

Gospel Jn 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 11:26

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says 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

Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year B

21 March 2021

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 42:1-2

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading Jer 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-4. 12-15

R. v.12

R/ Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt. and cleanse me from my sin. R/

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R/



3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. R/

Second Reading Heb 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

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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)
No Mass Tuesday – Father at Leichhardt Clergy Conference
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
\$213.30	\$84.25	\$275.00	\$32.15
(supports the expenses of priest)	(for day-to-day running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses were offered for: Sunny, Jose David Andrade (3 yr deceased anniversary), Jonathan Hickey, Losana Tupou 20th birthday.

EASTER CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

Thurs 1 April
 Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7:30pm
Friday 2 April
 Stations of the Cross, 10:00am
 Passion of the Lord, 3:00pm (with Indonesian Community)
Saturday 3 April
 The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, 6:00pm
Sunday 4 April
 Mass of the Resurrection 9:30am

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. If we want to sing, this means that everyone in the church must have a mask, and we go back to 4m2.

Casimir Catholic College Enrolments closing dates for 2023 are this Monday 22 March 2021.

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.

Statue of Our Lady of Fatima We are hoping to have a Fatima procession on Sunday 16 May. However, we need a statue. It should be 2-3 feet (60-90cm) high. If you can lend the church a statue, be it Our Lady of Fatima or another statue of Our Lady, please see Father Chris.

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.

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.