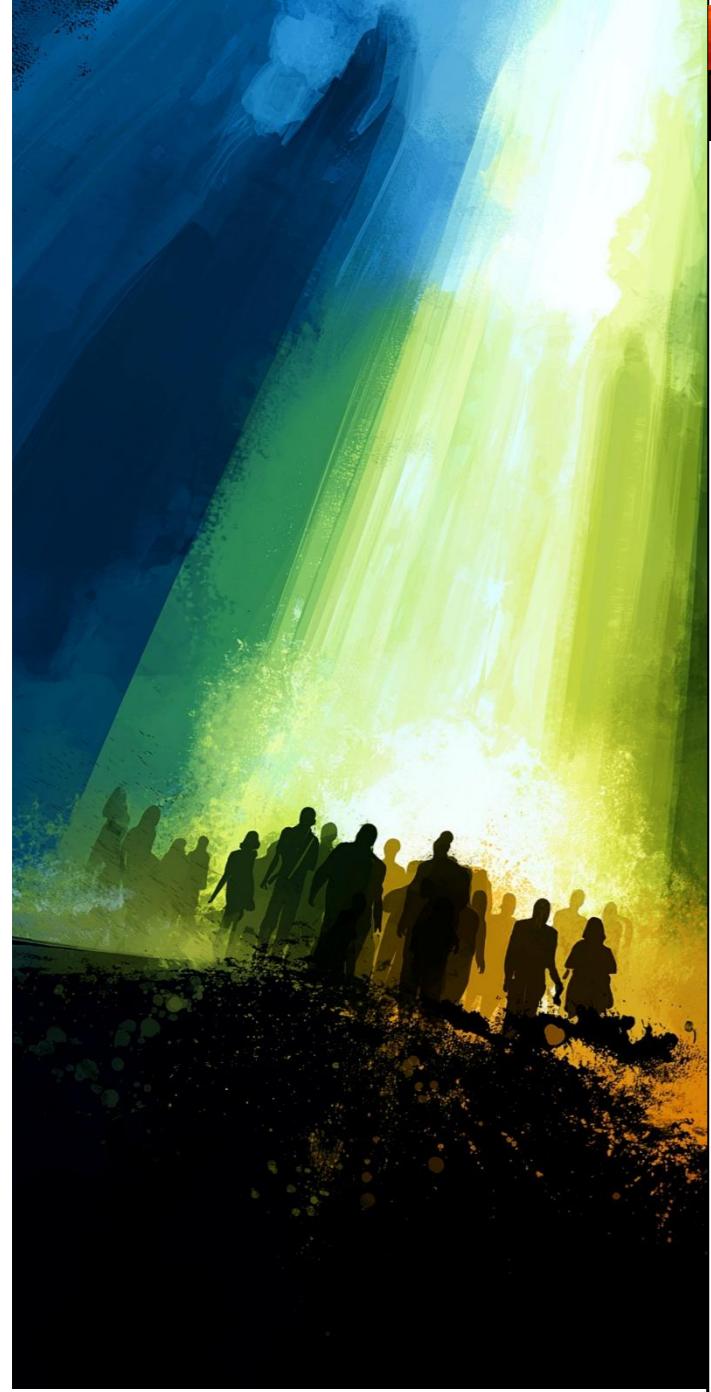


Faces

Watching Sunday school pupil Willy making faces at the kids around him, teacher Miss Betsy stopped the lesson and said, "Willy, when I was your age, I was told that if I made ugly faces, my face would freeze that way."

Willy looked up and replied innocently, "Well, Miss Betsy, you can't say you weren't warned."



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.*



Eucharist28 Prayer

*Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for the gift of Your
real presence in the Sacrament of the Holy
Eucharist.*

*Grant us the grace to receive You reverently,
worship You truly and serve You with hearts
renewed.*

*By the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, so that
as You gave Yourself to the Father and to us,
we too may offer our lives to God and to
others.*

*Inspire and help us to serve You in those who are in
need, especially the defenceless and
homeless, the lonely and lost.*

*Unite us with Your sacrifice of the Mass, so that we
may truly become what we have received, the
Body of Christ. Amen.*

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

8 February 2026

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 94:6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the
God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

First Reading

Isaiah 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

R/ A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. R/

2. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. R/

3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. R/

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.



Gospel Acclamation

John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.'

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 5:5-6

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.



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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209 Edgeware Rd Enmore 2042

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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 last time this weekend. Please thank him warmly.

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

Lent Prayer Group will start on the week of Ash Wednesday (18 Feb). Jean is thinking of running it on Tuesday evening at 6pm. Please confirm with Jean if you are interested.

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

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.

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>

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Open Day Casimir College Marrickville Friday 27 February 3-7pm See flyer on noticeboard

The Secular Institute of the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary is currently celebrating its Centenary Jubilee Year. In gratitude for God's grace and fidelity over the past one hundred years, this jubilee has been designated as a special time of spiritual renewal and pilgrimage. You are warmly invited to Mount Schoenstatt for a pilgrimage during the jubilee year **until 4th November, 2026**. Granted by Pope Leo XIV, pilgrims who visit Mount Schoenstatt during this time will have the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions. In addition to various events throughout the year, our community of sisters in Mulgoa will publicly celebrate the centenary jubilee on **Sunday, 13th September 2026**, to which you are also most cordially invited. See noticeboard.

Holy Spirit Pilgrimage (2026) to Greece, Poland, and Turkey from **21 September – 17 October 2026** (Visiting the Island of Patmos, the Seven Churches of Revelation, Following the Footsteps of St Paul, St. John, Gallipoli Tour, Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Nazi Concentration Camp, Salt Mine in Wieliczka, John Paul II Centre, Family Home of John Paul II in Wadowice, Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, etc) Contact Us ASAP for details: Fr.Emmanuel-tv (0417999553, (08)93423079; Dax (0420643949); Didith (0473246029); Tien (0422310795). Email: fremmanueltv@gmail.com; holyspiritp@gmail.com

The Eucharist28 website is now live: <http://eucharist28.org> It contains a wide variety of materials to help all our people deepen their connection to our Eucharistic Lord: catechetical resources for all ages, parishes and schools, including podcasts, personal reflections, and theological texts. Register your interest for further updates through the website. You can begin following Eucharist28 social media pages on Instagram, Facebook and X,