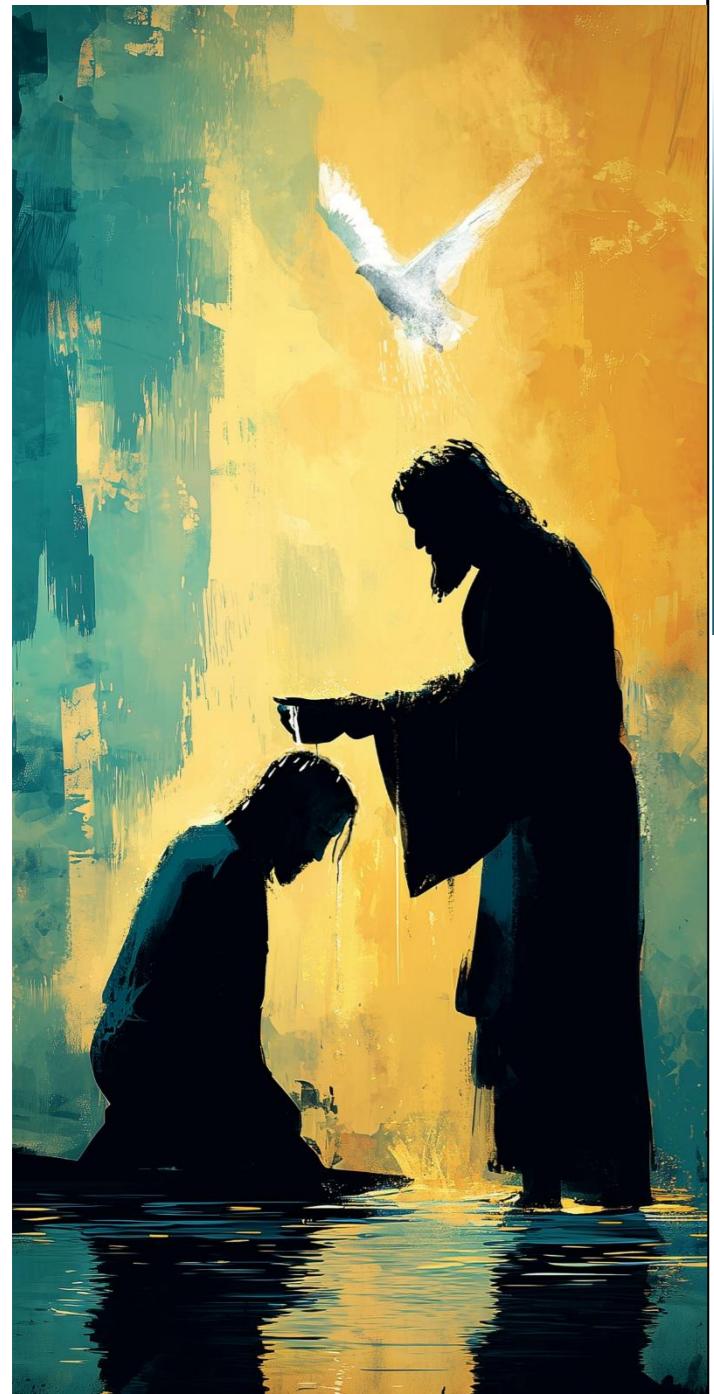


Bulletin Squib

"If your troubles are deep-seated and long-standing, then try kneeling."



Holy Baptism
is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other Sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from original sin and re-born as adopted sons and daughters of God. We become members of Christ, a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that we may declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called us out of darkness into His wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9). Baptism is aptly called by the Church, the Sacrament of Regeneration through water and the word.

(Catchism of the catholic church n.1213)

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

The Baptism of the Lord – Year A

11 January 2026

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Matthew 3:16-17
 After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4. 6-7
 A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice; he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law. I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you; I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

R/ The Lord will bless his people with peace.

1.O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. **R/**

2.The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. **R/**

3.The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever. **R/**

Second Reading Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and



how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation

See Mark 9:8
 Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
 Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

Communion Antiphon

John 1:32,34
 Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.



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 No mid-week Masses till Fri 13 Feb 1:50pm + see notices

Saturday—5:00pm – (6:30pm – Portuguese)

Sunday—9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian)

Confessions Saturday 4:15—4:45pm or 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 of 13/14 to 27/28 December 2025

1st collection
\$1842.25

(supports the priest's expenses)

2nd collection
\$1606.30

(for running of parish)

Envelopes
\$395.00

(part of 2nd collection)

Candle offerings
\$118.75

(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: Ivan Jilwan & Norma & Mauna Alam, Jilwan & Alam families, Simone Lizarraga (death anniversary).

