

Gospel **Matthew 16:13-19**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
You are Peter, and I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he said, ‘who do you say I am?’ Then Simon Peter spoke up, ‘You are the Christ,’ he said, ‘the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.’

Communion Antiphon **Cf Matthew 16:16,18**
Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

When the “Tithe” Comes In

Two men were shipwrecked on a desert island. One was a churchgoer and the other wasn’t. The minute they arrived on the island, the non-churchgoer began screaming and yelling, “We’re going to die! There’s no food! No water! We’re going to die!” The other man was calmly propped against a palm tree, which drove the other guy crazy. “Don’t you understand? We’re going to die! What’s wrong with you?!” “You don’t understand,” said the churchgoer, “I make one hundred thousand dollars a week.” “What difference does that make?” asked the non-churchgoer. “We’re on a desert island. We’re going to die.” The churchgoer smiled, “You just don’t get it. I make one hundred thousand dollars a week, *and* I tithe. My pastor will find me!”



Prayer for Peace in the Middle East
*Lord Jesus Christ,
The Holy Land is once again struck by violence,
hatred and death. Lord, look with mercy upon the
land that was your earthly home.
Receive the deceased into your presence, comfort
those who mourn, are wounded or forced to flee. Be
close to all who are full of fear and despair.
You are our peace and the light of the nations; put
an end to the spiral of terror and suffering in the
Holy Land and in the whole Middle East.
Let peace and justice flourish at the holy sites. You
are our refuge. Let the people be safe in your Love.
Have mercy on us and on our time. Amen.*



Prayer to Sts Peter & Paul
*O holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, I choose you this
day and forever to be my special patrons and
advocates; thee, Saint Peter, Prince of the
Apostles, because thou art the Rock, upon
which Almighty God hath built His Church;
thee, Saint Paul, because thou wast fore-
chosen by God as the Vessel of election and
the Preacher of truth in the whole world.
Obtain for me, I pray you, lively faith, firm hope, and
burning love; complete detachment from
myself, contempt of the world, patience in
adversity, humility in prosperity, attention in
prayer, purity of heart, a right intention in all
my works, diligence in fulfilling the duties of
my state of life, constancy in my resolutions,
resignation to the will of God and
perseverance in the grace of God even unto
death; that so, by means of your intercession
and your glorious merits, I may be able to
overcome the temptations of the world, the
flesh and the devil, and may be made worthy
to appear before the chief and eternal
Shepherd of souls, Jesus Christ, Who with the
Father and the Holy Ghost liveth and
reigneth for endless ages, to enjoy His
presence and love Him forever. Amen.*

Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore
Archdiocese of Sydney
Serving the suburbs of Enmore, St Peters, Sydenham & Tempe

Saints Peter & Paul, apostles (Day) – Year C**29 June 2025**

Entrance Antiphon
These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

First Reading **Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11**
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly. On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. ‘Get up!’ he said ‘Hurry!’ – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, ‘Put on your belt and sandals.’ After he had done this, the angel next said, ‘Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.’ Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. ‘Now I know it is all true,’ he said. ‘The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.’

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5**
R/ The Lord set me free from all my fears.

- 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 his from all his distress. **R/**
- 4.The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R/**

Second Reading **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18**
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 16:18**
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!



Parish Administrator—Reverend Father Christopher Higgins
(available Tuesday to Sunday)
Parish Permanent Deacon – Reverend Mister Alfredo Bouroncle
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(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	Thursday – 9:15am Saturday—5:00pm – (6:30pm – Portuguese) Sunday—9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian)
Confessions	Saturday 4:15—4:45pm <i>or</i> by appointment
Adoration & Benediction	Wed to Fri 8:00 – 9:00am & Sun 9:00—9:25am
Baptisms (2 nd & 4 th Sundays)	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
Marriages	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

COLLECTIONS for weekends from 14/15, 21/22 June 2025

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$65	\$25	\$130	\$
(supports the priest’s expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: Paddy (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.

Candlestick refurbishment Acolyte John suggested a few years ago that we get new candle holders. Do you think our candlesticks need refurbishment? We have 2 quotes from Sanders for the replating in gold of our 6 altar candlesticks. (Sanders said that some people choose not to repair, as the dents, etc. show the "life" of the object.) REPAIR + GOLD REPLATING = approx. \$21,845
GOLD REPLATING ONLY = \$18,287.50
Please see noticeboard for more detailed information. We will vote on this as a parish on weekend of 19/20 July. FYI Note CWF contributions for FY 2026 are \$28,300 x 3 (increase of \$9,500 per collection).

