

‘See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

Peter said, ‘Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?’ The Lord replied, ‘What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master’s arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, “My master is taking his time coming”, and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

‘The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.’

Communion Antiphon **Psalm 147:12,14**
O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

No Kiddin'

Father: “I never kissed a girl before I married your mother. Will you be able to tell your children that?”
Son: “Not with a straight face.”

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Prayer for Vocations
*God our Father,
Who wills that all people be saved
And come to the knowledge of Your Truth:
We beg you to send
Laborers into Your harvest,
And grant them grace to speak Your Word
With all boldness; so that Your Word
May spread and be glorified,
And all nations may know You,
The only God, and Him whom You have sent,
Jesus Christ your Son, Our Lord. 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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 10 August 2025

Vocations to Priesthood & Consecrated Life

Entrance Antiphon **Cf Psalm 73:20,19,22,23**
Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading **Wisdom 18:6-9**
A reading from the book of Wisdom
Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12**
R/ Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

- 1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **R/**
- 2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R/**
- 3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R/**

Second Reading **Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19**
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.
It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there

in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.
It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 24:42. 44**
Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Luke 12:32-48**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
See that you are prepared.
Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.
‘Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.





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 15 August (Assumption - 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 (2nd & 4th Sundays)	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
Marriages	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

COLLECTIONS for weekends from 26/27 July & 2/3 August 2025

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$773.15	\$747.75	\$225.00	\$163.70
(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. *Please return by end of August.*

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

ENMORE mid-week MASSES

Friday 15 August, 9:15am (Whole school Mass for Assumption) & **7:00pm** (Parish Mass)

Note: The Assumption is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

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

Confirmation at Enmore If you are in year 6 and have completed your First Holy Communion, and wish to be confirmed, please see Father Chris by 15 August. Sacrament conferred on Saturday 30 August 2025.

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 read insert for further information.

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.



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/>

Billings LIFE invites you to join a special one-hour webinar during Natural Fertility Awareness Week 2025. If you are dreaming of growing your family join us to discover how the Billings Ovulation Method® can support your journey to pregnancy. To register and to find more information please click on the link: <https://events.humanitix.com/boost-your-baby-odds-naturally-with-the-billings-method> An invitation email will be sent to prior to the webinar on **Monday 18th August** at 7:30pm.

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>

Camino of St Joseph 5-6 September. An overnight walking pilgrimage for men in honour of St Joseph. Open to men ages 16+. For more info: sydneycatholic.org/maximus See noticeboard for flyer.

Be Not Afraid, 3rd Annual Catholic Men’s Conference. Saturday 20 September, St Mary’s Cathedral. To register: trybooking.com/dareb See noticeboard for flyer.

Vatican II: Keeping the Windows Open Joint Catholic Theological College/Yarra Theological Union symposium to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the close of Vatican II. **Wednesday 24 September** 2025, 9:30am-4:15pm, Melbourne Enquiries: 03 9412 333 vi.panganiban@ctc.edu.au See noticeboard for further details