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

Father Lex Keys will supply Mass this weekend. Please welcome him to the parish.

Fr Chris' Jan/Feb Roster	Fr Lex Keys will supply Mass on Sun 11 Jan 2026 Holidays Tues 13 Jan – Wed 11 Feb <i>There will be no mid-week Masses from Fri 2 Jan – Thurs 12 Feb.</i> Mons Flynn will supply Confessions & Mass on all weekend Masses of 17 Jan – 8 Feb 2026. Back in parish Thurs 12 Feb (Whole school Mass Fri 13 Feb 1:50pm – all welcome)
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Sacrament of Reconciliation 2026 Information Evening: Wednesday 25 February at 6pm, St Pius V School Library, Enmore. **Date for reception of Sacrament:** Saturday 21 March at 1pm, St Pius V Church, Enmore

Adoremus at St Benedict's, Broadway You are invited to join us for an evening of adoration, formation, vespers, and fellowship. **Every Wednesday from 5:30pm to 7:00pm** at St Benedict's Church, Broadway. Everyone is welcome.

Caritas Australia: Be a light in the darkness for families facing adversity this Christmas. This Christmas, we are inviting Australians to “be a light in the darkness” for families who are living through the trauma of war, displacement, and poverty. The intensity of the conflict in Ukraine has increased and more people are experiencing displacement and poverty. Our partner, Caritas Ukraine are on the ground working hard to prepare food kits, emergency shelter kits and psychosocial assistance to families facing adversity. Donate today at <https://www.caritas.org.au/christmas-appeal/be-the-light-in-darkness/>

Love in the Flesh: How Christianity Illuminates Marriage and How Marriage Illuminates Christianity In partnership with the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, the Theology of the Body Institute and Dr Christopher West return to Sydney for an unforgettable evening! Discover how God's love, revealed in the flesh through Christ, is reflected in the mystery of marriage itself. Dr West will unpack how masculinity, femininity, and marital love all point us to the heart of the Gospel. You will never see love, marriage, or faith the same way again. **DETAILS: Date: Saturday, 17 January 2026** Time: 6:30 pm – Doors Open & Registrations / 7:00 pm – Event Begins / 9:00 pm – Event Concludes Venue: St Kevin's Catholic Parish, Eastwood Adults only event (18+). Seats are limited — don't miss this special evening of faith and renewal. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/DFVXL> For enquiries, contact TOBI@sydneycatholic.org.

Christopher West's Theology of the Body: Head and Heart Immersion Course From 18–23 January 2026, world-renowned speaker Christopher West will lead the TOB 1. This 5-day experience includes daily Mass, Adoration, and 30 hours of engaging teaching. Places are limited. **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.

Sapienta - Dominican Retreat Single adults, ages 18-35, are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters for a weekend retreat at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, NSW from **13-15 February 2026**. The retreat will consist of talks, discussion, silence, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Confession, Mass, and time for fellowship. Places limited. Fee: \$300 per person. <https://www.trybooking.com/DHJBL>

Seminary of the Good Shepherd Open Day February 22 2026, 8:30am – 3:00pm, 50-58 Abbotsofrd Rd, Homebush | Registration essential: www.sydneyvocations.org See flyers back of church.

Everlasting Love Marriage Preparation Courses 2026 'Everlasting Love' is a marriage preparation course that gives special emphasis to the sacramental, spiritual, and relational dimensions of marriage. Couples are only required to attend one session. So when booking, book only one session that suits you. Session dates and locations are as follows: - **Session 1: Friday 13 – Saturday 14 February 2026** - St Catherine Laboure Parish Gymea - **Session 2: Friday 5 – Saturday 6 June 2026** - St Joachim's Parish Lidcombe - **Session 3: Friday 20 – Saturday 21 November 2026** - St Joseph's Parish Moorebank *Please note that the course is split across 2 days (no overnight stay). Day 1 takes place on Friday evening from 6pm to 10pm. Day 2 begins at 9am and ends at 5pm. Cost: \$350.00 per couple

To book, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/DGPMC>

Finding Solace and Support with Heartfelt In times of grief, finding a compassionate and understanding community can make all the difference. Heartfelt is based on Catholic teachings and offers online gatherings, support groups, and events, accessible to anyone navigating their grief journey. For more information, visit <https://heartfelt.community>

Catholic Bushwalking Club The Catholic Bushwalking Club holds at least one walk each weekend, with other activities including abseiling, cross-country skiing, caving, canyoning and cycling. For more information, go to www.cbcnsw.org.au or phone Robert on 0478919427.