

they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

Communion Antiphon **Matthew 17:5**
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

How to Kill Your Priest

A priest was asked to inform a man with a heart condition that he had just inherited a million dollars. Everyone was afraid the shock would cause a heart attack and the man would die. The priest went to the man's house and said, "Joe, what would you do if you inherited a million dollars?" Joe responded, "Well, Father, I think I would give half of it to the church." And the priest fell over dead.



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

Second Sunday of Lent – Year C

16 March 2025

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 26:8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

First Reading

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

R/ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? **R/**

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' **R/**
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **R/**

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R/**

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there



are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but



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	For midweek Masses, see Lenten/Easter schedule over 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 March 2025

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$939.35 (supports the priest’s expenses)	\$950.55 (for running of parish)	\$95.00 (part of 2nd collection)	\$153.45 (part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: Senya’s daughter, and new grand-daughter, Malia, Silongo & Sr Losa Mafi (birthday), Mark (local funeral director – sick with various ailments).

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.

Enmore Mass & Stations of the Cross during Lent at 9:15am on:

Friday 21 March, Thursday 27 March, Tuesday 1 April (purple covering of statues) & Thursday 10 April

Enmore Easter Schedule

Holy Thursday/Mass of the Lord’s Supper (17 April) – 6:30pm (Indonesian Mass 8:30pm)
Good Friday Stations of the Cross (18 April) – 10am | **Passion of the Lord** – 3pm (with the Indonesian Community)
Easter Vigil Confessions (19 April) – 3:30-4:30pm | **Easter Vigil Mass** – 5pm (Indonesian Vigil Mass – 8pm)
Easter Sunday Mass (20 April) – 9:30am

Stations of the Cross during Lent (Catholic Indonesian Community) Fridays 6-8:30pm.

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

Want to learn more about your faith? Want a space where you can talk about the big things in life over a cuppa? Come along to **ALPHA 2025!** ALPHA is an eleven week program for people who want to learn more about Christianity - whether you have been a Christian from birth or you just want to explore what it is all about. Each ALPHA meeting begins with a meal together and a chance to meet the other people in the group. Then we watch a short video exploring the basics of Christianity - who is Jesus? How do we find happiness? How do we know the Bible is authentic? What does it mean to have a relationship with God? After the video there is a chance for small group discussion and the meeting concludes within 75 minutes. Our ALPHA will begin at **9am on Fridays, starting March 28th** and breaking over the school holidays. ALPHAs will be held in the School Library. Please come to the St Pius School Office to sign in and they will direct you to the Library. Any questions, please feel free to email brigid.vieira@syd.catholic.edu.au We look forward to seeing you there!

Do you have a room to rent? Jean is currently lodging a Catholic student/mother (Newtown parish) from Venezuela who is willing to offer \$150/week rent. Please see Jean if you can help.

Lenten Observance full sheet is on noticeboard

Mass Intentions Father will give 23 Mass Intentions to Religious Order priests on Thursday at the Clergy Conference. If you wish to know if yours is included, see Father.



Global Mission: No age limit! Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? IT’S NOT. Palms always values our older participants for the wisdom and resourcefulness they share in communities! Palms is celebrating Seniors Week with a special [online session](#) showcasing older volunteers’ experience and insights from the mission field. Explore our [unique opportunities](#) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime! Venue: Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events **Date: Thursday 27 March 2025 | Time: 11 am – 12 pm** 02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au



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.

Women’s Lenten Retreat Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia and the Catholic Women’s Network for a Lenten Retreat Day on **Saturday, 29th March 2025**, at St Mary’s Cathedral, Sydney. The retreat day will unpack Jesus’ question and our response, exploring its impact and application on the three fundamental relationships in our life. The day will include all day Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions, keynote talks by the Dominican Sisters, breakout sessions, morning tea and lunch. Women who have attended previous retreat days are encouraged to bring a friend to this event. The ticket price is \$50 per person, which includes morning tea and lunch. A group discount is on offer - buy 4 tickets for \$180.

Magi Pilgrimages would like to invite you for the Jubilee Pilgrimages, Shrines of Our Lady tour led by Fr. Johnson (18th Aug – 3rd Sept’25) and the Streams of Mercy tour led by Fr. Sebastian (20th May- 4th June’25). The tour includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. For itineraries & bookings, call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.

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.