

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

Communion Antiphon

Luke 2:30-31

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Near death experience

Bertha Jones was a middle-aged woman who had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience. During that experience she saw God and asked if this was the end of the road for her. God said, no, and explained that she had another 30 years to live.

Upon her recovery, she figured that, if she had 30 or 40 more years, she might as well stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, tummy tuck, hair transplant and colouring, and a nose job.

After her hospital stay, she walked out of the front door and was killed by a delivery truck. When she arrived in front of God, she asked, "I thought you said I had another 30 to 40 years left?"

God replied, "Sorry, Bertha, I didn't recognise you."



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

The Presentation of Our Lord – Year C

2 February 2025

Sunday of the Word of God

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 47:10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:7-10. R. v.10

R/ Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

1.O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R/**

2.Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. **R/**

3.O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! **R/**

4.Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. **R/**

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He had to be made like us in all things.

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.



Gospel Acclamation

Luke 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

My eyes have seen your saving power.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'



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 <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 from 18/19 & 25/26 January 2025

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$603.45 (supports the priest’s expenses)	\$648.60 (for running of parish)	\$380.00 (part of 2nd collection)	\$169.20 (part of 2nd collection)

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.

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 Itle.bro.of.Christ) May God Bless Us All.

Fr Chris on Holidays: Father will be back on Friday 7 February. We thank Mons. Greg Flynn for supplying Masses and confessions during Father Chris’ absence.

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.

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.

Enfield Healing Mass Friday 7 February See noticeboard for details

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.

The Camino of St Joseph 2025 The annual overnight pilgrimage returns for men in honour of our Spiritual Father for the Feast of St Joseph. The Camino begins with a 8:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers on Friday, March 21st, at St Joseph's, Como, with Confession available from 7:00 p.m. The Camino will conclude with a 6:00 a.m. Mass at St Aloysius on Saturday, March 22nd, followed by a celebration in fellowship with hot breakfast and drinks. The entire walk from start to finish will include six churches. Each stop will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a short time in Adoration for spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for a quick bathroom break. Itinerary from start to finish: 1. St Joseph's, Como - Opening Mass 2. St Patrick's, Sutherland 3. St Catherine's, Gympie 4. Our Lady Star of the Sea, Miranda 5. Our Lady of Fatima, Caringbah 6. St Aloysius, Cronulla - closing Mass **DATE: Friday 21 March 2025 7:00 PM - Saturday 22 March 2025 8:00 AM** COST: \$35 pp / Bus Ticket: \$24 return 7pm sharp on 21/03 from Holy Family Menai and 7.30am on 22/03 from St Aloysius Cronulla To register and for more information, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CXLAO>

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>