

## Rockin' the Steward-ship

Ever notice all the words that are in the word 'stewardship'?

First, there's 'stew'. That's what a congregation can get into after a sermon on donating.

Then there's 'war', which is what can take place in a parish council discussion of the church budget.

'Ship' is the third syllable. Like the Titanic, if there's a hole in church giving, it can sink pretty fast.

Finally, the word 'hip', a reminder that total stewardship is about the whole body.

## Prayer for Persons with Disabilities

*God our Father, who created all people in your image: give persons with physical, cognitive, or emotional disabilities opportunities to do all that they are able to, and strengthen them to overcome challenges. Jesus, who showed great compassion for those who suffer: comfort all who feel like their gifts are not used or that their value is not understood, so that they might take courage in your affection. Holy Spirit, who fills believers with all good gifts: help me to reach out to persons with disabilities through friendship, care, and working to be sure that our church includes them in everything that we do and to break down barriers to inclusion in society. We ask this in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

## 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

## First Sunday of Advent – Year C

1 December 2024

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

### First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
*I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.*  
See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1

R/ To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. R/

2. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. R/

3. His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. R/

### Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

*When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.



### Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Your redemption is near at hand.*

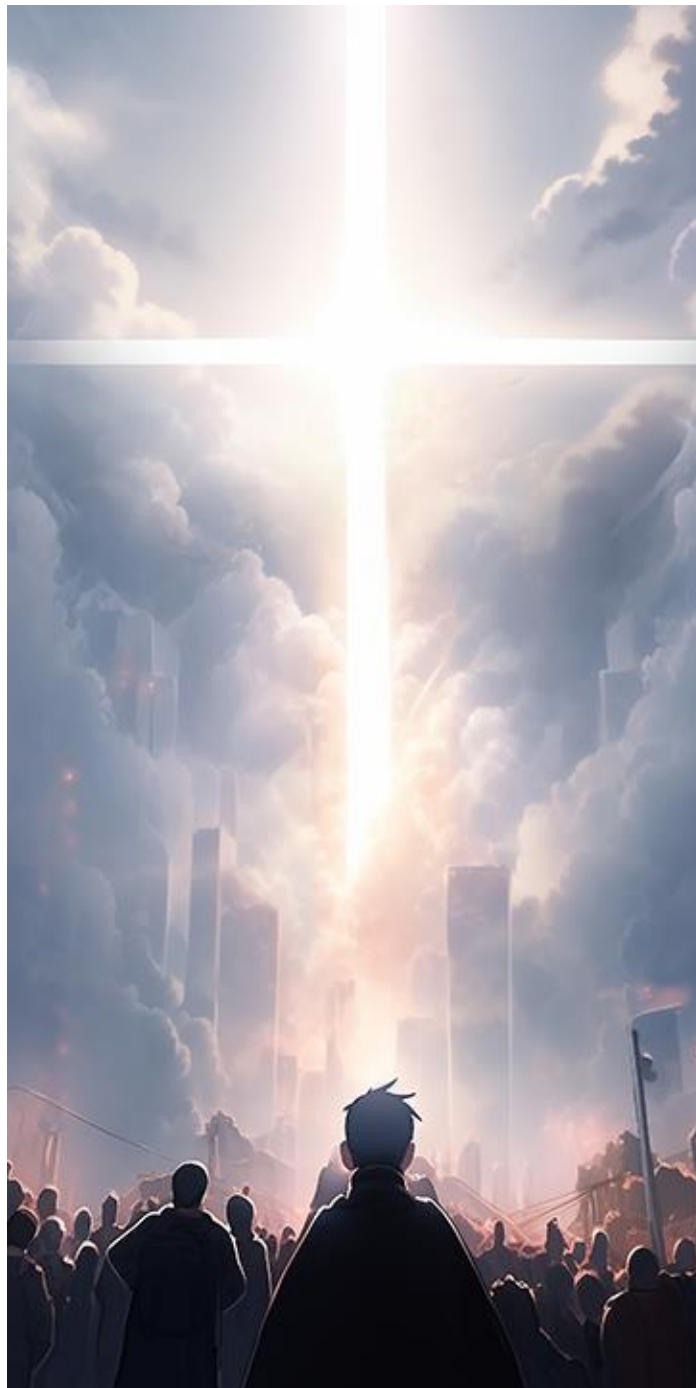
Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

### Communion Antiphon

Psalm 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.







