

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

John 12: 24

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.



**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. Amen*

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](#)

**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

### Fifth Sunday of Lent – Year B

17 March 2024

#### Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 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

Jeremiah 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

Hebrews 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

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

#### Gospel

John 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



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** *No mid-week Masses until Wed 3 April. However, there will be Mass on Tuesdays at 7pm.*

**Communion Services** Wed – Fri 9:10am

Saturday—5:00pm – (6:30pm – Portuguese)

Sunday—9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian)

**Church Open Confessions** Mondays & Fridays – 3:00-5:00pm

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 2/3 & 9/10 March 2024

##### 1st collection

\$1098.85

(supports the priest's expenses)

##### 2nd collection

\$951.55

(for running of parish)

##### Envelopes

\$265.00

(part of 2nd collection)

##### Candle offerings

\$158.85

(part of 2nd collection)

**Masses for:** Maria & Paul Andrade (protection & well-being), Sakopo family (21<sup>st</sup> birthday).

**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](mailto: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.*

#### EASTER TIMETABLE

28th March **Holy Thursday:** 7pm Mass of the Last Supper

29th March **Good Friday:** 10am Stations of the Cross, 3pm Lord's Passion

30th March **Easter Saturday:** 4-5pm Confessions, 5:30pm Easter Vigil

31st March **Easter Sunday:** 9:30am Sunday Mass

We've been advised by AusGrid that there will be a power outage this Sunday between 7am and 4pm.

**Legion of Mary Drive** 3 people sign up to be Prayer Members. No one signed up to be an active member.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> year & not begun their 60<sup>th</sup> are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**Sydney Vocations Events Calendar 2024** See noticeboard

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



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Take part in the **Passiontide Carols**, which is to take place in St Benedict's Broadway functioning as the **UNDA chapel**, at 6:45pm on Friday in Passion Week (22 March), presided over by Fr Reginald Chua. This is a wonderful initiative, which seeks through the singing of carols to bring Easter to the level of prominence in society enjoyed by Christmas; Michael Kenny wrote an article in the Catholic Weekly reflecting on this service when it was held on 8 April 2022. See noticeboard.

**Restoration of Funding for Palliative Care** Archbishop Fisher has encouraged the faithful to sign a petition calling for a restoration of funding for palliative care. There has been \$250 million cut from the palliative care budget in NSW, which will have a significant impact on the care people in our state will receive at the end of life. Given that euthanasia is now legal in NSW, it is even more important that we ensure there are life-affirming options available to those who need it most. Petition closes on 3 April 2024.

**A Eucharist Retreat Day 11 May, 10am-4pm** Are you a liturgical minister? All liturgical ministers are invited to this retreat day: Readers, Acolytes, Cantors and Musicians, Sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Ushers, Greeters, Collectors, AV Operators. St Martha's, Leichhardt. Cost \$15. Register using Trybooking.com. Questions: [sydney@op-tn.org](mailto:sydney@op-tn.org) See noticeboard.

**Holy Thursday Visitation of the 7 Churches Pilgrimage** The devotion of visiting 7 Churches is a centuries old tradition in keeping with this liturgical practice. Families are invited to tailor their pilgrimage with a resource that will list Churches that will be open across the Archdiocese and provide reflections to meditate. Visit <https://93yx.short.gy/7Churches>. Download the tile and church list Printed resources will be available at your parishes from Palm Sunday.

**Chorister Open Days 2024 St Mary's Cathedral Choir: 20 May 2pm, 20 August 2pm & 26 October 10:30am.** All choristers receive a full scholarship to St Mary's Cathedral College. Leaflets at back of church.

**HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE (2024):** Europe Pilgrimage and Tour(Medjugorje, Croatia, Slovenia, Hungary, Slovakia, and Poland) from 12/09/2024-27/09/2024; Spiritual Director: Fr. Emmanuel-tv. Contact Us ASAP For Details: Mobile Number: 0438783641; 0417999553; 0473246029; 0420643949; 0420356428; 0478733578; Tel:(08)93413079; Email: [holyspiritp@gmail.com](mailto:holyspiritp@gmail.com); [fremmanueltv@gmail.com](mailto:fremmanueltv@gmail.com). See noticeboard.