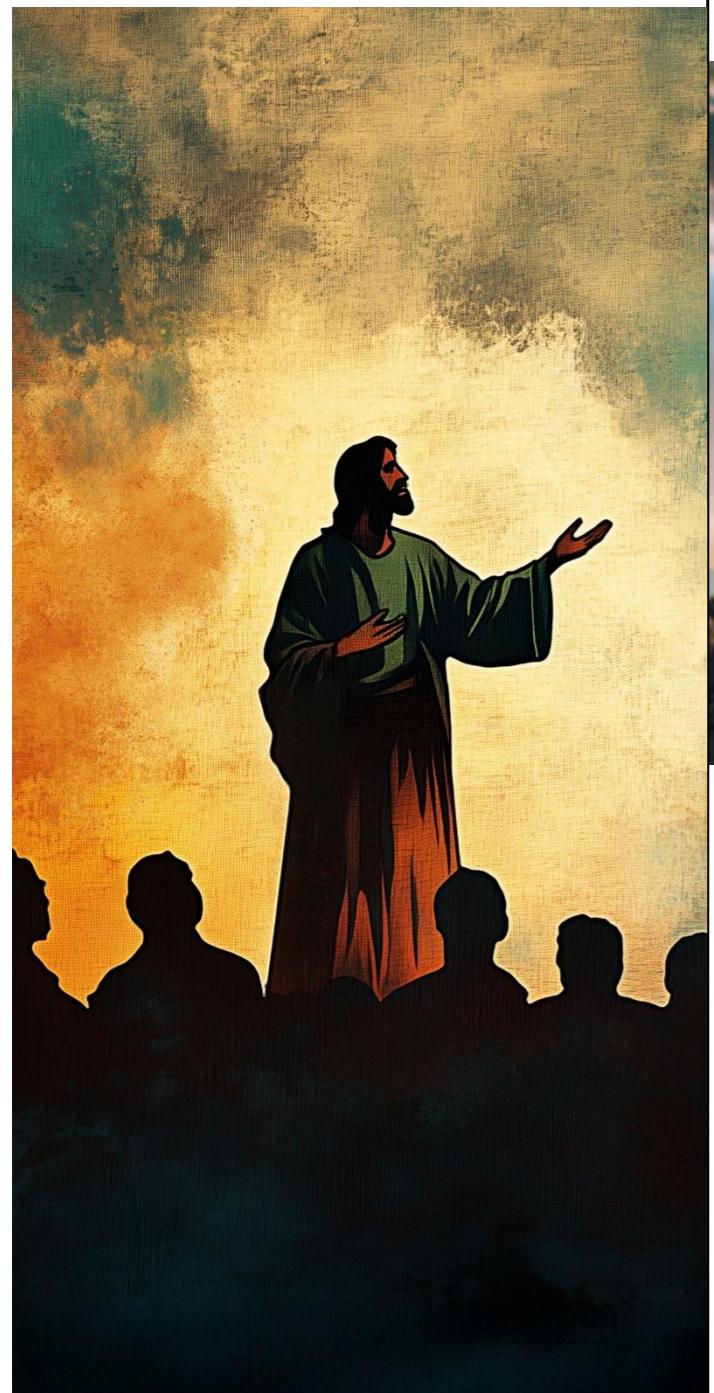


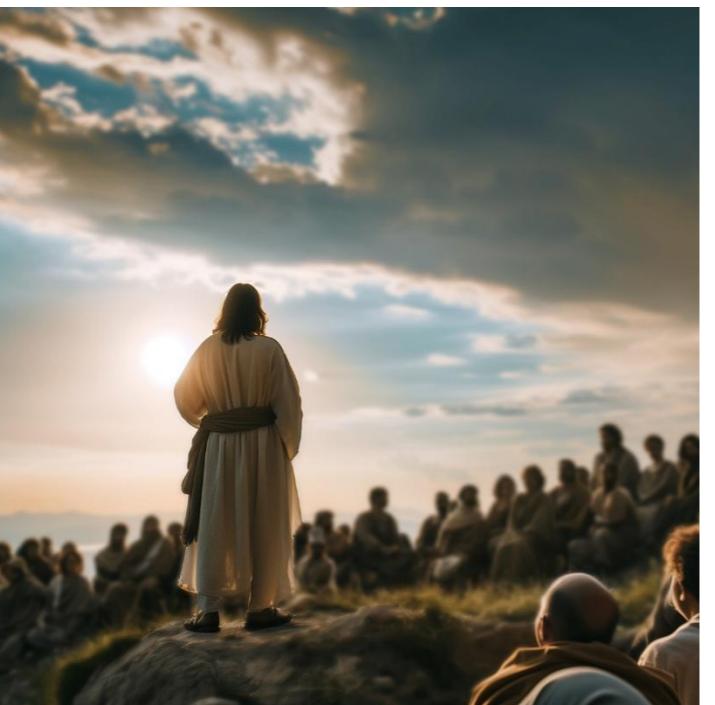
A Limerick

There was a young girl in the choir
Whose voice went up higher and higher,
Till one Sunday night
It vanished from sight,
And turned up next day in the spire.



Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (Prayer for Peace)

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so
much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal
life.*



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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

1 February 2026

Franciscan Jubilee Year 2026

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 105:47

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

R/ Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R/

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. R/

3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. R/

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.



Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 5:3-4

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.



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 17/18 to 24/25 January 2026

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$979.80 (supports the priest's expenses)	\$637.50 (for running of parish)	\$430.00 (part of 2nd collection)	\$65.15 (part of 2nd collection)

Masses for:

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

Monsignor Greg Flynn will supply Mass for the next 3 weekends. Please welcome him to the parish.

Fr Chris' Jan/Feb Roster	Holidays Tues 13 Jan – Wed 11 Feb There will be no mid-week Masses from Fri 2 Jan – Thurs 12 Feb. 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
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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.

Enfield Healing Mass Friday 6 February See noticeboard for further details

Mass and Blessing of the Sick Join us for a special day of prayer and healing at the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood. Date: **Sunday, 8 February 2026** Time: Rosary at 2:30 PM / Mass & Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 PM Address: Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, St James Avenue, Earlwood Main Celebrant: Bishop Terry Brady In case of extreme weather, the Mass will be held in the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes. All welcome.

Lent 2026 With The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://brucedownes.org/lent-2026-sign-up/> Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

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.

Are you looking for a trusted Catholic person to work in your home? Teddy comes highly recommended by the Catholic Immigration Office. She provides cleaning, domestic duties and in-home support to the elderly and disabled. She is an NDIS provider. Please contact her directly if you are looking for trusted workers. M: +61 417 569 757 E: nakalembeteddy1983@gmail.com