

will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Communion Antiphon (Vigil) Cf Revelation 21:23
The brightness of God illumined the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

Communion Antiphon (Day) Cf Matthew 2:2
We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

The Church Board

"There will be a meeting of the board immediately following this service," announced the pastor. After the benediction the group gathered for the called meeting. All looked askance when a visitor who had never attended their church before joined them.

"My friend," asked the pastor, "did you understand that this is a meeting of the board?" "Yes," said the visitor, "and after that service, I'm about as bored as you can get!"



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 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

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

Serving the suburbs of Enmore, St Peters, Sydenham & Tempe

The Epiphany of the Lord

5 January 2025

Entrance Antiphon (Vigil) Cf Baruch 5:5
Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

Entrance Antiphon (Day) Cf Malachi 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12
Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11
R/ Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1.O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. R/

2.In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. R/

3.The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. R/

4.For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. R/

Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted



by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 2:2
Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you



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

We thank Fr Ron Davoren who will be supplying Mass this Sunday, as Father Chris finishes his retreat. Please welcome him warmly.

Christmas tree/decoration/nativity scene dismantling will occur on Wednesday 8 January 10:30am. Please come and help if you can.

Catholic Weeklies no new Catholic Weekly this week

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 congratulate newly-weds, Christina Ryan and James Mighell.

Fr Chris on Holidays: Tuesday 7 January to Thursday 6 February 2025. (Father will be back on Friday 7 February.) Mons. Greg Flynn will supply Mass on all 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 near the bulletins 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>

'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