

bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.” But God said to him, “Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?” So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.’

Communion Antiphon **Wisdom 16:20**
You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

“I’m not Lion”

This story was told for true at a recent missions conference...but don’t you believe it!
A stalwart young missionary was chased through the African bush for a week by a ferocious lion. Finally the missionary found himself cornered and, in despair, fell to his knees and prayed for deliverance. To his amazement, the lion also began to pray.
“It’s truly a miracle,” said the missionary, “you, a killer lion, joining me in prayer just when I thought my life was going to end!”
“Be quiet,” said the lion, “I’m saying grace.”
World’s Greatest Collection of Church Jokes, complied by Paul Miller



Prayer to know my Vocation
My Lord and my God, You are the source of all love and goodness. Out of love you created me to know you, to love you, and to serve you in a unique way, as no one else can. I believe that You have a plan for my life , that you have a mission in Your Kingdom reserved for me alone. Your plan and Your mission are far better than any other I might choose. Lord, grant me the light of grace I need to see the next step in Your plan. Amen

Light a candle for Gaza

God of light,
You meet us in the darkest places.
Every year, when we light our Easter candle, we pray ‘may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.’
We pray today that all people may work with you to dispel the darkness of violence and war.
May this fragile light be a sign of our hope for the people of Gaza.
May they find healing and lasting peace.
Amen.

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

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C **3 August 2025**

National Vocations Awareness Week
Vocations to Single & Married Life (3 August)

Entrance Antiphon **Psalm 69:2,6**
O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading **Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**
A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes
What do people gain by all their work?
Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!
For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1**
R/ In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.
1.You turn men back into dust and say: ‘Go back, sons of men.’ To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **R/**
2.You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **R/**
3.Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **R/**
4.In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **R/**

Second Reading **Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
Seek the things that are above where Christ is.
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.
That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which



is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 5:3**
Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Gospel **Luke 12:13-21**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
To whom will all this wealth of yours go?
A man in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.’ ‘My friend,’ he replied, ‘who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?’ Then he said to them, ‘Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man’s life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.’
Then he told them a parable: ‘There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, “What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops.” Then he said, “This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build



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	Friday 8 August (whole school Mass) – 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	Mon 3:00 – 3:50pm, Tues 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 12/13 & 19/20 July 2025

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

Masses for: Di & Sr Therese’s deceased family members, all Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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.

CWF August Appeal The allocated quota for our parish is \$28,300. Thank you for your generous support. Ways to donate: www.ourfaithworks.org/give-to-cwf; phone 1800 753 959, use CWF envelopes.

RCIA If you are interested, or know someone who is, interested in becoming Catholic, please see Father Chris.

ENMORE MASSES

Friday 8 August, 9:15am Whole school Mass for St Mary MacKillop.

Friday 15 August, 9:15am & 7:00pm Whole school Mass for Assumption.

Thursday 21 August 9:15am Healing Mass at Enmore.

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

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*

Youth Group at Enmore parish One of our parishioners, Thomas, would like to start/join a youth group in our parish. See the noticeboard for the list of possible activities. Please see Father Chris if you are interested.

Marrickville Refugee Welcome Group Parishioners of St Brigid’s Marrickville set up this volunteer group connected with Australia’s official refugee sponsorship program. An Afghan family of four now living in Iran will arrive in Sydney later this month. If you know of suitable accommodation that may become available for rent, please email mrwg@outlook.com or scan the QR code. It can also be used to give a tax-deductible donation of money, or to offer furniture.



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.

ACU Campus Ministry: Theology at the Pub ACU Campus Ministry, in collaboration with MacKillop Bakhita Law Students’ Society and Sydney Crossroads, invites all young adults from Sydney to an evening of theology at the pub! Dr Michael Casey will be sharing his thoughts on the topic, “What’s a person worth? Some thoughts on human dignity and the common good in law and society”. 18+ Event. **Date: Monday 11 August, 2025** Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Venue: Top Floor, The Orient Hotel, 89 George St, The Rocks NSW Free entry, but please register via the Facebook event at <https://bit.ly/3UndaZp>

Come and Be Spiritually Renewed— A One-Day Event with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes, Are you longing for more in your spiritual life? Do you need space to breathe, reflect, and hear from God? Join The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes, for a powerful afternoon of encouragement, prayer, and personal spiritual renewal. Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney **Saturday, 16 August 12.00 pm – 4.30 pm**

Australian Catholic Historical Society Talk The Australian Catholic Historical Society will meet in the crypt of Saint Patrick’s Church Hill at 2:00 PM on **Sunday, 17 August**. The topic is “60 Years Since Vatican II’s Nostra Aetate – What Has Changed in the Catholic Church’s Relationship with the Jewish People?” The presentation will be given by Dr Teresa Pirola, a writer and faith educator with a special interest in Catholic-Jewish relations. For more information on Australian Catholic Historical Society program: <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/program-2/>

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>