

you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

Communion Antiphon **Psalm 9:2-3**

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Desperate Praying

Worshippers at All Saints Church were invited to a special Lenten study on prayer. At the close of the course, Father Pat invited the participants to write sentence prayers. Here are some of those prayers.

"Lord, help me to relax about insignificant details - beginning at 7:41:23a.m. EST."

"God, help me to consider people's feelings, even if most of them are hypersensitive."

"Father, help me take responsibility for my own actions, even though they're usually not my fault."

"Dear God, help me not try to run everything. But if you need some help, feel free to ask me."

"Lord, help me to be more laid back, and help me do it exactly right."

"Heavently Father, please help me take things more seriously, especially having a good time."

"God, give me patience, and I mean right now!"

"Lord, help me not to be a perfectionist. (Did I spell that correctly?)"

"Lord, keep me open to other people's ideas, wrong though they may be."

"Dear God, help me to slowdownandnotrushthroughwhatIdo."

Amen.



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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

23 February 2025

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 12:6

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

First Reading **1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23**

A reading from the first book of Samuel

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?'

David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

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Responsorial Psalm **Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8**

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)

4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)



Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

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

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If



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 (2 nd & 4 th Sundays)	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
Marriages	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

COLLECTIONS for weekends from 1/2 & 8/9 February 2025

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$662.80 (supports the priest’s expenses)	\$532.85 (for running of parish)	\$460.00 (part of 2nd collection)	\$96.30 (part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: George Kozumplik (RIP), Tanami (sick), Rose (preparing for uni), Senya’s pregnant daughter.

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.

E-Waste Drop Off – Kind volunteer needed! The parish has the 4 old church screens to dispose of plus some other small e-waste items. If you would be able to assist the parish by dropping these off at Innerwest Council (Bolton St entrance) on a Saturday or Sunday between 8am and 1pm, please let the parish know. The parish is not allocated any council cleanups, hence the help needed. Your help is much appreciated!

Lenten Group | Tuesdays 6:30pm, starting on 4 March Ash Wednesday is on 5 March. Please let the office or Father know if you are interested in joining the Lenten Group.

If you wish to do your **Lenten reflections** privately, please take a **booklet from the back of the church.**

Fitness for Seniors Free, no obligation fitness assessment by an Exercise Scientist & fitness & Pilates instructor. Personalised program to fit your needs: 1 on 1 or group class. If you are interested, call Tina: 0478 885 870 or email tinawx2022@gmail.com

Holy Hour Thursday 13 March 8-9am in St Pius V church The Archbishop and Sydney Vocation Centre have invited Parishes and chaplaincies to offer a Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday of the First Week of Lent, 13 March 2025. Looking ahead to the International Eucharistic Congress, we are called to pray for more priests, from whose hands the Eucharist is given to the Church. Deacon Alfredo will run this Hour.

2025 Jubilee Year of Hope information leaflet *There are 5 copies at the back of the church. More will be printed if these are all taken.*

2025 Jubilee Parish Planning Workshop Archbishop Anthony Fisher has released the *Jubilee Year Decree* for the Archdiocese of Sydney. The Decree includes places of pilgrimage where full Jubilee indulgences may be obtained when conditions of an indulgence are met. Find the Decree on the noticeboard. To further support individuals and parishes in this Jubilee year, join us online for an evening workshop in which we will consider practical approaches for Jubilee renewal. Date: **Thursday 20 February 2025 Time: 7:30 - 8:45 pm** Venue: Online Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1333577>

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.

Called & Gifted Discernment Process Every baptised person is gifted in a unique way to serve and build up the kingdom of God. If you're wondering how God is calling you to serve Him, the Called & Gifted Discernment Process is for you! This Process is designed to help Christians identify and nurture their spiritual gifts (charisms), both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for others. **Commences Tuesday 25 February 2025.** Register: <https://gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process>. Limited places. **Registrations close Monday 24 February.**

Open Day | Casimir Catholic College Marrickville Friday 28 February 2025 3pm-7pm 200 | Livingstone Rd, Marrickville. All welcome! *See noticeboard for advertisement.*

Are you a former chorister of St Mary’s Cathedral Choir? Join our Choir Alumni Network. Stay connected with us, and each other. Learn about exciting developments, including the launch of the new Girls’ Choir in 2025. Attend a **special luncheon: Sunday, 2 March 2025.** We want to hear from you. Don’t miss this incredible opportunity. Register now RSVP: 25th February 2025 Invitees are welcome to bring a guest. Visit www.ourfaithourworks.org/pf or call Tony Maricic 0422 099 576 *See noticeboard for details.*

The Eucharist and the Future of Our Church, 6pm, Monday 3 March A special lecture from Bishop Kornél Fábry, secretary general of the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress in Budapest, Hungary. To register: <https://satcathedral.org/2025/the-eucharist-and-the-future-of-our-church/> OR scan the QR code at the back of the church.

Didasko The Church as the Mystical Body of Christ *Dr Mario Baghos* **Mondays 3, 10 & 17 March, 7:30pm-8:45pm.**

Day of the Unborn Child: Mass and Procession | Sunday 23 March, St. Mary’s Cathedral with Mass at 10:30 am. At 12:30 pm the procession, led by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, will walk to NSW Parliament where an address will be given by Cardinal Mykola Bychok, returning to the Cathedral for Benediction at 1:30 pm.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage | Rome, Lanciano, Pompei, Amalfi Coast | 1 – 12 July 2025 Enquiries: pp@mibp.org.au OR text message to 0417 259 617. *See noticeboard for further details.*

Catholic Bushwalking Club The Catholic Bushwalking Club holds at least one walk each weekend, with other activities including abseiling, cross-country skiing, caving, canyoning and cycling. For more information, go to www.cbcnsw.org.au or phone Robert on 0478919427.