

He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as his witness, He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.' Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 97:3
All the ends of the earth have seen 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
(Year of Jubilee of Hope officially opens on 24 December at 7pm)
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
Serving the suburbs of Enmore, St Peters, Sydenham & Tempe

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Day **25 December 2024**

Entrance Antiphon Cf Isaiah 9:5
A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

First Reading Isaiah 52:7-10
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97:1-6. R. v.3
R/ All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. R/
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. R/
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. R/
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. R/

Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-6
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the



angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 1:1-18
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world.



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 \$904.75 (supports the priest’s expenses)	2nd collection \$736.70 (for running of parish)	Envelopes \$230.00 (part of 2nd collection)	Candle offerings \$226.65 (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. 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 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 **"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 For further questions, contact Simon Yeak at 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. Website: www.mmp-oceania.net See noticeboard