

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Communion Antiphon Matthew 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Fireworks

The annual parish picnic and fireworks sponsored by the parish is one of the highlights of the church year. Last year's pyrotechnic show will not be forgotten by all those standing around little Donald Walker on his father's shoulders. When the last ball of fire streaked across the sky and the audience was cheering, little Donald kept looking up into the sky and saying, "Thank you, God."



Prayer for Christian Unity

We pray, O gracious Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that we all may be one as you are one. In your community of complete unity, we have our beginning and our end. To you we pray, asking for the gift of visible unity among all who believe in your Christ.

As we commemorate this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we are reminded by your Word that all human beings are our neighbors and that we are to love them like ourselves and in the same way we love you. Help us to overcome the barriers and divisions we have nurtured against your will.

Grant to us, O Lord, a new Spirit of love and solidarity, that we may proclaim your good news to all of creation. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit are one God, for ever and ever. Amen



World Communication Day Prayer

*O God,
whose word is truth
and in whose light we see light,
guide those who tell the story of our times
through word and image.
Make them seekers after truth
and advocates of human dignity.
Grant discernment to all who rely on their
labours,
and, as we confront the pain and promise of
this world,
awaken in us a sense of wonder at your
presence
and of longing for your peace.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. Amen*

Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore
Archdiocese of Sydney
Serving the suburbs of Enmore, St Peters, Sydenham & Tempe

The Ascension of the Lord – Year A

17 May 2026

58th World Communication Day (Vatican)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

(ASCB) (Ascension Sunday to Pentecost)

Entrance Antiphon Acts of the Apostles 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

R/ God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **R/**



2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R/**

3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R/**

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.



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 21 May – 9:15am + <i>read notices for changes</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 25/26 April & 2/3 May 2026

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$764.30	\$767.70	\$110.00	\$60.50
(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 the souls of the Jilwan & Alam families, Con (RIP), Sydney Synod delegates, Adelino De Sousa (RIP).

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

- Good Friday Holy Land Appeal** The parish raised \$2257.75.
- Project Compassion Appeal** The parish raised \$618.80.
- Votive Candle Stands Voting** Vigil: 0 for silver, 9 for black. Sunday: 3 for silver, 17 for black
- Lost Property Box** at back of church
- 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

- Casimir Catholic College Marrickville Enrolling now** for Academic Year 7 2028. casimirmarrickville.syd.catholic.edu.au 02 9558 2888 *See noticeboard for details*
- Palms** 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 **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



The **NSW Catholic Charismatic Renewal and communities** will gather for the “Unified Fire” celebration, at Our Lady of Fatima Peakhurst on **Saturday 23rd May** starting at midday, culminating with Holy Mass at 5pm. For catering purposes, we request you register via <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1542994> or scan the QR code in the flyer at the back of the church.

Also, Parramatta Diocese & Emmaus Prayer Community Greystanes are celebrating **“The Power of Pentecost” Sunday on the 24th of May 2026** at Our Lady Queen of Peace, 198 Old Prospect Rd Greystanes, starting at 2pm. Enquiry Desiree 0478 765 772. Amila 0404 445 397. This is a Free Event, but we request that you register via www.trybooking.com/DLWRE or scan the QR code in the flyer.

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://sistinechapelssydney.com.au/>

Catholic Women’s League Open Day Tuesday 2nd June 2026, 10am – midday, St Patrick’s, Church Hill parish office, Level 5, 141 Harrington St The Rocks 2000. Enquiries: 02 9254 9825 *See cards back of church*

Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public & Political Life The Tim Fischer Oration 2026 is an opportunity to give thanks for what we have received. It calls forth young people to protect and promote the common good through ethical attitudes and actions in public and political life. Professor Mary Healy will deliver the third Tim Fischer Oration. DETAILS: Date: **Wednesday, 17 June 2026** Time: 6 PM Venue: Rosehill Gardens Cost: \$50 per ticket For more information, visit tfo.org.au

Parish Renewal Conference 2026 *Have you noticed the new people coming to our parishes? And the many who were baptised and confirmed at Easter?* Come along to the biennial Parish Renewal Conference to receive encouragement and practical skills to support your efforts helping others find a spiritual home in our parish communities. Date: **Saturday 18 July 2026** Time: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Venue: Liverpool Catholic Club Cost: \$99 plus booking fees, or purchase 5 tickets and get one free Register at gomakedisciples.org.au/prc26. Inquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org

Discernment Program. Run over 3 months, starting Monday the **3rd of August 2026**. People who participate in the program will receive daily Bible scriptures and study question to prompt and guide them to discern with the Holy Spirit. We may include some events, articles, and stories for them to discern also. The program is not live on Zoom, it is only via email, and there is no charge - all is free! Seek God if you are interested in this program - we urge you to ask Him first (Matthew 6:33) - and if He confirms it, contact us to register yourself. info@prayerstrategy.org For more information see <https://prayerstrategy.org/the-discernment-program/>