

people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord told him to do: he took his wife to his home and, though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.

**Communion Antiphon** Cf Isaiah 40:5  
The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

**Thou Shalt Not...**

The Ten Commandments were the subject of Miss Dixie's Sunday school lesson for five and six year olds. After explaining "Honour thy father and thy mother", Miss Dixie asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat, little Cindy answered, "Thou shalt not kill."



**Prayer for the Year of Hope Jubilee 2025**

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.*



**Christmas Novena**

*Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment  
At which the Son of God was born  
Of a most pure Virgin  
At a stable at midnight in Bethlehem  
In the piercing cold  
At that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee,  
To hear my prayers and grant my desires  
(mention request here)  
Through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother.*

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

Archdiocese of Sydney

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**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil**

**25 December 2024**

**Entrance Antiphon** Cf Exodus 16:6-7  
Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.

**First Reading** Isaiah 62:1-5  
A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*The Lord takes delight in you.*

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 88:4-5. 16-17. 27. 29  
R. see v.2

- R/ For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.
1. '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/
  2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. 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** Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17. 22-25  
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
*Paul spoke of Christ, the son of David.*

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia, he stood up in the synagogue, held up a hand for silence and began to speak:  
'Men of Israel, and fearers of God, listen! The God of our nation Israel chose our ancestors, and made our people great when they were living as foreigners in Egypt; then by divine power he led them out. Then he made David their king, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son



of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose". To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal".'

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

**Gospel** Matthew 1:18-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*Mary will give birth to a son and you will name him Jesus.*

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his



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

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

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

**Christmas Mass Times**

**Christmas Eve** (Tues 24 Dec) Confessions 5:15-5:45pm | Mass 6:00pm (English), 8:00pm (Indonesian)  
**Christmas Day** (Wed 25 Dec) Mass 9:30am  
**Boxing Day** (Thurs 26 Dec) Mass 9:15am

**Father Chris’ Roster**

**Retreat:** Tuesday 31 December 2024 to Sunday 5 January 2025. (Father will celebrate Mass 4 January.) Father Ron Davoren will supply Mass on Sunday 5 January.)  
**Holidays:** Tuesday 7 January to Thursday 6 February 2025. (Father will be back on Friday 7 February.) Father Greg Flynn will supply Mass on all other weekends till Father Chris returns.  
*There will be no mid-week Masses from Fri 27 Dec to Wed 12 Feb. There will be Mass on Thurs 13 Feb*

**ALPHA The Parish is going to offer ALPHA courses in 2025** to ask the big questions about life over a meal with others. To register your interest, please pick up a leaflet at the back of the church and register your interest by following the QR code.

**Liturgy Courses** The Liturgy Office has released courses available for 2025. Visit [liturgy.sydneycatholic.org](http://liturgy.sydneycatholic.org) or see the 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) **"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.

**Vanuatu Earthquake Appeal** Vanuatu has experienced two earthquakes within 24 hours impacting over 116,000 people and causing significant damage to buildings and infrastructure. The main hospital in Port Vila has sustained extensive damage and is overwhelmed by the mass casualties. There are hundreds of people have been injured or trapped under rubble and at least 14 people deceased with the death toll expected to continue to rise. People remain fearful of further disaster, as Vanuatu is one of the most susceptible countries to natural disasters such as earthquakes, storm damage, flooding, and tsunamis. This appeal will provide support to our on the ground partners who are ready to respond to the humanitarian requirements by providing emergency shelter, food and other essentials, psychosocial support, and recovery efforts. Donate today: <http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu>

**Divine Mercy Publications** have prayer cards, key rings, books, pamphlets, one of the largest ranges of religious pictures, Divine Mercy Calendars, Divine Mercy Pocket Calendars, and so much more to add as Sacrament and **Christmas** gifts. <https://invi.tt/Ry3W>

**‘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

**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](mailto:info@mmp-oceania.net). Website: [www.mmp-oceania.net](http://www.mmp-oceania.net) See noticeboard