

### 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

### Safeguarding Sunday Prayer

Gracious God,  
you love and care for all of your children,  
especially the smallest and most vulnerable.  
We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk  
who have been abused, neglected or exploited  
and whose trust and innocence have been  
destroyed.  
Help us to hear their cries of pain  
and to take responsibility for those whose lives have  
been broken.  
Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded  
by abuse,  
and the failure to be heard.  
We pray that with the help of your grace  
communities and families will find understanding  
and support,  
so that now and in the future  
their wounds may be healed  
and they may find lasting peace.  
Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our  
children and adults at risk,  
giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience  
to seek out assistance when required.  
We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.  
Amen.

### Reverence For God's Creation

God of love,  
we praise you for the magnificence of  
creation.  
We marvel at both its grandeur  
and the intricacies of its smallest microscopic  
life forms.  
As we reflect on the creation, help us to take in its  
true significance.  
This is your work in which you have invested  
deeply of yourself.  
It is the costly outpouring of your creativity.  
So, we ask you to instill in us a proper  
reverence for all that you have made - a  
genuine respect for all environments and all  
creatures.  
Lord, we are in awe of the formidable power of  
nature,  
but, in these times, may we also come to  
comprehend its complex fragility.  
Amen.

## Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore

Archdiocese of Sydney

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 8 September 2024

### Safeguarding Sunday

**Entrance Antiphon** Psalm 118:137, 124  
You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;  
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**First Reading** Isaiah 35:4-7  
A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the  
tongues of the dumb speak.*

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.  
'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the  
retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then  
the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the  
deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and  
the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes  
in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched  
earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1  
R/ Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to  
those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to  
the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R/

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises  
up those who are bound down, the Lord who loves  
the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. R/

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but  
thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for  
ever, Zion's God, from age to age. R/

**Second Reading** James 2:1-5  
A reading from the letter of St James  
*Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit  
the kingdom?*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus  
Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of  
distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose  
a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully  
dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time  
a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take  
notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this  
way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man,  
'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my  
foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two  
different standards in your mind, and turned  
yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?  
Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor  
according to the world that God chose, to be rich in  
faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he  
promised to those who love him.



**Gospel Acclamation** cf Matthew 4:23  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and  
healed all who were sick.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** Mark 7:31-37  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way  
of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the  
Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man  
who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked  
him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in  
private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the  
man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then  
looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him,  
'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were  
opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened  
and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell  
no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more  
widely they published it. Their admiration was  
unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said  
'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

**Communion Antiphon** John 8:12  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever  
follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the  
light of life.





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**

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

**COLLECTIONS for weekends of 17/18 & 24/25 August 2024**

<b>1st collection</b> <b>\$1013.45</b> (supports the priest’s expenses)	<b>2nd collection</b> <b>\$818.60</b> (for running of parish)	<b>Envelopes</b> <b>\$210.00</b> (part of 2nd collection)	<b>Candle offerings</b> <b>\$159.25</b> (part of 2nd collection)
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**Masses for:** Francis & Robyn (health and good will), Adriana Patrulescu (RIP), Sebastian and all who suffer from mental illness & anguish, Pat Kelly..

**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](mailto: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.*

**Fatima Procession Sunday 13 October** For this to go ahead, someone will have to organise it. If you would like to organise this, please see Father by Sunday 29 September.

**Funeral Mass Friday 13 September 10:30am Pat Kelly**

**Buildig Parish Community** A month ago, Ray spoke at both Masses about how we can get to know each other. The insert in the bulletin this week is in relation to this. If you would like to participate, please see Ray after Mass. Could be this weekend or in the next few weeks.

**Father’s Day Appeal** 3 Ways to donate: 1) [www.ourfaithhourworks.org/give-to-prf](http://www.ourfaithhourworks.org/give-to-prf), 2) Complete the parish envelope, 3) Phone 1800 753 959. Please return your donations by 22 September.

**Divine Mercy September retreat schedule** See noticeboard

**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, **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](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events)

**Upcoming Catholic Theological College Events, Melbourne**

- Information Session for Educators
- Information Session for Prospective Students
- Engaging Your Faith Online Sessions

For more information: <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/> and <https://ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/>

**5 Love Languages Sat 14 Sep**, 2-5pm, Speaker: Charbel Raish, OLSH Parish Randwick. See noticeboard for code to reserve seats. Parish phone number: **9399 6775**

**Carmelite Retreat Program 2024** See leaflet on the back table.

**St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Feast Day 22 September** St Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park, Procession, Mass, Veneration & Blessing by relic. Ph: 4789 2232 Address: 34 William Howell Drive Glenmore Park

**Annual 'BE NOT AFRAID' Men’s Conference 2024** A one day conference for men (18+) at St Mary's Cathedral Hall Sydney from 7am to 3.30pm on **Saturday, 21 September 2024**. This year's theme is '7 Deadly Sins—vices and opposing virtues,' which will be presented by various speakers. Speakers include: Fr Daniele Russo, Fr Greg Morgan, Fr James Baxter OP, Fr Chris de Sousa CRS, Fr Dan McCaughan, Dr Peter Holmes, Christian Stephens, Fr Richard Wallace FSSP, Fr Emmanuel Seo, Fr Ben Saliba as MC plus others joining us for the day! The conference will include breakfast, coffee/tea, talks by guest speakers, mass, opportunity for confession, Q&A, lunch, fraternity and small expo. We're gathering as men to encounter Our Lord and increase in faith, hope and charity in brotherhood to be the man God created us to be. Tickets are \$55 and Concession Ticket is \$45. Clergy, Religious and Seminarians are free Tickets are limited, register now and invite a mate - BE NOT AFRAID For more information and to register, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CUGH1> "As iron sharpens iron, man sharpens man" - Proverbs 27:17

**Upcoming Retreats from MGL Sisters | Springtime Creative Retreat** Come and experience the healing power of creativity as we step into the blossoming wonders of Spring. Nurture your inner self and watch the boundless possibilities that emerge from spending time co-creating with God. DATE: **11th-13th October 2024** VENUE: Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW To book visit <http://www.trybooking.com/CNSWN> (by 27 September) For more information, contact Judy at [mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com)

**Alight Women's Retreat** As the season of Advent approaches, join the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters for Alight, a special women's retreat. Rekindle the flame of your faith and prepare your heart for the coming of Christ through a day of reflection, prayer, and fellowship as we explore themes of hope, anticipation and joy. This retreat is being supported by the Catholic Women’s Network in the Archdiocese of Sydney. DATE: Saturday, **2nd November 2024** VENUE: St Christopher's Parish, Holsworthy NSW Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/CNTCL> (by 25 October) For more information, contact Berna at [mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com)