

God's Name

A "pillar of the church" passed away and was on his way to Heaven. When he got to the pearly gates of Heaven, he met an angel. The angel asked him what God's name was.

"Oh, that's easy," the man replied. "His name is Andy."

"What makes you think His name is Andy?" the angel asked.

"Well, you see, at church we used to sing this song, 'Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me.'"



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. Amen

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*



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

Third Sunday of Advent – Year C

15 December 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Philippians 4:4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm

Is 12:2-6 R. v.6

R/ Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song, he became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. *R/*

2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name! Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. *R/*

3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds, make them known to all the earth! People of Zion, sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. *R/*

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
The Lord is near.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!



Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

What, then, must we do?

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Isaiah 35:4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.



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 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 (2nd & 4th Sundays)	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
Marriages	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

COLLECTIONS for weekends of 23/24/30 November & 1 December 2024

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$904.75 (supports the priest’s expenses)	\$736.70 (for running of parish)	\$230.00 (part of 2nd collection)	\$226.65 (part of 2nd collection)

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. 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.

Thank you to Senya, Sophia & Jean for helping Father to put up the nativity & Christmas decorations.

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. *Brochure at back of church.*

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 **"We are in continual crisis. When we think we get to the bottom, it sinks again and gets worse."** – These are the sobering words of Gilbert Zouein, Executive Director of Caritas Lebanon.

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.

The Way of Wonder - Theology of the Body Family Event The Theology of the Body Institute is coming again for one night only in January 2025. Don’t miss this once-off opportunity to experience true beauty, wonder and awe! Is this the times we are living in? Depressed and desensitised, over-stimulated and over-stressed, we need to return to living in child-like wonder! It is not an option, but an essential. Join Bill Donaghy, international TOB speaker, for a 2.5-hour immersive experience of the mind, heart, and senses as we explore a mosaic of classical and contemporary art, music, and theological reflections that will open us to wonder again! Content is for adults and children 13 and above. Children under 18 years must be supervised by an adult. **DATE: Saturday, 18 January 2025** TIME: 6:45 pm Doors Open & Registrations / 7:00 pm Event Start / 9:30 pm Event Close VENUE: St Joachim's Parish - 2 Mills Street, Lidcombe COST: \$20 Adult / \$15 Student/Concession

For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/CWNXL>

‘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 For further questions, contact Simon Yeak at simon.yeak@sydneycatholic.org or 0427 536 356

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New Year’s Eve Prayer Vigil The Marian Movement of Priests, St Dominic’s Church, Homebush West, 8pm to after midnight: Confession, Exposition, Cenacle, Benediction, Mass, Supper. Email: info@mmp-oceania.net. Website: www.mmp-oceania.net See noticeboard