

**Gospel** **Luke 11:1-13**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*Ask, and it will be given to you.*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘Say this when you pray:

“Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test.”

He also said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, “My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him”; and the man answers from inside the house, “Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you.” I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship’s sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

‘So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’

**Communion Antiphon** **Psalm 102:2**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

**Home Sweet Home**

The teacher gathered her Sunday School group around her and exclaimed, “Well, class, all those who want to go to Heaven, raise your hand.”

Everyone around the circle raised their hand, except one boy.

“Don’t you want to go to Heaven, Henry?” asked the teacher.

“I can’t, ma’am,” Henry replied. “My mum wants me to come straight home.”

*World’s Greatest Collection of Church Jokes, compiled by Paul Miller*



**Prayer for the Fifth World Day  
for Grandparents & the Elderly 28 July 2024**

*Lord, faithful God, You who created us in Your image, You who never leaves us alone and who accompanies us through every season of life, Do not abandon us, take care of us, And grant us, once again, The ability to discover ourselves and recognise that we are Your children. Renew our hearts with your Word And do not allow anyone to be cast aside. May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness And teach us to say: “I will not abandon you!” To those we meet on our journey. With the help of your beloved Son, may we not lose the taste for fraternity And may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness. Help us to look to the future with renewed hope, And make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly A day without loneliness, and a day abundant with the first-fruits of Your peace.*



**The Bible**

Although the church functioned for a short time without a fully compiled New Testament, believers rapidly developed a consensus on which books held apostolic authority and conveyed the true gospel message. In the late second century, Irenaeus of Lyons cited the four canonical Gospels as authoritative. By the mid-fourth century, Athanasius’s Easter Letter (AD 367) listed the 27 New Testament books recognized today. Councils in Hippo (AD 393) and Carthage (AD 397) reaffirmed that same body of writings. This overall process of recognition rather than invention shows that the church did not arbitrarily assign authority; instead, the texts were already received as authoritative.

**Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore**

Archdiocese of Sydney

*Serving the suburbs of Enmore, St Peters, Sydenham & Tempe*

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C**

**27 July 2025**

**Bible Sunday**

**Entrance Antiphon** **Cf Psalm 67:6-7,36**

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**First Reading** **Genesis 18:20-32**

A reading from the book of Genesis

*Lord, do not be angry if I speak.*

The Lord said, ‘How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.’

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, ‘Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?’ The Lord replied, ‘If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.’

Abraham replied, ‘I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?’ ‘No’, he replied ‘I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.’ Again Abraham said to him, ‘Perhaps there will only be forty there.’ ‘I will not do it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the forty.’

Abraham said, ‘I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.’ He said, ‘I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.’ ‘I will not destroy it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the twenty.’ He said, ‘I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.’ ‘I will not destroy it’ he replied ‘for the sake of the ten.’

**Responsorial Psalm** **Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3**

*R/ Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.*

1.I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. *R/*

2.I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. *R/*



3.The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. *R/*

4.You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. *R/*

**Second Reading** **Colossians 2:12-14**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians  
*He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.*

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

**Gospel Acclamation** **Romans 8:15**

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God’s children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!



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>	Thursday – 9:15am Saturday—5:00pm – (6:30pm – Portuguese) Sunday—9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian)
<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 – 9:00am & Sun 9:00—9:25am
<b>Baptisms</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays)	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
<b>Marriages</b>	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

**COLLECTIONS for weekends from 12/13 & 19/20 July 2025**

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
<b>\$1106.00</b>	<b>\$733.85</b>	<b>\$455.00</b>	<b>\$107.70</b>
(supports the priest’s expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

<b>Masses for:</b> Jose Andrade (RIP).	<b>A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:</b> 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 <a href="mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org">safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org</a> . 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) <i>Safeguarding Children information can be found in folder at the back of the church.</i>
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**PG envelope number 50** Someone donated to the parish using Planned Giving envelope number 50 but from an earlier year. Would that person please see Father so we can correctly allocate your donation? *Please note:* do not use old PG envelopes, as numbers do get reallocated if they haven’t been used for a while, which means your donation may be allocated to someone else.

**Volunteer Drivers Needed – Gift of Bread** Gift of Bread is seeking volunteer drivers to help rescue and deliver surplus bread to a network of over 250 charities that support people in need across Sydney. Flexible shifts available. To get involved, please contact: Marcel De Maria Tel. 0499 804 488

**Planned Giving tax receipts + envelopes** Please pick up yours from the back of the church. If you would like to be part of our planned giving programme, please see father or email the office.

