

Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

Communion Antiphon **Psalm 84:13**
The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Fact Finding
The average American family in a parish consists of 4.1 persons. You have one guess as to who constitutes the 0.1 person.
World’s Greatest Collection of Church Jokes, compiled by Paul Miller



St Margaret of Castello
Patron saint of the disabled & unwanted
Feast Day: 13 April
St. Margaret’s life is one of the most heart-wrenching stories in the calendar of the saints. She was born in 1827 to a noble family. She was born blind, with severe curvature of the spine; her right leg was an inch and a half shorter than her left, and her left arm was malformed. She never grew beyond 4 feet tall. Her parents kept little Margaret hidden away in their house in Metola in the Italian province of Umbria. She was 6 years old when the family travelled to a shrine at Castello, hoping for a miracle. When no miracle took place, Margaret’s mother and father abandoned her.

Our Father, We humbly seek Your grace, inspired by Saint Margaret’s boundless compassion for the unwanted.
May we open our hearts to those who feel forsaken, offering love and kindness as she did.
Help us to be instruments of Your mercy, embracing the marginalized and voiceless.
Let our actions reflect Your divine love, bringing hope and healing to all in need.
Amen.



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

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

First Sunday in Advent – Year A **30 November 2025**

International Day for People with Disabilities
(3 December)

Entrance Antiphon **Cf Psalm 24:1-3**
To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading **Isaiah 2:1-5**
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’ He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.**
R/ Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

- 1.I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to God’s house.’ And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R/**
- 2.It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel’s law it is, there to praise the Lord’s name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **R/**
- 3.For the peace of Jerusalem pray: ‘Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!’ **R/**
- 4.For love of my brethren and friends I say: ‘Peace upon you!’ For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **R/**

Second Reading **Romans 13:11-14**
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
The time has come, our salvation is near.
You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when



we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation **Psalm 84:8**
Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 24:37-44**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Stay awake, you must be ready.
Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. ‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house.



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 – 9:15am (+ see notices to the right) 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 15/16 & 22/23 November 2025

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$767.05	\$741.90	\$262.00	\$146.70
(supports the priest's expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: Lindy Ryan, Pam Manley (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. 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.
Lord Jesus, Strengthen and guide us as we strive to make our Catholic communities a safe place for all, especially the children and vulnerable adults you entrust to our care. We also pray for those who have been harmed. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen

Advent is a time of penance. One of the ways we observe this is by not having flowers in the church. **We thank the Portuguese ladies** for organising the Advent candles.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: 5:15-5:45pm – Confessions | 6:00pm - Christmas Vigil Mass

Christmas Day: 9:30am - Christmas Day Mass

Boxing Day: No Mass

CWF November Appeal This will take place THIS weekend.

Parish Christmas Party Thursday 4 December, 6pm in the school hall. BYO food & drinks.

Mass Times Thursdays 27 Nov, 4 Dec & 11 Dec 9:15am, Tuesday 9 Dec 5pm (Year 6 Graduation)

Healing Mass: Thursday 11 December 9:15am

ACU Centre for Liturgy Newsletter with an interesting article on the importance of the Reader at Mass. *Copy at the back of the church*

Enfield Healing Mass Friday 5 December See noticeboard for details

St Brigid's Jubilee Pilgrimage, Sunday, 7 December 2025, beginning at 2:00 pm from St Paul of the Cross Church, Dulwich Hill, and will conclude with Mass at the Calvary Shrine at St Brigid's Church, Marrickville, one of the officially designated churches for the Jubilee Year of Hope in our Archdiocese.

Along the way, pilgrims will pause for prayer and reflection at

- St Maroun's College, Dulwich Hill, and
- St Nicholas Church, Marrickville, before continuing the final leg to St Brigid's.

We warmly encourage **parishioners, ministries, and devotional groups** to participate and to **bring their parish or group banners** as visible signs of faith, unity, and hope. This shared pilgrimage is an expression of our common journey as disciples walking toward Christ, the source of all hope. If you wish to join, please let the office know **by 4 December**.

Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change! Discover How you can get involved in Palms International Volunteering **Discover Palms International Volunteering [online](https://palms.org.au)** in these two special sessions where you'll hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities in our Southeast Asian region.

1. Explore our GAP YEAR opportunities for (18-25yo) Year 12 graduates and university students, that could shape your future. **Date: Thursday 4 December 2025 | Time: 6pm or 9pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)**

2. Join our TIMOR-LESTE ENCOUNTER Information session for those who would like a short taste and tour of Palms placements to Timor-Leste from 14-27 May 2026. **Date: Monday 8 December 2025 | Time: 7.30pm-8.30pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)** Venue: ONLINE-Scan the QR code or register at palms.org.au/events_02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au

The Perennial Wisdom of Evangelii Nuntiandi with Dr Ralph Martin We know that millions of Australians do not know or have forgotten the love of Christ. How do we reach out to them if they aren't coming to us? Join renowned author, speaker, and scholar, Dr Ralph Martin as he shares insights from the Church's guiding document, *On Evangelisation in the Modern World (Evangelii Nuntiandi)*, along with his experience of sharing the Gospel for over 50 years. **Date: Monday, 8 December 2025 Time: 8:00 – 9:00 PM** Delivery: Online via Zoom RSVP at gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

iWitness Conference 2025 – Young Adults (18–35 yrs) The annual iWitness Conference will be held from **11–14 December 2025** in Cobbity, Sydney. Since World Youth Day 2008, iWitness has been helping young adults grow in their Catholic faith, make lasting friendships, and experience the joy of living out their faith together. For more information and registration, visit www.iwitnessaustralia.com or search *iWitness Australia* on Facebook/Instagram.

Christmas at the Cathedral 2025 Mark your calendars! Christmas at the Cathedral returns next month from 17 to 25 December! Join family and friends at the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, for nine fun-filled nights of market stalls, delicious food, roaming entertainment and live performances. Experience stunning light projections that bring the beloved Christmas song "The Little Drummer Boy" to life, transforming the cathedral into a beautiful spectacle. **DETAILS: Date: 17 - 25 December 2025 Time: 5:30 – 10:30 PM** with lights on at 8:30 PM each night Venue: Forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney For more information, visit <https://christmasatthecathedral.org.au>.