

there these last few days.’ ‘What things?’ he asked. ‘All about Jesus of Nazareth’ they answered ‘who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.’

Then he said to them, ‘You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?’ Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. ‘It is nearly evening’ they said ‘and the day is almost over.’ So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?’

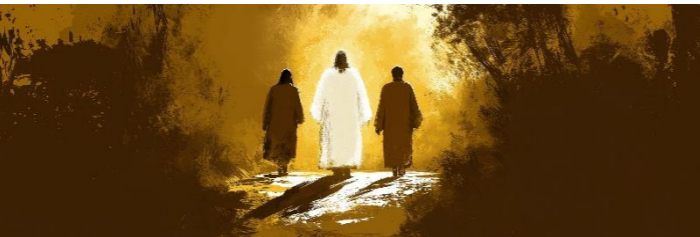
They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, ‘Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.’ Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’ After saying this he breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but

believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him: ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’ There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Communion Antiphon Cf **John 20:27**
Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.



**Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi
(Prayer for Peace
for Church Jubilee Year of St Francis)**

*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.*

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

*God of peace, bearer of hope, we seek your help
for the peoples of the Middle East.
Quiet the clamour of war and guide us towards
peace.
Where there is hatred and division sow seeds of
calm and openness.
Where there is destruction help us to rebuild.
Where children are crying bring an end to tears.
Shelter your peoples and protect them Guide them
and keep them from harm.
Show us how to break down the barriers of history
and fear and breathe whispers of hope. Amen.
Linda Jones / CAFOD*

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

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

Third Sunday of the Easter – Year A

19 April 2026

Entrance Antiphon Cf **Psalm 65:1-2**
Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading **Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33**
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: ‘Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

‘Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God’s right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.’

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11**
R/ Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: ‘You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.’ **R/**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R/**

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **R/**

4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **R/**



Second Reading **1 Peter 1:17-21**
A reading from the first letter of St Peter
The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation **See Luke 24:32**
Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Luke 24:13-35**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.
Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, ‘What matters are you discussing as you walk along?’ They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, ‘You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening



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	Thursday – 9:15am + <i>See notices</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 28/29 March & 4/5 April 2026

1st collection \$1203.60 (supports the priest’s expenses)	2nd collection \$813.00 (for running of parish)	Envelopes \$355.00 (part of 2nd collection)	Candle offerings \$60.00 (part of 2nd collection)
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Masses for: soul of Lindy Ryan, Maurice Ryan (birthday), Orazio Salvo (RIP), Sebastian (mental anguish), former parishioner (to find a new nursing home).

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

PARISH EVENTS

Please welcome Mons Greg Flynn back to the parish to supply confession & Masses this weekend. (Father Chris at a wedding in North Wollongong.)

Extra Mass Anzac Day, Sat 25 April 9:15am

Parish Morning Tea Mother’s Day, Sunday 10 May

Donations ClothesLine Toby from O’Malley Funerals is hoping our congregation would assist in donations to Christ orientated organisations, such as ClothesLine. They especially need used and new bibles, but also clothes, food stuffs & toiletries. **Please place your donations in the box** at the back of the church. *See Omalley notice at the back of the church. Donations to be picked up after Sun 31 May.*

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

Didasko Faith Formation 2026: The Eucharist in the Life of the Church Introduction to the Eucharist (free event) Rev Dr Paschal M. Corby OFM Conv Online zoom. Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko **Introductory session: Monday 20 April**

Anzac Eve Mass Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP invites you to commemorate the sacrifices of our retired and active defence personnel and those who died in the line of defence on **Friday 24th April 2026** from 6:30pm at St Mary’s Cathedral in Sydney.

Have you considered the priesthood? 26 April 7:00pm You are invited to join Archbishop Anthony Fisher priests and other young men in the Archdiocese of Sydney to a Pastor Bonus evening at Cathedral House on Good Shepherd Sunday. It is a special opportunity to learn about the priesthood, ask questions, and hear from the Archbishop’s own vocation story. Speak with your parish priest to register.

Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre We invite you to explore the history of our ministries and share in the story of Australia’s first religious sisters. Open Tuesday to Thursday 10.00am-3.00pm or by appointment. Free entry and parking available. Bookings recommended. A: 1 Rockwall Cres, Potts Point. W: socheritagecentre.org.au E: heritagecentre@rscoffice.com P: 02 9138 0835 As part of the National Trust Heritage Festival we are hosting two morning tea events on **28 April and 12 May** called *You Can Ask That*.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible with Charbel Raish **Thursdays 30 April – 4 June, 7-9pm** St Joseph’s Primary School, Rosebery. Enquiries: mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au *See noticeboard for flyer*

Palms: Two IMPACTFUL Sessions! Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities! Join Palms International Volunteering for two special sessions where you’ll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications. In April meet past Palms volunteers and discover how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities, or join our May session for a live crossing to Timor Leste and see how lives are changing today. Scan below or see palms.org.au/events

April Session: Discover Palms Online! Scan May QR-Date: Thursday 30 April 2026, Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm AEST

May Session: Live from Timor Leste! Scan here- _Date: Thursday 21 May 2026 Time: 4 pm – 5:30 pm AEST 02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au



Catholic Theological College | Engaging Your Faith | May program Topic 1: Can a Scientist Believe in God? *See noticeboard or website <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/engaging-your-faith/>*

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.

Calling all former St Mary’s Cathedral choristers Are you a former chorister of St Mary’s Cathedral Choir? Stay connected with us, each other. Attend a special luncheon on **Sunday 17 May 2026**. Visit <https://www.trybooking.com/DIOSX> | Call Tony Maricic 0422 099 576 | RSVP by Friday 8 May. *See noticeboard.*

Sistine Chapel Revelations: An immersive exhibition. Sydney **16 May to 19 July 2026**. The exhibition unfolds across two distinct spaces. The **Introductory Gallery** offers an informative and engaging journey through the history, architecture, and purpose of the Sistine Chapel from its construction in the 15th century to its role in papal conclaves and its enduring significance as one of the world’s most celebrated artistic achievements. The **Immersive Projection Chamber**, the centrepiece of the exhibition, presents a spectacular digital recreation of the chapel’s interior. Surrounded by artistic masterpieces on a monumental scale and accompanied by guided narration, visitors are drawn into the sweeping story of salvation depicted in one of the most extraordinary works of sacred art ever created. Tickets and further information can be found at <https://sistinechapelsydney.com.au/>