

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

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Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 90:4

The Lord will conceal you with his pinions, and under his wings you will trust.

Go Forth and Multiply

After the flood water went down and Noah lowered the ramp, he told the animal to go forth and multiply.

All the animals left except two snakes who lay quietly in the corner of the ark.

"Why don't you go forth and multiply?" asked Noah.

"We can't," answered the snakes. "We're adders."



Eucharist28 Prayer

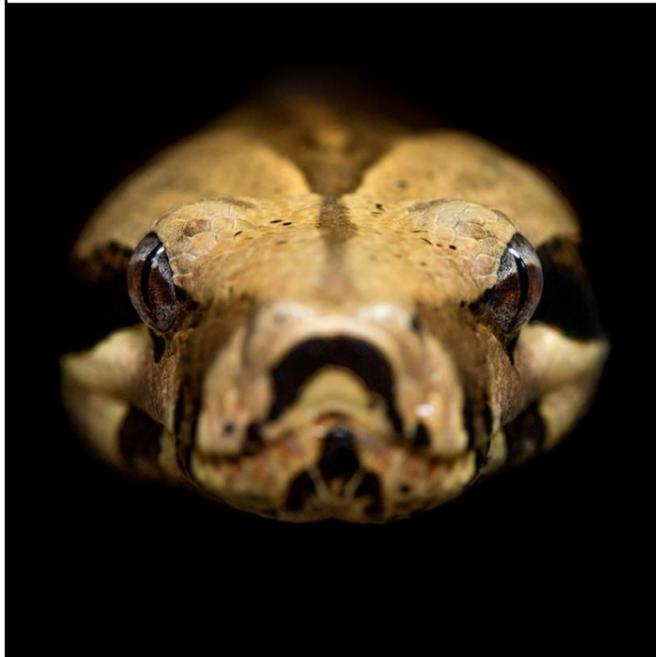
Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for the gift of Your real presence in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

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

First Sunday of Lent – Year A

22 February 2026

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 90:15-16

When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.

First Reading

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. see v.3

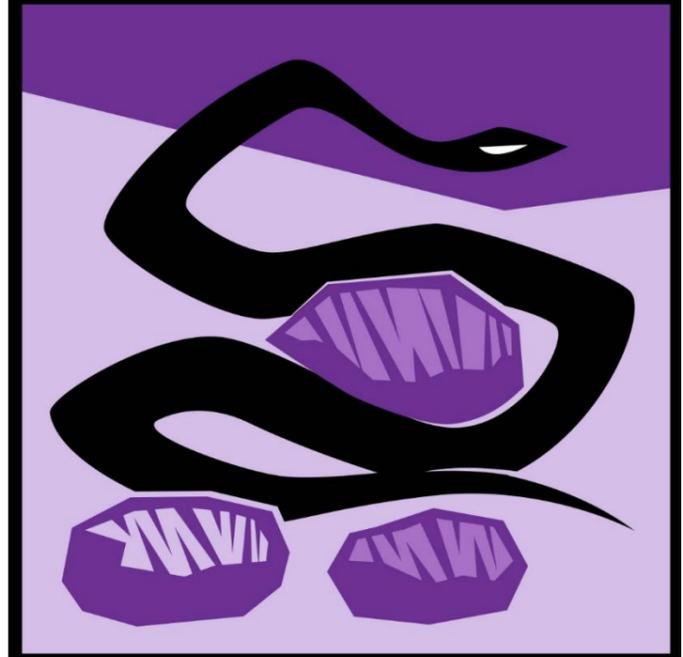
R/ Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R/**

2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **R/**

3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R/**

4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R/**



Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.



Parish Administrator—Reverend Father Christopher Higgins
(available Tuesday to Sunday)
 Parish Permanent Deacon – Reverend Mister Alfredo Bouroncle
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(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	Friday – 9:15am (during Lent) 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 \$797.00 (supports the priest’s expenses)	2nd collection \$895.00 (for running of parish)	Envelopes \$330.00 (part of 2nd collection)	Candle offerings \$99.25 (part of 2nd collection)
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Masses for: Connie Marques’ deceased November intentions, David Russell (that God’s will be done), Senya’s deceased November intentions, Mary Aquilina’s November intentions.

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

Lost Budgie We found a sweet little budgie on Friday evening (6 Feb) in your local area. It appears to have been attacked by birds as it has feathers missing from the back of its head and not tail feathers. It was quite weak when we found it but now appears stronger. We feel that it hasn’t gone far from its home. If you know anyone that has lost a pet budgie, please have them contact David (local resident) 0415174961. Thank you.

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

Stations of the Cross during Lent Fridays 9:45am (after Mass)

Lenten Penance *On the noticeboard*

Lenten Companion Booklets *Feel free to take your copy*

Project Compassion started on Ash Wednesday. 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.

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
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
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.

Family Voice Australia (a Christian organisation) have sent the parish small cards re saving babies from abortion. Feel free to take some.

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.*

Casimir College Marrickville – Now enrolling *See flyer on noticeboard*

St Joseph’s Enfield Prayer Group, Sat 28 Feb *See noticeboard for details*

Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Women's Lenten Retreat Join us at the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Women's Lenten Retreat - a full day of prayer and reflection led by the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia and hosted by the Catholic Women's Network and Sydney Catholic Schools. To accommodate the growing interest in this beautiful retreat day, we are offering the same retreat on two days. DETAILS: Dates: **Saturday, 28 February 2026 or Saturday, 14 March 2026** Venue: St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney Time: 9 AM - 4 PM Cost: \$50 To book, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/DIBPT>

Men's Lenten Retreat 'Finding Silence with St Joseph: Praying with the Leader, Provider, and Protector of the Holy Family' is a day retreat for men dedicated to mental prayer and deep encounter with God. It aims to help men deepen their understanding of their masculine identity and connect to their vocation by prayerfully reflecting on St Joseph. The theme of the retreat will focus on St Joseph’s prayer life, led by Fr Johnson Malayil Joseph CRS. The day will include Mass, Adoration, Retreat Talks, Spiritual Direction and Confession in a spirit and environment of silence. DETAILS: Dates: **Saturday 21 March 2026** Venue: St Joseph's Catholic Church Moorebank - 231 Newbridge Rd, Chipping Norton Time: 9 AM - 4 PM Cost: \$50 per person CLERGY, RELIGIOUS and SEMINARIANS are FREE. Tickets are limited. To book, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/DHKRV>