

Forgiveness?

Old Jack and old John had bee parish board members at St Joseph’s Parish for as long as anyone could remember. They were constantly at odds with each other and at each other’s throats, especially during parish council meetings. When one would vote *yes*, the other have to vote *no*.
One day old Jack died and arrived at Heaven’s gates. He noticed how everyone was asked a question before they proceeded in. When it was his turn, St. Peter said, “Hi, Jack. To see if you qualify to come in I have to ask you to spell ‘Jesus’”.
“That’s easy,” said Jack, and so he spelled, ‘J-E-S-U-S.” Peter complimented Jack and then asked if he would do him a small favour. “Just take over here for a few minutes.”
Several people were waiting at the gate, and Jack asked each one the same question, “Would you please spell ‘Jesus’?”
Then Jack could hardly believe his eyes; old John was in line.
“What are you doing here?” John asked.
“I’m just filling in for St. Peter. I’m asking everyone to spell a word before they can go through the gates.”
“Oh, yeah?” John exclaimed. “What’s the word?”
After thinking a moment, Jack said, “Spell ‘Albuquerque’.”
World’s Greatest Collection of Church Jokes, complied by Paul Miller



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*

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.

Prayer for Ukraine
O Lord our God, look down with mercy on the Ukrainian people. Protect and save them from the unjut 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

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 17 August 2025

Entrance Antiphon **Psalm 83:10-11**
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading **Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10**
A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.
The king’s leading men spoke to the king. ‘Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.’ ‘He is in your hands as you know,’ King Zedekiah answered ‘for the king is powerless against you.’ So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. ‘My lord king,’ he said, ‘these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.’ At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: ‘Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.’

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14**
R/ Lord, come to my aid!
1.I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. **R/**
2.He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. **R/**
3.He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. **R/**
4.As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay! **R/**

Second Reading **Hebrews 12:1-4**
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.
With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy



which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God’s throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation **John 10:27**
Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel **Luke 12:49-53**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
I have come not to give peace, but discord.
Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!
‘Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

Communion Antiphon **Psalm 129:7**
With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.



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	Thursday 21 August Healing 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 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: George Hare, Colin Ellis (sick).

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 24 August.*

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

ENMORE mid-week MASSES Thursday 21 August 9:15am (Healing Mass) & **Tuesday 26 August 9:15am** (Mass)

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 17 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.

August Divine Mercy Retreat schedule on noticeboard

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.



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>

The Archbishop is seeking positive, practical and faithful ideas on how we can make our Church in Sydney more vibrant through three, repeated longings for more prayerful liturgies, more Christ-centred communities and to be more mission-oriented. Please get involved by discussing these longings within your communities and then, by bringing your ideas on how these longings can be met to our regional consultations. Register to attend any of the three consultations:

Holy Family, Menai Saturday, 30 August 2025 | 9 AM – 12 PM Register at: trybooking.com/DAVZB

St Mary’s Cathedral Tuesday, 14 October 2025 | 6 – 9 PM Register at: trybooking.com/DAVZE

All Saints, Liverpool Thursday, 16 October 2025 | 6 – 9 PM Register at: trybooking.com/DAVZF

Join us as we pray, discern and act with the Holy Spirit to make our Church in Sydney more vibrant. Give us your ideas!

St Joseph’s Enfield Reflection Day, Saturday 30 August, 9:45am-3:00pm *See noticeboard for details*

The Camino of St Joseph 2025 An overnight pilgrimage for men in honour of our Spiritual Father, St Joseph. The entire walk from start to finish will include six churches. Each stop will feature a reflection on St Joseph and a short time in Adoration for spiritual nourishment and an opportunity for a quick bathroom break. Itinerary from start to finish: 1. St Joseph’s, Como - Opening Mass 2. St Patrick’s, Sutherland 3. St Catherine’s, Gympie 4. Our Lady Star of the Sea, Miranda 5. Our Lady of Fatima, Caringbah 6. St Aloysius, Cronulla - closing Mass **DATE: Friday 5 September 2025 7:00 PM - Saturday 6 September 2025 8:00 AM** COST: \$35 pp / Bus Ticket: \$24 return 7 pm sharp on 05/09 from Holy Family Menai and 7.30 am on 06/09 from St Aloysius Cronulla To register and for more information, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CXLAO>. **Download the tile** for your bulletin or **the flyer** to promote in your parish.

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.*

Spouse of the Church – Men’s Silent Discernment Retreat, September 26-28 St Mary’s Towers, Douglas Park, Directed by Fr John Burns & Fr Daniele Russo, \$229pp, for men aged 15-35. *See noticeboard for QR code.*