

'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon Cf John 20:27
Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



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

Second Sunday of Easter of the Lord – Year B

7 April 2024

Entrance Antiphon 4 Esdras 2:36-37

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
The whole group was united, heart and soul.
The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24. R. v.1

R/ Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' R/
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. R/
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. R/

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

A reading from the first letter of St John
Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ



who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered,



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

Father at Wollongong Clergy Conference 8-11 April. No mid-week Masses

Masses	Tuesday – 7:00pm Wednesday to Friday—9:15am Saturday—5:00pm – (6:30pm – Portuguese) Sunday—9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian)
Church Open	Wednesdays & Thursdays – 9:45-11:00am
Confessions	Saturday 4:15—4:45pm or by appointment
Adoration & Benediction	No Adoration or Benediction till Tuesday 14 May
Baptisms	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
Marriages	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

COLLECTIONS for weekends of 16/17 & 23/24 March 2024

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$1019.80	\$967.70	\$470.00	\$139.25
(supports the priest’s expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: John Vu, Maria (RIP), Sr Therese’s deceased family, Holy Souls in Purgatory, deceased members of Di’s family, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Jean Cullen-Wayland (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.

Sophia’s Last Supper Painting We thank Sophia for her offer to donate this painting to the church. She has suggested it go below the crucifix on the sanctuary. Please look at the image in the narthex. The frame is 130cm x 90cm. We will vote on this next weekend.

Fatima Procession It has been decided not to have this in May anymore, but only October. If you wish to participate in a May walk, there is one at the Cathedral on 13 May from 6-7pm.

Help stop the 'equality' bill NSW Parliament will soon be debating a bill tabled by Alex Greenwich MP. While marketed as an ‘equality’ bill, the bill will have disastrous impacts on vulnerable women and children, as well as for faith communities. Amongst the proposals are the liberalisation of prostitution and surrogacy laws, the ability for a person to self-identify their sex on official documents and the stripping away of religious protections in our laws. A parliamentary inquiry is currently underway, with the community invited to fill out a short survey to express their views. **The survey closes on 14 April 2024. Scan the code and say that you OPPOSE every part of the bill.**



Project Compassion ended on 31st March. Please bring your donations by Sunday 14 April

Day of the Unborn Child The Feast of the Annunciation is internationally recognised as the Day of the Unborn Child. It marks the day Our Lord Jesus Christ became a tiny unborn child in His mother's womb and it is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. An initiative of Family Life International, on **Sunday, April 14, 2024**, there will be a street procession following 10:30 a.m. Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will lead the procession, which will be followed by an address at Parliament House by guest speaker Archbishop Julian Porteous. All are welcome, and invite family and friends as we process for life!

Sisters of Life Evangelisation Mission 18th – 24th April. There will be four sisters on this mission from the USA, two of which are Aussie women: Sr. Mary Grace Langrell (Sydney) and Sr. Rose Patrick O’Connor Webb (Toowoomba) There will be four main public events: 18th April: Bishop’s Blend – A dinner opportunity with the Sisters of Life and Archbishop Anthony at St. Mary’s Cathedral. - \$20 19th April: Spirituality of Care Reflection Evening – An opportunity to hear, speak and pray with the Sisters of Life at the University of Notre Dame, Sydney. – Free 20th April: Alumni Retreat Day – A special opportunity for any graduates to receive a whole day retreat from the Sisters of Life - \$20 24th April: Fidelis – One last opportunity to hear and pray with the sisters of Life – Free *See noticeboard*

Emmaus Silent Retreat Embark on the sacred journey of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, where the victorious love of God is revealed through the abiding presence of Jesus. Be renewed in spending time alone with the Lord, and watch as He slowly sets your heart ablaze. This retreat is run by the MGL Sisters and is a retreat for both men and women. DATE: **Friday 19th April - Sunday 21st April** VENUE: Varroville NSW More information and registration at trybooking.com/CNSXK

Didasko Adult Faith Formation Christ the Purgative, Illuminative, and Perfective Way: An Introduction to Christology, Br Benjamin Johnson OFMCap, Mondays 15, 22 & 29 April 2024, 7:30pm-8:45pm. \$35 perperson. Online via Zoom. Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko.

Called & Gifted 29 April – 15 July Discernment Process 2024. The path to discovering your charisms! For more information got to gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process \$140 + booking fees. Limited places. *See noticeboard flyer.*

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 *See noticeboard.*

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.*

Fr Maria Raju would like to invite you for an **18-day pilgrimage, departing on 23rd September 2024.** This pilgrimage features Fatima, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8790. 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.