

they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

Communion Antiphon **Baruch 3:38**
Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

A Dog Tale

Margaret & Fred Ziggler wanted a "truly Christian" dog. So they went to a kennel that specialised in that particular breed. There they found a dog they liked. When they asked him to fetch a bible, he did it in a flash. When they instructed him to look up John 3:16, he turned right to it. "Oh, we'll take this pup, he's wonderful," said Margaret & Fred. That night the Zigglers invited friends from their church over to meet the remarkable dog. The guests were impressed with Fido's ability to do Christian tricks. "Can he do regular dog tricks, too?" they asked. That stopped the Zigglers cold; they'd never even thought of that. "Well," they said, "let's try this out." So they clearly pronounced the command, "Heel!" Quick as a wink, the dog jumped up, put his paw on Ziggler's forehead, closed his eyes in concentration, and bowed his head. 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.

Prayer for 58th World Day of Peace (1 January 2025)

May our homes, our nation, and countries around the world become havens of peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the grace to see every human being as a child of God, regardless of race, language or culture, let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer to the Holy Family

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust.
Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.
Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.
Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer.
Amen.

Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore

Archdiocese of Sydney

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

29 December 2024

Entrance Antiphon

Luke 2:16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading

1 Samuel 1:20-22. 24-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel
For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.
Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.' When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

There she left him, for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 83:2-3. 5-6. 9-10. R. v.5

R/ How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

1. How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. R/

2. They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. R/

3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, give ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed. R/

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first letter of St John
He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.
Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear,



people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men, listening to them.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that



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 Mass will resume on 13 February 2025 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 or 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 from 7/8 to 21/22 December + Christmas collections 2024

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$1852.35	\$1627.56	\$210.00	\$360.59
(supports the priest’s expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: Ivan Jilwan & Norma & Mauna Alam, all souls of Jilwan & Alam families. Thanksgiving for safe arrival of baby great grandson, families Ribeiro, Dias & Marques, and all Holy Souls.
Mass to be offered for: Ana Ahosivi (RIP).

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.

Results of the Raffle

1- Our Lady of the Southern Cross Parish Total Cash Collected= \$591.00:

4 1/2 raffle ticket books – Total 450 tickets (100 tickets each). Sold 343 tickets– Total \$591.00 revenue
 31 tickets Complimentary/Free to volunteers (value of \$110.00)

2- St Pius V School Total Cash Collected= \$102.00:

2 raffle ticket books provided – Total 200 tickets (100 tickets each) Sold 63 tickets– Total \$102.00 revenue
 119 tickets Complimentary/Free to School Staff & Students (value of \$198.00)

GRAND TOTAL OF CASH COLLECTED:\$693.00

Winners: 1- Delila A. (Parishioner), 2-Stella L.- (Staff from St Pius V Catholic Primary), 3-Ray Smith (Parishioner), 4- Wassima (Mother of a St Pius 's Kid), 5 -Amy D (Indon' Parish Community), 6-Emma ??? (Staff- St Pius V's), 7-Helena ??? (Indon' Par. Community), 8-Shane ??? (Parishioner), 9-Fox B. (Year 2 Student- St Pius V's), 10-Silvi/Margaret (Maybe from the Indonesian Community).

We thank the anonymous benefactor who supplied the raffle tickets & prizes. We thank Sophia for organising the raffle.

We pray for Christina Ryan and James Mighell on their wedding on Monday 30 December in St Pius V church.

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

The office will be closed between Monday 6 and 10 January 2025.

ALPHA The Parish is going to offer ALPHA courses in 2025 to ask the big questions about life after a meal & watching a video 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 the first half of 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.

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