

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:17

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.
Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'
He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

Communion Antiphon

John 4:13-14

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.

Wife Appreciation Sunday (tongue in cheek)

Adam was walking around the Garden of Eden feeling very lonely, causing God to ask, "What's wrong with you, Adam?"

Adam replied that he didn't have anyone to talk to. So God announced that he was going to give him a companion - a woman.

"A woman?" Adam replied.

Then God described her, "She will be someone to cook for you and wash your clothes. She will always agree with every decision you make. She will bear your children and never ask you to get up in the middle of the night to care for them. This woman will not nag you and will always be the first to admit when she is wrong. She will never have a headache and will freely give you love and compassion whenever you need it."

"What is she going to cost me, God?"

"An arm and a leg," God responded.

Adam thought a moment and asked, "What can I get for just a rib?"

The rest is history.

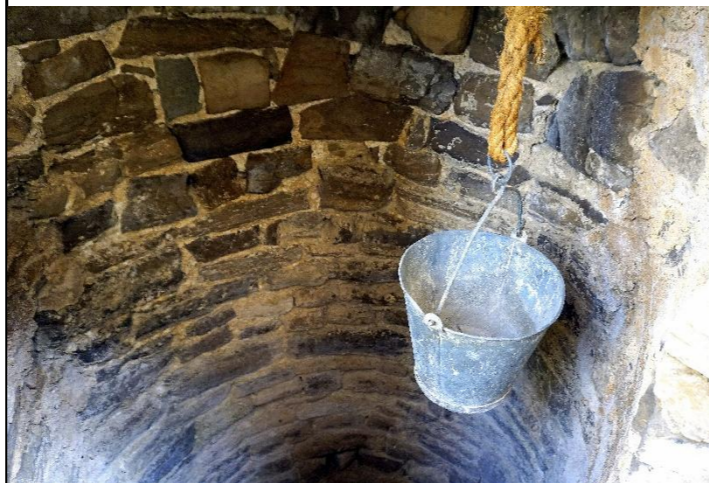
Prayer for the Year of Hope Jubilee 2025

(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 of Lent – Year C

23 March 2025

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 24:15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

First Reading

Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 6-8. 11. 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 does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. R/

4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. R/

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

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

All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.



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: Holy Souls in Purgatory, Lindy Ryan (RIP).

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:

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.

Palms Sunday (13 April) If you have palm or olive branches that can be used for Palm Sunday, please see Father or contact the office

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 Zimbabwe 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.

Mass Misconceptions All young adults welcome. **26 Mar, 6-9:15pm.** St Joachim’s, Lidcombe. Adoration, Mass, food & social time, talk by Fr Bijoy Joseph & open Q&A. *See flyer on noticeboard*



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



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.

Didaskō: Jesus in the Gospels Join Dr Peter Holmes as he guides us through the Gospels. Each gospel tells us about the same Jesus, but each writer has his own unique style, memories and his own points that he is emphasising in telling the story of Jesus. This short course will look at Jesus Christ through the unique perspective of each of the first three gospel writers, helping participants to appreciate the unique way each gospel introduces us to a different aspect of Jesus Christ. **DATE: Mondays 7, 14, and 28 April 2025 TIME: 7:30 - 8:45 pm MODE: Online via Zoom Cost per course: \$35 for individuals or \$100 per Parish Group for an in-person gathering (+ booking fees).** Register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko.

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