

for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.' The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said 'So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God's son, come down from the cross!' The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust

in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, "I am the son of God." Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, 'The man is calling on Elijah,' and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. 'Wait!' said the rest of them 'and see if Elijah will come to save him.' But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, 'In truth this was a son of God.'

Communion Antiphon **Matthew 26:42**
Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

Grace

When Brother Martin died and went to Heaven, he was met at the front gate by St Peter, who let him know that he needed one hundred points to make it in the pearly gates. "You tell me all the good things you've done and I'll give you points according to your deeds. When you reach 100, I'll swing open the gates."

"OK," Martin reported, "I was greeter at my local parish for 50 years."

"That's wonderful," says St Peter, "that's worth 2 points." "I was married to the same woman for almost 65 years and never cheated on her."

"Remarkable," Peter declared, "here are 3 more points."

"Only 3?" Martin frowned. "How about this? I started a soup kitchen in the inner city and worked in a homeless shelter."

"Terrific and here are 2 more point."

"2 points! At this rate, the only way I'll get into Heaven is by the grace of God!"

"Come on in!"



Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore
Archdiocese of Sydney

Serving the suburbs of Enmore, St Peters, Sydenham & Tempe

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – Year A 29 March 2026

Entrance Antiphon Cf John 12: 1, 12-13; Ps 23: 9-10

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out: * Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy! O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory. * Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

First Reading **Isaiah 50:4-7**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24. R. v.2

R/ My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **R/**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **R/**

3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **R/**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' **R/**

Second Reading **Philippians 2:6-11**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and



being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation **Philippians 2:8-9**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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Gospel **Matthew 27:11-54**

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges. At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release



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 (2nd & 4th Sundays)	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
Marriages	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

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

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$1131.85	\$580.15	\$200.00	\$26.50
(supports the priest’s expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: Ivan Jilwan, Norma & Mauna Alam, all souls of Jilwan & Alam families, Aunty Pat (dying), Gerry O’Brien’s father (RIP), Holy Souls in Purgatory, Di & Sr Therese’s deceased family members, Orazio Salvo.

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

Good Friday Holy Land Appeal This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment & housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages & medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 church & shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the Covid pandemic, the war in Gaza and now the war with Iran, recent years have been, and continue to be, extremely difficult for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and visitors. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.7million through the Good Friday Collection, a wonderful effort that went a long way to assist the Church of the Holy Land. And so, we again urge Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

Pope Leo XIV has declared 2026 the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi, a jubilee year to help Christians around the world follow in the saint’s footsteps. Plenary indulgences are being granted through the usual provisions – sacramental reconciliation, receiving the Eucharist and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father – for those who participate in a pilgrimage to a Franciscan church or to any church names after St Francis.

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 (no morning tea)

Kapeliele’s mother’s funeral will take place TBC Tuesday 7 April. Viewing 7am. Mass 9am.

Parish Morning Tea Mother’s Day, Sunday 10 May

Easter Treasure Hunt at Mary MacKillop Place Easter is just around the corner - a joyful time to celebrate the love and thanksgiving for God that Lent has prepared us for. Children are warmly invited to join us for a fun and meaningful Easter Treasure Hunt, exploring the true meaning of Easter through play and creativity. Enjoy a treasure hunt, Easter craft “Wonder Eggs” with acts of kindness, a chocolate treat, and a special photo opportunity with the Easter Bunny. Light refreshments will be provided. When: Wednesday 1 April Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm Where: Glen Roy Green, Mary MacKillop Place (entry via 80 William St) Cost: \$10 per child. *Please note: Parents or guardians must remain with children for the duration of the event. Limited spots available.* Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/easter-treasure-hunt> | Enquiries: ministries@mmp.org.au

A Day of Retreat with Our Lady Easter Monday, 6 April St Benedict’s church & parish hall, 2 Fagans Rd Arcadia. 9:30am Parish Morning Mass with Fr Shansana, 10:00am Cenacle Rosary, 10:45am Morning Tea (bring a small plate), 11:00am Talk by Fr Andrew Grace, 1:00pm Lunch provided: sausage sizzle & salads, 2:00pm rosary procession outside.

Men’s Discernment Day Retreat 11 April 2026, 8:30am – 4:00pm, for those feeling the call to serve God as priests. St Joachim’s, Lidcombe *See noticeboard*

Called & Gifted Discernment Process: Hosted by the parish of St Catherine Labouré, Gympie If you are wondering how God is calling you to serve Him, then the Called & Gifted Discernment Process is for you! This Process is designed to help Christians identify and nurture their spiritual gifts (charisms), both to represent Christ and to serve as a channel of God’s goodness to others. Commences Monday, 4 May 2026. Places are limited. Register at gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process.

Ignite Conference: Ascend in Sydney Jul 9-12 Kick-start a newfound relationship with Jesus, revive a faith that has grown tired & equip emerging parish leaders. We have everything you need to invite the young people, families & parishioners of your

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,