

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”’

**Communion Antiphon** **Luke 15: 32**  
You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

### Cartoon Cutline

Unhappy priest and his frustrated church bell ringer are standing in the steeple, and the priest is explaining, “No, no, Higby. It’s ding before dong except after bong.”



### Prayer for the Year of Hope Jubilee 2025 (Year of Jubilee of Hope officially opens on 24 December at 7pm)

*Father in Heaven, may the Faith you have given us in Your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of Charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of Your kingdom.*

*May Your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within, both humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure expectation of a new Heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, Your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of Heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To You our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. 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 C

30 March 2025

**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** **Joshua 5:9-12**  
A reading from the book of Joshua  
*The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.*

The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.’  
The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

**Responsorial Psalm** **Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9**  
**R/ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **R/**
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **R/**
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **R/**

**Second Reading** **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**  
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
*God reconciled us to himself through Christ.*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God’s work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men’s faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ’s name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.



**Gospel Acclamation** **Luke 15:18**  
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel** **Luke 15:1-3. 11-32**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*Your brother here was dead and has come to life.*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them: ‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.



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**

<b>Masses</b>	For midweek Masses, see Lenten/Easter schedule over Saturday—5:00pm – (6:30pm – Portuguese) Sunday—9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian)
<b>Church Open</b>	Mondays & Fridays – 3:00-5:00pm
<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 4:15—4:45pm <i>or</i> by appointment
<b>Adoration &amp; Benediction</b>	Mon 3:00 – 3:50pm, Tues to Fri 8:00 – 8:50am & Sun 9:00—9:25am
<b>Baptisms (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)</b>	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
<b>Marriages</b>	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

**COLLECTIONS for weekends from 15/16 & 22/23 March 2025**

<b>1st collection</b> <b>\$792.45</b> (supports the priest’s expenses)	<b>2nd collection</b> <b>\$765.10</b> (for running of parish)	<b>Envelopes</b> <b>\$165.00</b> (part of 2nd collection)	<b>Candle offerings</b> <b>\$114.85</b> (part of 2nd collection)
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**Masses for:** Jose Serrao, Holy Souls of Purgatory, Ivan Jilwan, Norma & Mauna Alam, all souls of Jilwan & Alam families, for peace in Peru, for the people of Gaza & the West Bank, that Trump keep supporting Ukraine.

**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.*

**Enmore Mass & Stations of the Cross during Lent at 9:15am on:**

Tuesday 1 April (purple covering of statues) & Thursday 10 April

**Enmore Easter Schedule**

**Holy Thursday/Mass of the Lord’s Supper** (17 April) – 6:30pm (Indonesian Mass 8:30pm)  
**Good Friday Stations of the Cross** (18 April) – 10am | **Passion of the Lord** – 3pm (with the Indonesian Community)  
**Easter Vigil Confessions** (19 April) – 3:30-4:30pm | **Easter Vigil Mass** – 5pm (Indonesian Vigil Mass – 8pm)  
**Easter Sunday Mass** (20 April) – 9:30am

**Purple of Covering of Statues Tues 1 April** If you can help cover statues after Mass/Stations of the Cross, please be at the church before 10:15am.

**Stations of the Cross during Lent (Catholic Indonesian Community)** Fridays 6-8:30pm.

**Stations of the Cross booklet** Please find these on the back table

**Palms Sunday (13 April)** If you have palm or olive branches that can be used for Palm Sunday, please see Father or contact the office

**Notice:** the Catholic Indonesian Community will be using the church every Sunday till Easter between 2-4pm.

Want to learn more about your faith? Want a space where you can talk about the big things in life over a cuppa? Come along to **ALPHA 2025!** ALPHA is an eleven week program for people who want to learn more about Christianity - whether you have been a Christian from birth or you just want to explore what it is all about. Each ALPHA meeting begins with a meal together and a chance to meet the other people in the group. Then we watch a short video exploring the basics of Christianity - who is Jesus? How do we find happiness? How do we know the Bible is authentic? What does it mean to have a relationship with God? After the video there is a chance for small group discussion and the meeting concludes within 75 minutes. Our ALPHA started **on Friday, March 28th** and will break over the school holidays. ALPHAs will be held in the School Library. Please come to the St Pius School Office by 9am to sign in and they will direct you to the Library. Any questions, please feel free to email [brigid.vieira@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:brigid.vieira@syd.catholic.edu.au) We look forward to seeing you there!

**Do you have a room to rent?** Jean is currently lodging a Catholic student/mother (Newtown parish) from Zimbabwe who is willing to offer \$150/week rent. Please see Jean if you can help.

**Lenten Observance** *full sheet is on noticeboard*

**Helpers of God's Precious Infants Parliamentary Prayer Vigil** The Helpers of God's Precious Infants are hosting a Parliamentary Prayer Vigil **every Saturday** during the Lenten Season to pray for an end to abortion. The group will meet at Macquarie St, outside NSW Parliament from **8:30-10:30AM**. With the annual Day of the Unborn Child taking place last Sunday, and with the "Abortion Law Reform Amendment Bill 2025", all Catholics are encouraged to take part in the great initiative.

**Enfield Healing Mass Friday 4 April** *See noticeboard for details*

**Passiontide Carols April 10 6:30pm** St John Paul II Catholic Chapel *See noticeboard for flyer*

**Didaskō: Jesus in the Gospels** Join Dr Peter Holmes as he guides us through the Gospels. Each gospel tells us about the same Jesus, but each writer has his own unique style, memories and his own points that he is emphasising in telling the story of Jesus. This short course will look at Jesus Christ through the unique perspective of each of the first three gospel writers, helping participants to appreciate the unique way each gospel introduces us to a different aspect of Jesus Christ. **DATE: Mondays 7, 14, and 28 April 2025** TIME: 7:30 - 8:45 pm MODE: Online via Zoom Cost per course: \$35 for individuals or \$100 per Parish Group for an in-person gathering (+ booking fees). Register at [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko).

**Everlasting Love - Marriage Preparation Course** 'Everlasting Love' is a marriage preparation course that gives special emphasis to the sacramental, spiritual, and relational dimensions of marriage. The course highlights the importance of God's grace and of intentional human love in the building of a joy-filled, fruitful and life long relationship. DETAILS: Venue: St Martha's, 38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt NSW 2040 **Dates: 2 - 3 May 2025**. The course is split across 2 days (no overnight stay). > Day 1: Friday, 2 May from 6pm - 10pm. > Day 2: Saturday, 3 May from 9am - 5pm. Cost: \$350.00 per couple For more information and to register, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CYUGI>

**Jubilee Year Pilgrimage | Rome, Lanciano, Pompei, Amalfi Coast | 1 – 12 July 2025** Enquiries: [pp@mibp.org.au](mailto:pp@mibp.org.au) OR text message to 0417 259 617. *See noticeboard for further details.*

**Ignite Youth Conference Sydney July 10-13** "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it." *See noticeboard for details & QR code.*