

for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Communion Antiphon **John 3:16**
God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have 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

Kids of Israel

Charlie Smith finished giving his Sunday school lesson. It was time for questions and answers. Up shot little Tony's hand.

"According to the Bible, Mr Smith, the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, right?"

"Right."

"An' the children of Israel clobbered the Philistines, right?"

"That's right, Tony."

"An' the children of Israel built the Temple, right?"

"Right, again."

"An' the children of Israel fought the 'gyptians, an' the children of Israel fought the Romans, an' the children of Israel wuz always doin' somethin' important, right?"

"All that's right, too," agreed Smith. "So what's your question?"

"What I wanna know is," demanded Tony, "what wuz all the grown-ups doin'?"

Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

15 February 2026

Entrance Antiphon **Cf Psalm 30:3-4**

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

First Reading **Sirach 15:15-20**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. R. v.1

R/ Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1.They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **R/**

2.You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **R/**

3.Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **R/**

4.Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **R/**

Second Reading **1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

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

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.



These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation **See Matthew 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 5:17-37**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew *Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer



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	<i>See notices to the right</i> 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 (2nd & 4th Sundays)	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
Marriages	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

COLLECTIONS for weekends of 31 January/1 February & 7/8 February 2026

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$797.00	\$895.00	\$330.00	\$99.25
(supports the priest’s expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(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

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

Weekday Masses Ash Wednesday 18 February 9:15am Whole school Mass & 7:00pm Mass
 No Mass Thursday 19 February

Lent Prayer Group will start this week on Tuesday evening at 6pm in the presbytery. Please confirm with Jean if you are interested.

Lenten Penance *On the noticeboard*

Project Compassion starts this week. Please collect your envelopes/boxes at the back of the church.

Holy Hour for Vocations The Vocations Centre have asked all parishes to hold a Holy Hour during the first week of Lent. Deacon Alfredo will hold the Holy Hour on **Thursday 26 February at 3pm** in the church. We need to know **numbers of people attending** so the parish can purchase Adoration booklets, \$2.20 each.

Holy Hour of Adoration Sunday 1 March 8:30-9:30am The Archbishop has requested we hold a Holy Hour of Adoration to begin the journey towards Eucharist28

Holy Thursday	6:30pm Mass of the Last Supper (Indonesian Mass - 8:30pm)
Good Friday	10:00am Stations of the Cross 3:00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion (with Indonesian Community)
Holy Saturday	3:30pm-4:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Easter Vigil Mass (Indonesian Mass - 8:00pm)
Easter Sunday	9:30am Easter Mass

Level up your Lent: A Work of Mercy for the Unborn

Who is there to pray for the eternal souls of those affected by abortion? This Lent, we invite you to "level up" your spiritual practice by performing a corporal work of mercy: accompanying the dying and praying for an end to abortion. The 40 Days for Life campaign starts on February 18, with a special Kick-off Event on February 17. The campaign continues throughout the duration of Lent. We are asking for a commitment of 4 hours a week outside NSW Parliament House (Macquarie St). If a 4-hour commitment isn't possible, we would love to have you for 2 hours, or even just 1 hour a week. Your presence is a light in the darkness.

When: Feb 18 - End of Lent (Roster: 7am–7pm daily).

Where: Outside NSW Parliament House, Sydney.

Kick-off Event: February 17 @ St Thomas Beckett, Lewisham

Register for kick-off: <https://www.trybooking.com/DJBQA>

Book a slot for 40 days: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/sydney>

Help us fill the roster and please share with others.

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.*

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Parramatta - Holy Spirit Mission Experience a life-changing encounter with the Holy Spirit at the annual HOLY SPIRIT MISSION event! This free gathering is open to everyone seeking a deeper understanding and connection with the Holy Spirit. Join us for Prayer & Praise, Testimonies, Talks and Prayer Ministry. Discover the Spiritual Gifts and how to grow in them. Receive encouragement, help, and support from charismatic communities. Join us on: **Saturday 21st February 2026** 12pm to 5pm Camilleri Hall, OLQP Parish. [198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes](http://198OldProspectRoad,Greystanes). ENQUIRIES Desiree 0478 765 772. Dilani 0425 607 227 Amila 0424 445 397 Register Now for this free event. Come and be Renewed, Encouraged, Healed, and Supported! <https://www.trybooking.com/DIENC>

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