

Gospel John 2:13-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.
Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 83: 4-5
The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.



Prayer to St Thomas Aquinas

(Catholic Schools Week)

Dear Saint Thomas Aquinas, patron saint of scholars and students, please intercede for us and guide us in our pursuit of knowledge and wisdom, so that we may use our learning to serve God and others with humility and love. Amen.

The Legion Prayer

We fly to your patronage, O Holy Mother of God; despise not our prayers in our necessities, but ever deliver us from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of all Grace, pray for us.

St Michael and St Gabriel, pray for us.

All you heavenly Powers, Mary's Legion of Angels, pray for us

St John the Baptist, pray for us.

Saints Peter and Paul, 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

Third Sunday of Lent – Year B

3 March 2024

Entrance Antiphon

When I prove my holiness among you, I will gather you from all the foreign lands; and I will pour clean water upon you and cleanse you from all your impurities, and I will give you a new spirit, says the Lord.

First Reading Exodus 20:1-17

A reading from the book of Exodus
The Law was given through Moses.
God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
'You shall have no gods except me.
'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.
'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.
'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, not your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.
'You shall not kill. 'You shall not commit adultery. 'You shall not steal. 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. 'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68
R/ Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1.The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul. The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. R/



2.The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart. The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. R/
3.The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. R/
4.They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. R/

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.
While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation John 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!



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 Tuesday – 7:00pm
Wednesday to Friday—9:15am
Saturday—5:00pm – (6:30pm – Portuguese)
Sunday—9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian)

No Mass Tuesday 5 March – Father at Cathedral for Confirmation preparation

Church Open Mondays & Fridays – 3:00-5:00pm
Confessions Saturday 4:15—4:45pm *or* by appointment
Adoration & Benediction Mon 3:00 – 3:50pm, Tues to Fri 8:00 – 8:50am & Sun 9:00—9:25am
Baptisms By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
Marriages By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

COLLECTIONS for weekends of 10/11, 17/18 & 24/25 February 2024

1st collection \$1424.10 (supports the priest’s expenses)	2nd collection \$1293.65 (for running of parish)	Envelopes \$115.00 (part of 2nd collection)	Candle offerings \$83.35 (part of 2nd collection)
Masses for: Ivan Jilwan, Norma, Mauna Alam, all souls of Jilwan & Alam family, Bruce Jasper (RIP), Mary Aquilina, deceased members of Di’s family, Holy Souls of Purgatory, Anna Nguyen, Aileen Cotter’s November intentionsg.		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) <i>Safeguarding Children information can be found in folder at the back of the church.</i>	

We thank Victor from the Portuguese community for all his efforts gardening and painting.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent at 9:45am

Lenten Penance Notice from the Archbishop to be found on noticeboard. All who have completed their 18th year & not begun their 60th are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14th year are bound to abstain. 1. Abstinence from meat, and fasting *must* be observed on Good Friday. 2. On all other Fridays of the year, including Lent, penance is fulfilled by any one of: (a) prayer, (b) self-denial & (c) helping others.

Lenten Working Bee Easter is coming up. We would like to have a cleaning bee to polish all the silver and brass on Saturday 16/3 from 2pm till 4.30 when the rosary will be said. I would love to see as many people as possible. Either ring me on 0422961 922 or just turn up for all or some of the time. Caroline

Against the Grain Join Fr Ben Saliba and Anthony Eltarraf as they speak to Footy stars about the intersect between sport and their Faith. ATG releases across Spotify and YouTube at 7:00am each Friday, with presences also on Instagram and TikTok.

Volunteer with Cana Some 225 people in Sydney sleep rough every night, and Cana Communities operates homeless shelters in Sydney, with St Francis Shelter the latest to open its doors in Redfern. Run entirely by volunteers, Cana needs volunteers for Tuesday (women’s only night) and Friday shifts (6pm-9:30pm or 9:30pm-7:30am) to welcome and assist guests and prepare meals. All volunteers will receive training. The impact on guests at these shelters cannot be overestimated, considering the alternatives. Be part of a caring community passionate about helping others and making a change. Find out more about becoming a volunteer by emailing david.ballhausen@cana.org.au.

Sydney Vocations Events Calendar 2024 *See noticeboard*

Men’s Discernment Retreat 8-10 Mar 2024 Visit sydneyvocations.org or see noticeboard.

Sydney Catholic Youth Region B Newsletter available at the back of the church

Project Compassion boxes and envelopes may be collected from the back of the church.



Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for **Leaia** and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Please donate to Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

JOB VACANCIES” DIOCESAN OUTREACH ASSISTANTS – AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

Aid to the Church in Need is recruiting for a number of Diocesan Outreach Assistants who will deliver monthly presentations in parishes across Sydney, Broken Bay, Perth and Maitland-Newcastle. For more information and to view the full job ad go to www.aidtochurch.org/work

Open Day Casimir Catholic College Marrickville, **Friday 8 March 2024**, 3:00pm – 7:00pm. 200 Livingstone Rd Marrickville. 9558 2888. *All welcome.*

God the Beautiful: An Introduction to Theology *God is forever revealing Himself to us. Have you ever been curious to find out more? Don’t miss this unique opportunity!* Join Chris Wolter online for a thought-provoking short course that will make learning about God both enjoyable and accessible. Dates: **Mondays 4, 11 and 18 March 2024 Time: 7:30pm – 8:45pm** Mode: Online via Zoom Cost per course: \$35 for individuals or \$100 per Parish Group for an in-person gathering (+ *booking fees*). To find out more and to register, visit gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko

Fr Richard Rosse would like to invite you for an 14-day pilgrimage departing on 21st May 2024. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Valladolid, Lourdes, Nice, Siena, Rotondo and Rome for all-inclusive price of \$8190. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au.