

Gospel **John 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 Psalm 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 to St Thomas Aquinas

(Catholic Schools Week 4-10 March 2024)

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.

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year B **10 March 2024**

Entrance Antiphon **Cf Isaiah 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 Chronicles 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 **Ephesians 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.

Gospel Acclamation **John 3:16**
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



Parish Administrator—Reverend Father Christopher Higgins
(available Tuesday to Sunday)
Parish Permanent Deacon – Reverend Mister Alfredo Bouroncle
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*Our Parish respectfully acknowledges the Gadigal people of Eora nation
as traditional caretakers of the land.*

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MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

Masses	No mid-week Masses 12-15 March 2024 Communion Services Wed – Fri 9:10am 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	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	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$1424.10	\$1293.65	\$115.00	\$83.35
(supports the priest’s expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: Delilah Andrade (operation), Rosaria & Orazio Salvo (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.

There will be no mid-week Masses 12-15 March 2024. Deacon Alfredo Bouroncle will conduct Communion Services Wednesday to Friday at 9:10am.

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

Gold4good Turn unwanted gold or broken bits into new Hope. *See leaflets/envelopes at back of church.*

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*

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



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village. Please donate to Project Compassion. 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

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 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

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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.