

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.

As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, "Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"; to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?' Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, 'Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.' With these words he breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

When the centurion saw what had taken place, he gave praise to God and said, 'This was a great and good man.' And when all the people who had gathered for the spectacle saw what had happened, they went home beating their breasts.

All his friends stood at a distance; so also did the women who had accompanied him from Galilee, and they saw all this happen.

Communion Antiphon **Matthew 26:42**
Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

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

Look Up

The substitute teacher was struggling to open a lock on the Sunday school supply cabinet. She'd been told the combination but couldn't quite remember it. Finally she went to the priest's study and asked for help.

When the priest began to twist the dial, he paused after the first couple of numbers and stared blankly. Finally, he looked heavenward and his lips moved silently, then he looked back at the lock, turned to the final numbers, and clicked open the hasp. The teacher was amazed. "I'm in awe of your faith, Father."

"It's really nothing," he responded. "The numbers are on a piece of tape on the ceiling."

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

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year C

13 April 2025

Entrance Antiphon Cf John 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: * Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. * Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading **Isaiah 50:4-7**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2**

R/ My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R/**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R/**

3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R/**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R/**

Second Reading **Philippians 2:6-11**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Luke 23:1-49

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate. They began their accusation by saying, 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.' Pilate put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he replied. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, 'I find no case against this man.' But they persisted, 'He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.' When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and the scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. 'You brought this man before me' he said 'as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.' But as one man they howled, 'Away with him! Give us Barabbas!' (This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.)

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' And for the third time he spoke to them, 'Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go.' But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder.





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 Mass Thursday – Mass on Wednesday 16 April 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 (2nd & 4th Sundays)	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
Marriages	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

COLLECTIONS for weekends from 29/30 March & 5/6 April 2025

1st collection \$892.75 (supports the priest’s expenses)	2nd collection \$829.75 (for running of parish)	Envelopes \$285.00 (part of 2nd collection)	Candle offerings \$140.50 (part of 2nd collection)
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Masses for: Alawites & Christians killed in Syria by the Islamist regime, Tuvalu, that Truman’s project be successful, Senya’s deceased family/friends November intentions.

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.

Cantor We are looking for a cantor to sing with our organist every 3rd Saturday of the month. Please see Father.

Enmore Holy Week/Easter Schedule

Midweek Mass – 9:15am Wednesday 16 April
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

Good Friday Concelebration with Indonesian Community The Indonesian Community have generously volunteered to lead the singing for that ceremony. If you would like to join the choir, please join the practice at the church on Sundays between 2-4pm.

Plenary Indulgences & List of Pilgrimage churches for Jubilee Year See noticeboard or get a copy at the back of the church

New Screen Use Training Training will be provided on Monday 14 April some time between 3-5pm. If you would like to be trained to use the new screens, please let Father know.

Parish Council member If you would like to join the Parish Council for the rest of the year, even as a part-time member, please let Father know.

Good Friday Collection *Statement of Income from the Holy Land Commissariat for 2024 Good Friday Collections can be found on the noticeboard.*

Divine Mercy Retreat Centre *April schedule available on noticeboard*

As Lent draws to a close, to help parishes cast their nets wider, the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation is once again offering the **RCIA Certification Course**—a free formation program for both new and experienced RCIA team members. This is an interactive course that teaches participants how to accompany individuals seeking to become Catholic in their parishes through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)—the foundation for all evangelization in the Church. **8 Online Thursday Sessions (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm) 8 May – 26 June (Live & Recorded)** Interactive Zoom format with Q&A Recordings available for 10 weeks Spread the word! Invite and encourage those in your parish to accompany others on their journey to Christ. Register here on [Trybooking](https://www.trybooking.com), and for any queries, please contact: Simon Yeak | simon.yeak@sydneycatholic.org | 0427 536 356

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/CYUG>

FREE SEMINAR ON WILLS FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY Writing or updating a Will can be a complicated task, so looking after your loved ones during this process is often challenging. This is why the Sydney Archdiocese is delighted to announce a FREE SEMINAR designed to make the world of Wills and Elder Law easier to comprehend and navigate. When: Wednesday 14 May 2025, between 10.00am-12.00pm | Where: St Canice’s Parish Church | 28 Roslyn St Rushcutters Bay | Note: light refreshments will be available on the day. All are welcome. Please scan the QR code below to register. Alternatively, call Tony Maricic on 0422 099 576. Please join us as we help you gain a better understanding of important topics such as Estate planning, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney. Leading industry specialists with decades of experience will present on the day, offer their expertise and answer your questions. Representatives from the Sydney Archdiocese will also explain how your parish community and Archdiocese can directly benefit from the offering of legacy gifts in wills. For further information, contact Tony Maricic on 0422 099 576, or tony.maricic@sydneycatholic.org.

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.

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