

**Gospel** Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

**Communion Antiphon** John 8:12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

**Why sermons?**

An anonymous letter writer sent his/her letter to the local newspaper editor complaining that church attendance made no sense. "I've gone for 30 years," he wrote, "and have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time, as are the preachers for even bothering to deliver a sermon at all." This letter started a real controversy on the op-ed page. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years. In that time my wife has cooked some 3,200 meals, but for the life of me, I can recall the menu of few if any of those meals. I do know, though, they all nourished me and gave me the strength I need to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I'd be dead today."

No more comments about sermon contents have appeared on the op-ed page.

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

*(Year of Jubilee of Hope officially opens on 24 December at 7pm)*

Father in Heaven, may the **Faith** you have given us in Your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of **Charity** enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of Your kingdom.

May Your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within, both humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure expectation of a new Heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, Your glory will shine eternally.

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

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

Archdiocese of Sydney

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

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**

**26 January 2025**

**Entrance Antiphon**

Cf Psalm 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

**First Reading**

Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah  
*They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63**

R/ Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1.The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. R/

2.The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. R/

3.The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. R/

4.May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! R/

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body', would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

**Gospel Acclamation**

See Luke 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!



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 Mass will resume on 13 February 2025 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 from 28/29 December 2024 & 4/5 & 11/12 January 2025**

<b>1st collection</b> \$1580.85 (supports the priest’s expenses)	<b>2nd collection</b> \$1728.75 (for running of parish)	<b>Envelopes</b> \$415.00 (part of 2nd collection)	<b>Candle offerings</b> \$147.00 (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.*

**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.

*Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*

*Should there be any existing particular circumstance/s affecting overall Any of the following, THEN-A Special Consideration Will Certainly Be Provided to accommodate as appropriately as possible for such Circumstance/s- Without Any Compromise to the Nature and Purpose of the Anonymous Donations offered- by God’s Will and Help. (parishioner/organiser- sam- old ltle.bro.of.Christ) May God Bless Us All.*

**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 are 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 after a meal & watching a video with others. To register your interest, please pick up a leaflet near the bulletin and register your interest by following the QR code.

**Catholic Engaged Encounter Courses February, May, August & December | Visit [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au) Leaflets on the back table.**

**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.

**Parents Night out with Matt and Cameron Fradd** Parents, it's time for a well-deserved night out! Take a break and join us for an insightful evening with Matt & Cameron Fradd as they share their parenting and family life expertise. Whether you come as a couple, alone, or with a group of friends, it's the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow parents and gain valuable insights to support your family journey. Enjoy a relaxed atmosphere with light canapes, drinks, and plenty of opportunities for conversation and a meet-and-greet with the speakers. **DATE: Wednesday 5th February 2025 TIME: 7pm - 9pm** VENUE: St Christopher's Parish, Holsworthy **COST: \$20** per person or book a table of 8 friends for \$150 To register, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/CXTXE>

**2025 Jubilee Parish Planning Workshop** Join us online for an evening workshop in which we will consider practical approaches for Jubilee renewal in our parishes. **DATE: Thursday, 20 February 2025 TIME: 7:30 - 8:45 pm** VENUE: Online Register at [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events).

**Magi Pilgrimages Australia is organising the following Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025.** 1.Streams of Mercy (May), 2. Italy & Poland (May),3. Marian Shrines (June), 4. Shrines of our Lady (August), 5. Pilgrimage of Hope (October). The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For itineraries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)

**Artes Christi Chamber Choir Presents Sacred Music for Lent** Experience the profound journey of Christ's passion through masterworks including Pergolesi's Stabat Mater, Bruckner's Christus Factus Est, and Byrd's Miserere Meus. This Lenten concert invites listeners on a musical pilgrimage from darkness to light, from suffering to hope. **Join us Saturday, March 8, 2025, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM** at St Thomas of Canterbury Church, 3 Thomas Street, Lewisham. Tickets: Adult \$35 | Concession \$25 | Family \$75 For bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CXXHA>