

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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Gospel Jn 3:14-21
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

‘The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.’

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 121: 3-4
Jerusalem is built as a city bonded as one together. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise the name of the Lord.



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

Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year B

14 March 2021

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 66:10-11
Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

First Reading 2 Chr 36:14-16. 19-23
A reading from the second book of Chronicles

The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, ‘Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.’

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: ‘Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, “The

Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.”’

Responsorial Psalm Ps 136. R. v.6
R/ Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. R/

2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. ‘Sing to us,’ they said, ‘one of Zion’s songs.’ R/

3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! R/

4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! R/

Second Reading Eph 2:4-10
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God’s work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.



Parish Administrator—Reverend Father Christopher Higgins
(available Tuesday to Sunday)
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MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

Masses	Tuesday to Friday—9:15am Saturday—5:00pm Sunday—9:30am – (12:00pm Indonesian)
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
\$209.65 (supports the expenses of priest)	\$97.53 (for day-to-day running of parish)	\$140.00 (part of 2nd collection)	\$27.57 (part of 2nd collection)

Masses were offered for: Dolores Quinto (RIP), thanksgiving for the recent birthdays of Diamond, Crystal, Mona Jnr & Amaya, Holy Souls of Purgatory, Isaiah & Truman’s birthdays, Silongo Kupu.

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.

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. If you want to sing, you must wear a mask.

Back-up Person We hope to be having people doing community service around the church and presbytery. Ray has volunteered to be a supervisor. Corrective Services have requested that we have a back-up supervisor in case Ray cannot be there.

Raffle We thank John Vu for donating a BBQ to be raffled. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 – see Jean Cusack after Vigil and we need a ticket seller for Sunday. The raffle will be drawn Easter Sunday end of Mass. See noticeboard for details on BBQ.

Year of St Joseph Please collect your St Joseph prayer card and *Entrustment of Our Family to St Joseph*, with the Archbishop’s imprimatur, at church entrances.

School toiletries donations The school is starting up their donations for 2021. Please place any toiletries in the box in the narthex by Thurs 25 March.

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

Christian Brothers’ High School Open Day Wed 17 March. *See noticeboard.*

Divine Retreat Centre For their March programme, see noticeboard.

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: Across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith. Could you help stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and help ease their heavy burdens? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/refugees

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.*

CatholicCare – We’re hiring! Join our friendly team of passionate and caring Community Support Workers who provide home care to our clients across Sydney. Find out more by visiting www.catholiccare.org/jobs Or call our CCareline team - 8am to 6pm weekdays on 13 18 19.