

## The Electronic Secretary

As church secretary you may be obsessing over your computer when...  
You turn off your computer and get an awful empty feeling, as if you just pulled the plug on a loved one.  
You start using smileys :- ) in your snail mail.  
You find yourself typing "com" after every full stop when using a word processor.com  
You can't correspond with your mother, since she doesn't have a computer.  
In real life conversations, you don't laugh, you just say, "LOL, LOL."  
You move into a new house and you decide to "Netscape" before you landscape.  
When your inbox shows "no new messages", you feel depressed.  
You wake up at four o'clock in the morning to go to the bathroom and stop to check your E-mail on the way back to bed.  
You don't know the gender of your three closest friends because they have nondescript screen names and you never bothered to ask.



## 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

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

2 March 2025

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 17:19-20

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

### First Reading

Sirach 27:4-7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

**Do not praise someone before they have spoken.**

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

R/ Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. R/

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. R/

3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. R/

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

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

**Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.**

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

### Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!



### Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**A person speaks from what is in his heart.**

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

### Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 12:6

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.





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**

*Ash Wednesday Mass 9:15am (whole school Mass) and 7:00pm*

*During Lent there will be no Mass on Thursdays. Mass will be on Fridays instead at 9:15am.*

<b>Masses</b>	Friday – 9:15am 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</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays)	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
<b>Marriages</b>	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

**COLLECTIONS for weekends from 15/16 & 22/23 February 2025**

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
<b>\$903.35</b>	<b>\$966.85</b>	<b>\$310.00</b>	<b>\$71.15</b>
(supports the priest’s expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

**Masses for:** Hina Hina (thanksgiving for 64<sup>th</sup> birthday), Bruce Reason (death anniversary), Senya’s daughter, and new grand-daughter, Malia.

**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.*

**Project Compassion** We welcome Dr Damian Spruce who will speak to us this Sunday. *Pick up your envelopes at the back of the church on the small tables.*

**Lenten Observance (full sheet is on noticeboard)**

1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting, must be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.
2. On all other Fridays of the year including the Fridays of Lent, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
  - (a) prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
  - (b) self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one’s own country; limiting use of social media, smart phones or television.
  - (c) helping others – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

**Lenten Group | Tuesdays 6:30pm, starting on 4 March in the presbytery** 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.

**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.

**Notice:** the Catholic Indonesian Community will be using the church every Sunday till Easter between 2-4pm.

**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.*

**The Eucharist and the Future of Our Church, 6pm, Monday 3 March** A special lecture from Bishop Kornél Fábry, secretary general of the 52<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Christian Brothers Lewisham Open Day 4 March | 4.30 & 6.30pm 7 March | 9.00am** Register Now Open Day Tours [cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au](http://cbhslewisham.nsw.edu.au)

**Didasko The Church as the Mystical Body of Christ** *Dr Mario Baghos* **Mondays 3, 10 & 17 March, 7:30pm-8:45pm.** Online via Zoom. Cost \$35 per person. Register at: [gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko](http://gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko) OR scan QR code on website.

**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](mailto:pp@mibp.org.au) OR text message to 0417 259 617. *See noticeboard for further details.*

**Palms International Volunteering formerly known as Palms Australia** invites you to join an intimate group of just eight to twelve travellers for an extraordinary journey that goes far beyond typical tourism. Our Encounters program; *Timor-Leste from July 8-19, 2025* and *Samoa from 27<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025* offers you: Authentic connections with local communities and Palms Australia partners, Unique insights into sustainable development initiatives, Cultural immersion experiences you won't find anywhere else, Expert local guides sharing hidden historical sites and natural wonders, Delicious local cuisine and comfortable community guesthouses.

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