

could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 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.

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Gospel Mk 9:2-10
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Rabbi,’ he said ‘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 to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what ‘rising from the dead’ could mean.

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

Prayer against Coronavirus

O God, Healer of all our ills, to Whom we turn in this time of distress, grant we pray, in the power of faith, eternal rest to the dead and comfort to those who mourn, health to the sick and peace to the dying, strength to medical workers, wisdom to our leaders and a spirit of kindness to us all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

St Edmund, patron saint of pandemics, pray for us.

St Sebastian, patron saint of plague sufferers, pray for us.

St Roch, invoked against the plague, pray for us.

St Godeberta, invoked against drought & epidemics, pray for us

St Luke, patron saint of doctors, pray for us.

St Agatha, patron saint of nurses, pray for us.

St Damien, patron saint of chemists, pray for us.

St Anthony of Egypt, patron saint of gravediggers, pray for us.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us

A Prayer for Renewal

Blessed are You, Father, who, in Your infinite love sent us your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it in abundance.

By the power of the Holy spirit, renew our Eucharistic communities. May they be places of encounter with the living Christ, centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy. Grant us the gifts of faith, hope and love to be faithful disciples of Jesus and radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney.

Our Lady, Help of Christians, Pray for us!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation, pray for us!

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us

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 B

28 February 2021

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 24:6,2,22
Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

First Reading Gen 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18
A reading from the book of Genesis
The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. ‘Abraham, Abraham,’ he called. ‘Here I am’ he replied. ‘Take your son,’ God said ‘your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.’

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he said. ‘I am here’ he replied. ‘Do not raise your hand against the boy’ the angel said. ‘Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.’ Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. ‘I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth



shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 115:10. 15-19
R. 114:9

R/ I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said: ‘I am sorely afflicted.’ O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

R/

2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord’s name. R/

3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. R/

Second Reading Rom 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits,



Parish Administrator—Reverend Father Christopher Higgins
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MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

Masses Tuesday to Friday—9:15am
 Saturday—5:00pm
 Sunday—9:30am – (12:00pm Indonesian)

No Mass Wednesday – Fr at Council of Priests meeting

Confessions Saturday 4:15—4:45pm *or* by appointment

Exposition **Wednesday 7:00pm** (during Lent only)

Adoration Sunday 9:00—9:25am

Baptisms By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required

Marriages By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

COLLECTIONS for last weekend

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$170.00 (approx.) (supports the expenses of priest)	\$109.25 (for day-to-day running of parish)	\$5.00 (part of 2nd collection)	\$86.75 (part of 2nd collection)

Masses were offered for: Milagros Mendoza, Bill & Pat Fothergill, John Fothergill, Melbourne Crilly, Paul Saye-White, Fesao ‘OFati (birthday), alina Do & her family, Hine Hina Mafi’s birthday.

Lenten Observances Please see the noticeboard for these.

Project Compassion Lenten boxes and envelopes are available in the narthex.

COVID HIGHLIGHTS *From Archbishop Anthony Fisher:* From last Friday, February 12th, an unlimited number of people can attend Mass, provided that the one person per 2m² rule is observed. Now that the 2m² rule has been reinstated, Archbishop Anthony has lifted the dispensation from our Sunday Mass obligation. The **Catholic faithful are once again obliged to attend Mass on Sundays** and Holy Days of Obligation when this is reasonably possible. If restrictions are once again tightened, and attendance at places of worship limited to one person per 4m², the dispensation will once again be in place. Those who are of great age, have health conditions or are otherwise anxious about the risks of COVID-19 are free to remain at home and find another way of keeping the Sabbath holy. Priests should encourage parishioners to return to regular Sunday worship. Records of attendees at Masses and other religious services are still required to be collected. Congregational singing is still not permitted for indoor Masses. Masks are no longer mandatory.

Stations of the Cross In English, after Friday morning Mass: in Indonesian on Fridays at 6:30pm.

Healing Mass Friday 5 March, 7pm, St Joseph’s Enfield. *See noticeboard.*

Open Days at Eileen’s Place Our Lady’s Nurses for the Poor is hosting a monthly Open Day, throughout 2021, the centenary of the death of Servant of God, Eileen O’Connor, inviting pilgrims to Eileen’s tomb at Dudley Street in Coogee. The next open day is Sunday 7 March, with two sessions from 10:30am-12pm and 12:30pm-2pm. Registrations are available online: <https://eileenconnor.com.au/open-days>

Palms Australia – Reach Beyond. The need is acute! Low-income communities are not asking us for money or gifts. They reject degrading dependence. They want you to share your skills to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. The call is to all trades and professions to assist build the ability of their people and the capacity of their organisations. To properly prepare for a 2022 placement you do need to enquire now. Visit palms.org.au , call Palms on 02 9560 5333 or email palms@palms.org.au

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: Did you know that each year the Catholic charity, Aid to the Church in Need, supports the training of 12,000 seminarians and provides ongoing formation for 8,000 priests. Could you help support a priest or seminarian? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/formation

COVID Vaccines The parish has been sent a detailed 'Analysis of COVID-19 Vaccine Candidates' completed by the Charlotte Lozier Institute. *See noticeboard – please leave in the church.*

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 on (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. *The Archdiocese has requested that this message be a permanent addition to parish bulletins.*