

wheat,” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond and write eighty.” ‘The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.  
‘And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? ‘No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.’

**Communion Antiphon** **Psalms 118:4-5**  
You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

**The Tate Family Members**  
Do you have any idea of how many members of the Tate family belong to your congregation?  
There is old man Dic Tate who wants to run everything, while uncle Ro Tate tries to change everything. Their sister, Agi Tate, stirs up plenty of trouble with help from her husband, Irri Tate. Whenever new projects are suggested, Hesi Tate and his wife Vegi Tate want to wait until next year. Brother Facili Tate is quite helpful in church business. Cousins Cogi Tate and Medi Tate always think things over and lend a helpful steady hand. And, of course, there is the bad seed in the family, Ampu Tate, who has cut himself off completely from the Body of Christ.

*World’s Greatest Collection of Church Jokes, compiled 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.

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

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C 21 September 2025**

**Entrance Antiphon**  
I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**First Reading** **Amos 8:4-7**  
A reading from the prophet Amos  
*The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, ‘When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.’ The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, ‘Never will I forget a single thing you have done.’

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7**  
**R/** Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

- 1.Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **R/**
- 2.High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? **R/**
- 3.From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **R/**

**Second Reading** **1 Timothy 2:1-8**  
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy  
*Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.*

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the



faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

**Gospel Acclamation** **2 Corinthians 8:9**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** **Luke 16:1-13**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
*You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.*  
Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, “What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer.” Then the steward said to himself, “Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.”’  
‘Then he called his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, “How much do you owe my master?” “One hundred measures of oil,” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty.” To another he said, “And you, sir, how much do you owe?” “One hundred measures of





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**

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| <b>Masses</b>   | Wednesday 24 September – 9:15am – <i>and see notices to the right</i><br>Saturday—5:00pm – (6:30pm – Portuguese)<br>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 (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)</b> | By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required  |
| <b>Marriages</b>  | By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required  |

**COLLECTIONS for weekends from 6/7 & 13/14 September 2025**

| 1st collection                   | 2nd collection          | Envelopes                | Candle offerings         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>\$851.05</b>                  | <b>\$785.50</b>         | <b>\$270.00</b>          | <b>\$199.15</b>          |
| (supports the priest’s expenses) | (for running of parish) | (part of 2nd collection) | (part of 2nd collection) |

**Masses for:** Con (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](mailto: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.*



**Together we can keep the faith alive - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)**

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith? Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction. *See ACN pamphlets at the back of the church.*



**Fatima Procession, Sunday 12 October, following 9:30am Mass** The co-ordinators are Malia Tonga Mone & Mona Lomi. They will also kindly be doing the flowers. If you would like to offer them your assistance, or have any queries, please see them. They are usually at Sunday Mass.

**Acolyte John Vu & wife, Ha** We thank John for his years of service on the altar. Due to family & health reasons, John & Ha have farewelled our parish, as they now live in Belmore.

**Aid to the Church in Need Mass Stipends** There are many priests around the world who live on stipends and would appreciate your Mass intentions sent to them. Your donation & intention can be sent to ACN who will redirect it. Please find flyers for this purpose at the back of the church.

**Priests’ Retirement Fund / Father’s Day Appeal** Envelopes can be found on the pews. *Please return by 21 September.*

**ENMORE mid-week MASSES** Wednesday 24 September 9:15am | Thursday 2 October 9:15am

**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

**Hartford College, Daceyville, 2026 Academic Scholarships** *See flyers at the back of the church*

**Gaza Genocide** *See noticeboard for letter from Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University*

**Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre** We invite you to explore the history of our ministries and share in the story of Australia’s first religious sisters. Open Tuesday to Thursday, 10.00am-3.00pm or by appointment. Free entry and parking available. Bookings recommended. A: 1 Rockwall Cres, Potts Point. W: [socheritagecentre.org.au](http://socheritagecentre.org.au). E: [heritagecentre@rscoffice.com](mailto:heritagecentre@rscoffice.com) P: 02 9138 0835

**Sydney Catholic Youth 'Fidelis' Event** We are thrilled to welcome Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT and Fr. John Burns - two beloved voices in the Church who need no introduction! - as they lead us into a profound exploration of how our brokenness can become a doorway to grace, reflecting on forgiveness, healing, and salvation and explore how the very wounds we carry can reveal Christ in deeply personal and transformative ways. DETAILS: Date: **Wednesday, 24 September 2025** Time: 6 – 10 pm Venue: Conference Room, Canterbury Leagues Club Cost: \$25 For more information and to register, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/DFAWF>

**HANDEL’S MESSIAH:** Hear one of the most inspiring works of sacred music in this Jubilee performance featuring a Full Choir, Soloists & The Artes Christi Chamber Orchestra of over 30 musicians. St Anne’s Bondi; **Fri 10 Oct** (7pm) Bookings essential [www.trybooking.com/DEJGU](http://www.trybooking.com/DEJGU) *See flyer on noticeboard.*

**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. Register to attend any of the three consultations:

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

All Saints, Liverpool Thursday, 16 October 2025 | 6 – 9 PM Register at: [trybooking.com/DAVZE](http://trybooking.com/DAVZE)

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

**National Alpha Catholic Conference: The Way of Hope.** Hosted by Alpha Australia, in partnership with the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney., A conference ticket includes plenary sessions, breakout sessions, Mass and Adoration, morning tea and lunch on both days, and dinner on Friday evening. Early bird price available for a short time. Register today to avoid missing out! **Date: 31 October - 1 November 2025** Venue: Liverpool Catholic Club, Prestons, NSW Cost: \$250 - from 16 September.

**Christopher West's Theology of the Body: Head and Heart Immersion Course From 18–23 January 2026,** led by world-renowned speaker Christopher West at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, includes daily Mass, Adoration, and 30 hours of engaging teaching. Places are limited — register at [trybooking.com/XXXX](http://trybooking.com/XXXX). DETAILS: Date: Sunday 18 January - Friday 23 January 2026 Time: 3 pm Sunday to 1 pm Friday Venue: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale, NSW Who: Adults only event (18+) For more information and to register, visit <https://tobi.sydneycatholic.org/tob-1-immersion-course/> For enquiries, contact [TOBI@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:TOBI@sydneycatholic.org).