Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore

Archdiocese of Sydney

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B

20 December 2020

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

First Reading 2 Sm 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16
A reading from the second book of Samuel

The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and



your throne be established for ever.'"

Responsorial Psalm Ps 88:2-5. 27. 29

R. see v.2

R/ For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. R/

2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.' R/

3. He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.' I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. R/

Second Reading Rom 16:25-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of



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 – (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 last weekend

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$225.70	\$484.95	\$210.00	\$481.60
(supports the expenses of priest)	(for day-to-day running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	

A Prayer for Renewal

Blessed are You, Father, who, in Your infinite love sent us your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it in abundance.
 By the power of the Holy spirit, renew our Eucharistic communities. May they be places of encounter with the living Christ, centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy. Grant us the gifts of faith, hope and love to be faithful disciples of Jesus and radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney.
Our Lady, Help of Christians, Pray for us!
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation, pray for us!
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us!

COVID HIGHLIGHTS Parishioners are exhorted by the Government to wear face masks as a safeguard to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Our church attendance numbers are now limited to 153 people, providing there is a two square metre space around each person, with the exception of people from the same household. Funerals are limited to 100 and weddings to 150.

Christmas Mass Times Confessions 5:00-5:30pm, Vigil 6pm, Day 9:30am

Just released: *The Place of the Kyriale - The Ordinary of the Mass – in Catholic History, Liturgy and Music by Marie Therese Levey rsj.* The prayers of the Ordinary, or the people's parts of the Mass, have formed a type of spiritual chain which has linked all the prayers of the Mass together since the first years of Christianity. The current book is a response by the author to a need expressed by fellow parish musicians to know more about the origin of the people's sung parts of the Mass. In this work the reader will meet well known saints who loved to praise God in song and contributed to the Kyriale: St Gregory I the Great, Bernard of Clairvaux, Hildegard of Bingen, Francis of Assisi, Dominic of Osma. You will also meet those who made life difficult for them. The work is full of stories of "saints and sinners very human figures (who) come alive in these pages". Available for \$30 + P&P from Congregational Administration Centre, PO Box 1508, North Sydney NSW 2059. Enquiries (02) 8912 4853 email CAC.reception@sosj.org.au.

Enmore Christmas Party Thank you to Jean for organising this event and including the challenging and fun activities. **Thank you all** for your presence.

Our Lady of Fatima One of our parishioners would like the parish to have processions with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima around 13 May 2021. If you would like to be in charge of this enterprise, please see Father Chris.

That Catholic Shop is an exciting development for *Aid to the Church in Need* Australia. Every purchase you make supports their work to keep the faith alive in those places where it is most at risk. Please visit www.thatcatholicshop.com

Christmas Raffle We thank John Vu for donating a pushbike. Tickets are \$1 each. The draw will take place at Christmas Day Mass. The Indonesian Community are also buying tickets for the raffle this weekend only.

Go Make Disciples In support of this mission plan of the Archdiocesan, we have a beautiful image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Please feel free to take it home and return it the following week.

Go Make Disciples- Prayer for Renewal Campaign Archbishop Anthony Fisher is launching this campaign on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Star of the New Evangelisation. We now call on the Holy Spirit to prepare us to receive anew the fire of god's love and the desire to be ever more faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ.

Divine Mercy Retreats, Somersby December programme on noticeboard.

January Healing Mass 1 January, 7pm. *See details on noticeboard.*

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 safeguardingquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. *The Archdiocese has requested that this message be a permanent addition to parish bulletins.*