

Communion Antiphon

Matthew 17:5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Haircut Homily

A small town's only barber was known for his arrogant and negative attitude. When one of his customers mentioned he'd be going to Rome on a vacation and hoped to meet the pope, the barber's reaction was typical. "You?" he said. "Meet the pope? Don't make me laugh! The pope sees kings and presidents. What would he want with you?"

A month later, the man returned for another haircut. "How was Rome?" asked the barber.

"Great! I saw the pope!"

"On his balcony from St. Peter's Square? With the rest of the crowds?"

"Yes, but then two of his Swiss Guards came up and said the pope wanted to meet me and took me right into his private apartment in the Vatican."

"Really?" the barber asked. "What did he say?"

"He said, 'Who gave you that lousy haircut?'"

Eucharist 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

Second Sunday of Lent – Year A

1 March 2026

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 24:6,2,22

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

First Reading

Genesis 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

R/ Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1.The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R/**

2.The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R/**

3.Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R/**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

God has saved us, and called us to be holy.

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.



Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

His face shone like the sun.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



Parish Administrator—Reverend Father Christopher Higgins
(available Tuesday to Sunday)
 Parish Permanent Deacon – Reverend Mister Alfredo Bouroncle
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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 (2 nd & 4 th Sundays)	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
Marriages	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

COLLECTIONS for weekends of 14/15 February & 21/22 February 2026

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$847.20	\$767.15	\$315.00	\$134.55
(supports the priest’s expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: Baby Anna Lomi & baby Malia Alet (1st birthday), Trish’s dad (sick), Dave (heart attack).

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

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

Lenten Penances to be Observed *On the noticeboard*

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

Holy Hour of Adoration Sunday 8 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

24 Hours For The Lord event at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Mulgoa on 13-14 March. Please could you include this note in your parish newsletter for any parishioners who may be interested. The event begins with Mass at 6:30pm, and there will also be confession. The shrine will be open all night in vigil, a moment to visit in pilgrimage and spend some time with our Lord.

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.

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, 14 March 2026 Venue: St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney Time: 9 AM - 4 PM Cost: \$50 To book, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/DIBPT>

Finding Silence with St Joseph: 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>

Day of the Unborn Child Procession led by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP to celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation **DETAILS** Date: Sunday, 22 March 2026 Schedule: 10:30 am Mass - St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney 12:00 Noon - Angelus & Marian Procession 1:30 pm Fervourino - St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney For more information, visit: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/about-us/archdiocesan-events/day-of-the-unborn-child/>

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

Casimir College Marrickville – Now enrolling See flyer on noticeboard

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,