**Candlestick refurbishment** Acolyte John suggested a few years ago that we get new candle holders. Do you think our candlesticks need refurbishment? The outcome of the voting was:

**OPTION 1 & 2:** GOLD REPLATING: no votes (both Masses) | **OPTION 3:** NO REPLATING: 16 (Vigil), 25 (Sunday)

**Brass Cleaning Group** Ray Smith desires that the ladies form a brass cleaning group.

**Future Teacher Scholarship** Are you a current year 12 student with a strong academic record who enjoys helping children and young people? *See leaflets at back of church*

**World Day for Grandparents and Elderly** In the Jubilee year, this day, established by Pope Francis in 2021, is intended to be an opportunity to reflect on how the presence of grandparents and the elderly can become a sign of hope in every family and church community. World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, is to be celebrated on the Sunday closest to the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne and will take place for the fifth time on Sunday 27 July 2025 on the theme ‘Blessed are those who have not lost hope’ (cf. *Sir* 14:2).

**Reflection** with Sr Virginia Bourke. Mary MacKillop Place, **Wednesday 30 July, 9:30am-2:10pm.** RSVP & questions: [ministries@mmp.org.au](mailto:ministries@mmp.org.au) or 02 8912 4846. *Flyer on noticeboard.*

**Enfield Healing Mass, Friday 1 August** *See noticeboard for further details*

**Marrickville Refugee Welcome Group** Parishioners of St Brigid’s Marrickville set up this volunteer group connected with Australia’s official refugee sponsorship program. The group has been matched to an Afghani family of four now living in Iran and arriving in Sydney soon. If you know of suitable accommodation that may become available for rent in the near future, please contact [mrwg@outlook.com](mailto:mrwg@outlook.com) or scan the QR code, which can also be used to give a tax deductible donation of money, or furniture.



**3-part course Rerum Novarum: Pope Leo XIII’s Great Legacy** Pope Leo’s proto-typical social encyclical of 1891 has been referenced ever since by the Popes in their subsequent social encyclicals. The core issues addressed by Leo XIII are as relevant today as they were in the era of newly industrialised Europe. **Presenters:** Dr Michael Walker and Fr Peter Smith (Justice and Peace Office of the Archdiocese) **Date:** Thursdays 24 & 31 July and 7 August **Time:** 6:30 – 7:30pm **Venue:** St Peter’s ‘1880’ Parish Hall, 235-241 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills (50 metres east of the Surry Hills light rail station) **Registration:** FREE admission

**Love, sex & the body. Unlearning the lies. A Catholic response to cultural confusion. Sat 9 August 1-3pm** Chapter Hall, St Mary’s Cathedral. In a time of deep cultural confusion around love, sexuality, and identity, many people come to RCIA with honest questions — and often, real wounds. Some carry the perception that the Church has little to say about sex, or worse, that it imposes burdens that turn people away from the faith. Join Bishop Tony Percy for an honest and engaging afternoon exploring the Church’s response to the pressing questions of our time. Through personal stories, real talk, and a live Q&A with married Christian couples, we’ll unpack the beauty and challenge of Catholic teaching on human love and sexuality. Topics include: Why the Church is *for* sex — not against it + Contraception, cohabitation, and other tough topics. Featuring: A candid conversation with Bishop Tony, Panel Q&A with married Catholic couples, A welcoming, no-pressure space to ask questions and go deeper.

All are welcome — you, your RCIA team, your newly initiated Catholics, or anyone curious about the Church’s teaching. Come with your questions. Leave with clarity and hope. To register: <https://trybooking.com/DDBLU> *See noticeboard.*

**Walking to Emmaus:** Ministry with the Young & Searching This gathering is designed to support and encourage those working with young people across parishes, schools, and the wider Catholic community. It’s a chance to reconnect, share ideas, and be renewed in our mission. Together, we’ll explore practical tools, spiritual insights, and fresh approaches to walking alongside young people who are searching for meaning, belonging, and deeper faith. Event Details: Date: Saturday, 23 August 2025 Time: 1:30 PM – 4:45 PM Venue: St Benedict’s Hall, University of Notre Dame, Broadway Campus Free entry – registration essential (places limited) – go to <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1421909>