Caritas Australia appeals for support for amputees in Gaza The UN [described](#) Gaza as being “home to the largest cohort of child amputees in modern history”. As of April, the UN reported that [4,500](#) people have been made amputees due to the current conflict. In response, Caritas Jerusalem is working to support those affected by the loss of limbs, as part of a program supported by Caritas Australia’s Gaza Emergency Appeal. We urgently need your support. Please donate to Caritas Australia’s Gaza Crisis Appeal. You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413

Purpose Fest 2025 - Young Adults Session Welcome to the Sydney Archdiocesan Purpose Festival, featuring international guest speaker Fr Gregory Pines and our very own Fr Greg Morgan. Come along to experience faith, fellowship, the Sacraments, and answers to the big questions. Picture this: Festivals, Eucharistic Adoration in pin-drop silence, Inflatables, Sacred Music, Praise and Worship, Stalls, and more! **DATES:** Wednesday 2 July 2025 **TIME:** 5:00 - 10:00 PM **VENUE:** Rosebank College - 1A Harris Rd, Five Dock NSW 2046 **COST:** \$20 For more information and to register, go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1403037>

ACU next online training programs for Ministers of the Word (MOW) and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC): MOW starts on **5 August** and EMHC starts on **13 August**. Our new program for those who minister to the sick (Communion of the Sick (COS)) has been designed as an extension of the EMHC program and will start on **8 October**. The process for registration in the programs starts with nomination by the parish priest. There is a per person fee associated with each program (\$100 for EMHC and \$80 for MOW) and a 20% discount is offered to parishes which nominate 5 or more people to participate. The parish is happy to pay for the course. For further information: acu.edu.au/pastoral. See flyer on noticeboard.

Families welcome to a day of fun with priests and religious The Sydney Vocations Office is inviting families and friends to two events that we are hosting during the National Vocations Awareness Week, **August 3-10, 2025**: Family Day, hosted at St. Kevin's Catholic Church, Eastwood, will launch National Vocations Awareness Week on Sunday, August 3, 2025. Families, priests, and men and women religious are invited to gather for Mass, lunch and fun activities. With a pilgrimage from St. Mary's Cathedral to Mackillop Place on Saturday, August 9, 2025, we will pray for vocations in the Archdiocese. All are welcome; bring your own lunch. Parishes are welcome to send a representative group with their parish banner. Religious and consecrated communities are welcome to attend.

7 Churches Pilgrimage Walk for the Jubilee Year The Emmanuel Community invites families, parish groups, and individuals to the annual ‘7 Churches Pilgrimage Walk’. This year, the walk will include visiting 7 Jubilee Churches of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, starting at the St Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel in North Sydney and finishing at St Brigid’s in Coogee. Come along and be part of this enjoyable day of walking, praying, and fraternity. Make the most of this opportunity to evangelise by inviting your family and friends. All welcome! Date: **Saturday 6 September 2025** For more information, visit <https://sydcath.au/4I0dARn>

Called & Gifted Discernment Process: Online with In-Person Workshop. If you are wondering how God is calling you to serve Him, the Called & Gifted Discernment Process is for you! This Process is designed to help Christians identify and nurture their spiritual gifts (charisms), both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for others. Commences **Monday, 8 September 2025**. Limited places. Register at gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process.

Anointed Women’s Conference Catholic Women's Network presents our inaugural Women’s Conference. Anointed is more than just a conference—it’s a celebration of the sacred identity and vocation of women in the Church. Join us for a full day to reconnect with your divine identity, be renewed in prayer, and hear Spirit-led messages that speak directly to the heart of womanhood. We are thrilled to host international guest speaker Sr Miriam James Heidland, SOLT, in her exclusive tour with the Archdiocese of Sydney. Enjoy keynote sessions, food, stallholders, music and access to the Sacraments. For full details plus FAQ, visit our website www.catholicwomensnetwork.org/conference **DETAILS: Date: Saturday 27th September 2025 Venue: Royal Randwick Racecourse, Sydney Time: 9am - 5pm (Doors open from 8:30am) Who: Adults only event (18+) Registration: \$125 per person (meals included).**