long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 32:18-19
Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

#### Their Mothers May Have Said It

"Sampson! Get your hand out of that lion. You don't know where it's been!"

"David! I told you not to play in the house with that sling! Go practice your harp. We pay good money for those lessons."

"Abraham! Stop wandering around the countryside and get home for supper."

"Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego! I told you never to play with fire!"

"Cain! Get off your brother! You're going to kill him some day!"

"Noah! No, you can't keep them! How many times do I have to tell you, don't bring home any more strays." "Gideon! Have you been hiding in that winepress again? Look at your clothes."

"James and John! No more burping contests at the dinner table, please. People are going to call you the sons of thunder."

"Jesus! Be careful with those tools; You don't want to put a nail through your finger."

World's Greatest Collection of Church Jokes, complied by Paul Miller



#### **World Mission Prayer**

Amen.

All-loving and compassionate God,
You hear the cry of the poor.
Your people worldwide suffer terribly from
earthquakes, floods, wars, starvation and diseases.
Moved by the suffering of our brothers and sisters,
we join our prayers to theirs.
O God, on this day, You touch the hearts of Your
faithful people with the light of Your Holy Spirit.
Grant us by the same Spirit a proper judgment in all
things and ever to rejoice in Your consolations.
Besides our prayers, guide us in our actions of love
and concern.

## 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

## Prayer for Peace—St. John Paul II

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are Yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you" – please grant us

Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.

May all peoples on the earth become as brothers and sisters.

May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. Amen.

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

Archdiocese of Sydney

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

# Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

19 October 2025

### World Mission Sunday (Holy See)

#### Life, Marriage & Family Sunday (Archd. Of Syd)

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

Cf Psalm 16:6,8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

#### First Reading

Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

## **Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 120. R. v.2

R/Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1.I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. R/

2.May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. R/

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. R/

4.The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. R/

#### Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were,



and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures — from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience — but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

## Gospel Acclamation Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

#### Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke *God will see those who cry to him vindicated.* 

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a



# 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 23 October – 9:15am – and see notices to the right Saturday — 5:00pm – (6:30pm – Portuguese) Sunday — 9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian)	
Confessions	Saturday 4:15—4:45pm or by appointment	
Adoration & Benediction Baptisms (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays) Marriages	Mon 3:00 – 3:50pm, Tues to Fri 8:00 – 9:00am & Sun 9:00—9:25am  By appointment—about 1 month's notice required  By appointment—about 6 months' notice required	

COLLECTIONS for weekends from 4/5 & 11/12 October 2025				
1st collection \$881.10	2nd collection \$755.00	Envelopes \$410.00	Candle offerings \$129.30	
(supports the priest's expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)	

Masses for: Milan Novosel (RIP), of new baby Alfred Khouri..

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. Mata Kozumplik, Stephanie, The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or Albert, & Alfred Khouri, blessing 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.

Catholic Mission Appeal This year they are supporting the church in Zambia with 2 incredible programs: The Women's Cooperative, empowering women with sustainable farming skills so they can provide for their families & break the cycle of povery; the Chilonga Mission Hospital, ensuring mothers and their babies receive a safe & dignified start to life by upgrading vital facilities & life-saving equipment. Free call: 1800 257 296. Website: www.catholicmision.org.au/mission

Advent Group If you would like to coordinate this group, please see Father. If you are interested in joining the group, please inform Father Chris or the office. Please advise by Sunday 2 November so the office can order the correct number of books.

Mid-week Masses Thursday 23 October, Saturday 1 November 8:15am (All Saints), Thursday 6 November 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

Indulgences – A brief explanation pick up your copy of this leaflet at the back of the church

Canonisation Mass of Peter To Rot, 1st saint of Papua New Guinea, 19 October from 2:30pm OLSH, Randwick. See noticeboard for flyer. Pick up your card of Saint Peter To Rot at the back of the church.

**November Mass Offerings** Offer Masses for the Holy Souls & support priests in need. For over 50 years, *Aid to the* Church in Need has passed on the Mass offerings of the Catholic people to poor priests, who have no other material support. IN return, these priests offer Masses for the intentions of the donor. Each year 10% of the world's priests are supported by 1.5 million Mass offerings. Please take your leaflet at the back of the church.

The Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet Wednesday weekly 7pm Zoom host - Katherina. Meeting ID:872 9929 7896 Passcode: 908680 **Our Lady of Fatima 13<sup>th</sup> monthly 7pm** Meeting ID: 861 8463 9187 Passcode: 459184

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

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. E: heritagecentre@rscoffice.com P: 02 9138 0835

Reflection Day, Enfield 25 October Speaker: Ron Maldigri See noticeboard for timetable

Celebrating the Canonisation of Blessed Peter To Rot Communities across Sydney and the Central Coast are preparing to celebrate the canonisation of Blessed Peter To Rot, Papua New Guinea's first saint, on Sunday, 19 October. A special Mass and refreshments will be held at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Randwick, beginning at 2:30 pm. All are welcome. On Sunday, 26 October, Holy Cross Parish, Kincumber, in the Diocese of Broken Bay, will host a Mass at 11 am in honour of the newly canonised saint, followed by refreshments. The day will also include unveiling a St Peter To Rot relic, blessing a new statue of St Mary MacKillop, and presenting papal blessings to dedicated parish volunteers. Peter To Rot was a lay catechist and martyr who continued his Christian ministry during the Japanese occupation of PNG in WWII. Let us come together in faith and thanksgiving to celebrate his inspiring witness.

Hartford College Never before have our sons been so challenged. Social media, gaming, learning decline and a world which, too often, has lost connection to what is good, true and beautiful. Hartford is developing an approach to the education of boys that explores the liberal arts in small classes where students are seen, heard and supported. Hartford invites you to meet Emily and Nes Rotstein, the Executive Director and Vice President of the American Chesterton Schools Network. Emily and Nes have deep insights to share based on their experience with the Chesterton Schools Network - the fastest-growing network of Catholic classical schools in the world. This is a model of education inspiring parents and educators globally. On Friday 31 October 2025, Hartford will host a Wine & Cheese evening for the parents of boys who are looking for a classical Catholic education that develops young men who are faith-filled, lifelong learners set to be the leaders of the future. Come along and learn more about what we have to offer. Access your free tickets at https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1462524

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.

**Christmas catalogue** That Catholic Shop catalogues available at the back of the church.