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 <b>Healing Mass</b> 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 by appointment</i>
<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> (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays)	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
<b>Marriages</b>	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

**COLLECTIONS for weekends of 2/3, 9/10 & 16/17 November 2024**

<b>1st collection</b> <b>\$1491.05</b> (supports the priest’s expenses)	<b>2nd collection</b> <b>\$110.80</b> (for running of parish)	<b>Envelopes</b> <b>\$265.00</b> (part of 2nd collection)	<b>Candle offerings</b> <b>\$350.65</b> (part of 2nd collection)
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**Masses for:** **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.**

**Healing Mass Enmore 5 December**

**Parish Council Agenda October 2024** See noticeboard

**Billings Ovulation Method** *Bulletin of WOOMB International, November issue available at back of church*

**Sydney to Host the International Eucharistic Congress in 2028** At the recent 53rd International Eucharistic Congress in Quito, Ecuador, we heard the announcement that the Church of Sydney had been hoping for: that we will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress in 2028, 100 years since Sydney last hosted this great event and twenty years since it hosted World Youth Day. To find out more about IEC 2028, visit <http://iec2028.org> and join our mailing list to receive future updates.

**Caritas Australia’s Lebanon Crisis Appeal** Lebanon is currently facing a dire crisis, and the need for your support has never been greater. Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability, leaving countless families without access to basic needs like food, water, and medical care. Our Caritas Australia partners on the ground are doing everything they can, but they desperately need your help. Please show your *love for Lebanon* and donate today to help supply essential items such as food, shelter, and medical aid, as well as long-term support to rebuild communities. Donate today: [www.caritas.org.au/lebanon](http://www.caritas.org.au/lebanon)

**Annual Lourdes Day Mass** The Order of Malta's annual Lourdes Day Mass at St Mary's Cathedral is celebrated for the intentions of all Catholic families. Those needing physical or spiritual healing and support are particularly encouraged to participate and receive a bottle of water from the Lourdes shrine. All those in attendance will receive a blessing for good health. **DATE AND TIME: Saturday, 7 December 2024 at 11 am** VENUE: St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney

**Mass for Expectant Mothers** Are you expecting a child? Come and celebrate the joy and anticipation of new life at the annual Mass for Expectant Mothers, celebrated by Bishop Umbers. Refreshments will be provided. DATES: **Sunday 8th December** TIME: 10am Mass VENUE: St Joachim’s Lidcombe, Please register for catering purposes: <https://www.trybooking.com/CWENO>

**Christmas at the Cathedral 12-25 December, 5:30-10:30pm.** Market stalls, live music, activities, joyous & spectacular light show based on *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens.

**Healing Mass Enfield, Friday 6 December** Celebrant: Fr Peter Liem Duong See noticeboard for details

**‘Be Open to the Word’ Advent Retreat** Advent is a time to prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Join the Advent retreat hosted by Carlton parish and lead by Tania Rimac from the Parish Renewal Team, with the theme Be Open to the Word This retreat will be an opportunity to pause and reflect on the witness of Mary, our Mother, and contemplate her role in Salvation History for all mankind, and what it means for us today. DATE: **Tuesday 10 December 2024** TIME: 6pm – 9pm VENUE: St Bernadette Parish, 10 Argyle St, Carlton COST: Free All are welcome to attend, and are encouraged to bring a friend. Light refreshments will be available before and after the retreat.

**Vinnies Good Samaritan Christmas Appeal** Vinnies urgently need gifts suitable for older children and teens. This appeal is being organized by Sydney City South Parish & Redfern Vinnies. Please put your donations in the basket at the back of the church. Ideas for gifts: movie vouchers, zoo passes, gift cards, chocolate stockings, Christmas bonbons, food treats, toiletries. The box will be collected **Friday 13 December**.

**‘Writings of St John Paul II on Gender, Marriage and Family’ Immersion Course. OPEN FOR REGISTRATIONS!** DATES: **Sunday, 19 January to Friday, 24 January 2025** VENUE: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre in Grose Vale, NSW To register and learn more about the course, please visit: [tobi.sydneycatholic.org](http://tobi.sydneycatholic.org) For further questions, contact Simon Yeak at [simon.yeak@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:simon.yeak@sydneycatholic.org) or 0427 536 356

**That Catholic Shop catalogue** available at the back of the church for **Christmas** purchases.

**Divine Mercy catalogue** can be found at the back of the church

**Christmas Gifts from Palms!** Are you looking to give something really special this year? Something that makes a tangible difference? Palms has the shop for you! Whether it be a GIFT directly supporting our overseas development program, or some unique Timorese GIFTS for your loved one’s home, you’ll find that perfect GIFT here! Just scan the QR or go to [palms.org.au/donate/palms-gift-shop](http://palms.org.au/donate/palms-gift-shop) Happy shopping! And yes, your purchase assists the amazing communities overseas. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

