

Gospel

John 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf John 6:54

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.*

O divine Master,

*grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as
to console,*

*to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.*

*For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning
that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.*



Prayer for Ukraine

*O Lord our God, look down with mercy on the
Ukrainian people. Protect and save them from the
unjust aggressors who seek to subdue them. Grant
them steadfast trust in your mercy and protection.*

*O Mother of God, who gave them your miraculous
icon at Zarvanytsia, intercede for the Ukrainian
people, who run to the shelter of your mercy in their
times of need.*

*O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on them. Give them
strength and courage to defend what is
good, right and holy. Keep them safe from
harm and provide for all their needs, both
temporal and spiritual. Amen*



Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore

Archdiocese of Sydney

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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

25 August 2024

Social Justice Sunday

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9

R/ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1.I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. R/

2.The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. R/

3.They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. R/

4.Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. R/

5.Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. R/



Second Reading

Ephesians 5:21-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation

See John 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!



Parish Administrator—Reverend Father Christopher Higgins
(available Tuesday to Sunday)
 Parish Permanent Deacon – Reverend Mister Alfredo Bouroncle
 Parish Secretary—Bernadette Hickey
(Office hours—Tuesday 8-3pm & Thursday 8-5pm)



Our Parish respectfully acknowledges the Gadigal people of Eora nation as traditional caretakers of the land.

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MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

Masses	Thursday—9:15am (whole school Mass) & 7:00pm Saturday—5:00pm – (6:30pm – Portuguese) Sunday—9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian)
Church Open	Mondays & Fridays – 3:00-5:00pm
Confessions	Saturday 4:15—4:45pm <i>or</i> by appointment
Adoration & Benediction	Mon 3:00 – 3:50pm, Tues to Fri 8:00 – 8:50am & Sun 9:00—9:25am
Baptisms	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
Marriages	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

COLLECTIONS for weekends of 3/4 & 10/11 August 2024

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$954.75	\$812.10	\$355.00	\$204.90
(supports the priest’s expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: Pat Kelly, Christy Canadi, Em Woelders (guidance from the Holy Trinity to bless, guide & protect them in their overseas travels).

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 at (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 Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. *(Archdiocesan permanent notice)*
Safeguarding Children information can be found in folder at the back of the church.

Father’s Day Appeal next weekend 1 September 3 Ways to donate: 1) www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-prf, 2) Complete the parish envelope, 3) Phone 1800 753 959.

Free Accomodation (own bedroom) including paid utilities, in exchange for assistance for person with mobility issues, (e.g meal preparation & feeding). Sydenham/St Peters area, close to Sydney CBD, universities, hospitals. Would suit student and part-timer workers. Please send queries/expressions of interest to rayterre32az@gmail.com or call Ray on 8060 5676.

CWF Please return donations by end of August. FYI our required donation amount has been raised from \$15,800 to \$18,800 for 2024 - 2025.(=\$6267 per collection)

RCIA Are you seeking to become Catholic or do you know someone who does? Please see Father Chris.

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Fundamentals of Flourishing Parishes This workshop series will dive deeper into the natural and supernatural skills that will give you confidence in strengthening your parish as an invitational, vibrant, and Christ-centred community. It will also be an opportunity to share ideas and receive encouragement to joyfully continue your parish service. Come along to any or all workshops! DATE AND TOPICS:

- Wednesday, **28 August**: Sharing Your Faith Without Fear
- Wednesday, **4 September**: Authentic Invitation and Welcome
- Wednesday, **11 September**: Five Tips for Running Effective Parish Events
- Wednesday, **25 September**: Capstone

TIME: 7:15 - 8:30 PM, doors open at 7:00 pm VENUE: St Martha's, 38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt NSW 2040 Free Admission. For more information and to register go to www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

Raising Fathers Evening Series In an age where there is a training manual for almost everything, there is still no manual, map, or compass for carrying out one of the most important and impacting tasks on earth—fathering! Join us for a RAISING FATHER'S Evening as we unpack practical advice and share stories that are powerfully important, impacting, informative and instructional for fathering in today’s world. Robert Falzon is a husband, father, businessman, published author and co-founder of menALIVE. Since the founding of menALIVE in 2003, this work has delivered 450 events across 26 dioceses and numerous schools in Australia and NZ reaching more than 30,000 men. **DATES AND VENUES:**

- **Monday, 26 August** - St Patrick’s College Sutherland: 551 President Avenue, Sutherland
- **Tuesday, 27 August** - Corpus Christi College Maroubra: 35 Donovan Ave, Maroubra
- **Wednesday, 28 August** - De La Salle College Revesby Heights: 9 Ferndale Road, Revesby Heights

More information and to register, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CUADF>

Volunteer Opportunities - English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians and New Zealanders who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region. We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2025 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Mongolia and the Solomon Islands. We aim to utilise the skills and talents of our volunteers to provide the best possible contribution to the host community. Our aim is not to ‘help’ but to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. We are also present in host communities to be role models - people that young people can aspire to be. Cagliero volunteers commit themselves to working in the ‘Salesian way’. This means that young people are the central focus in all work. The Salesian way also means approaching life in a joyful way with a loving heart. The experience as a Cagliero volunteer is not about the volunteer but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliero volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do! For more information, or to send us an enquiry, follow this link: <http://cagliero.org.au/> **Applications close October 31st, 2024.** Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliero Project Email: lhichaaba@salesians.org.au