

Communion Antiphon

John 17:20-21

O Father, I pray for them, that they may be one in us, that the world may believe that you have sent me, says the Lord.

Shocker

Mr Johnson, a businessman from Wisconsin, went on a business trip to Louisiana. He immediately sent an email back to his wife Jean. Unfortunately, he mistyped a letter and the email ended up going to a Mrs Joan Johnson, the wife of a preacher who had just passed away.

The preacher's widow took one look at the email and promptly fainted. When she was revived, she nervously pointed to the message, which read, "Arrived safely, but it sure is hot down here!"

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.

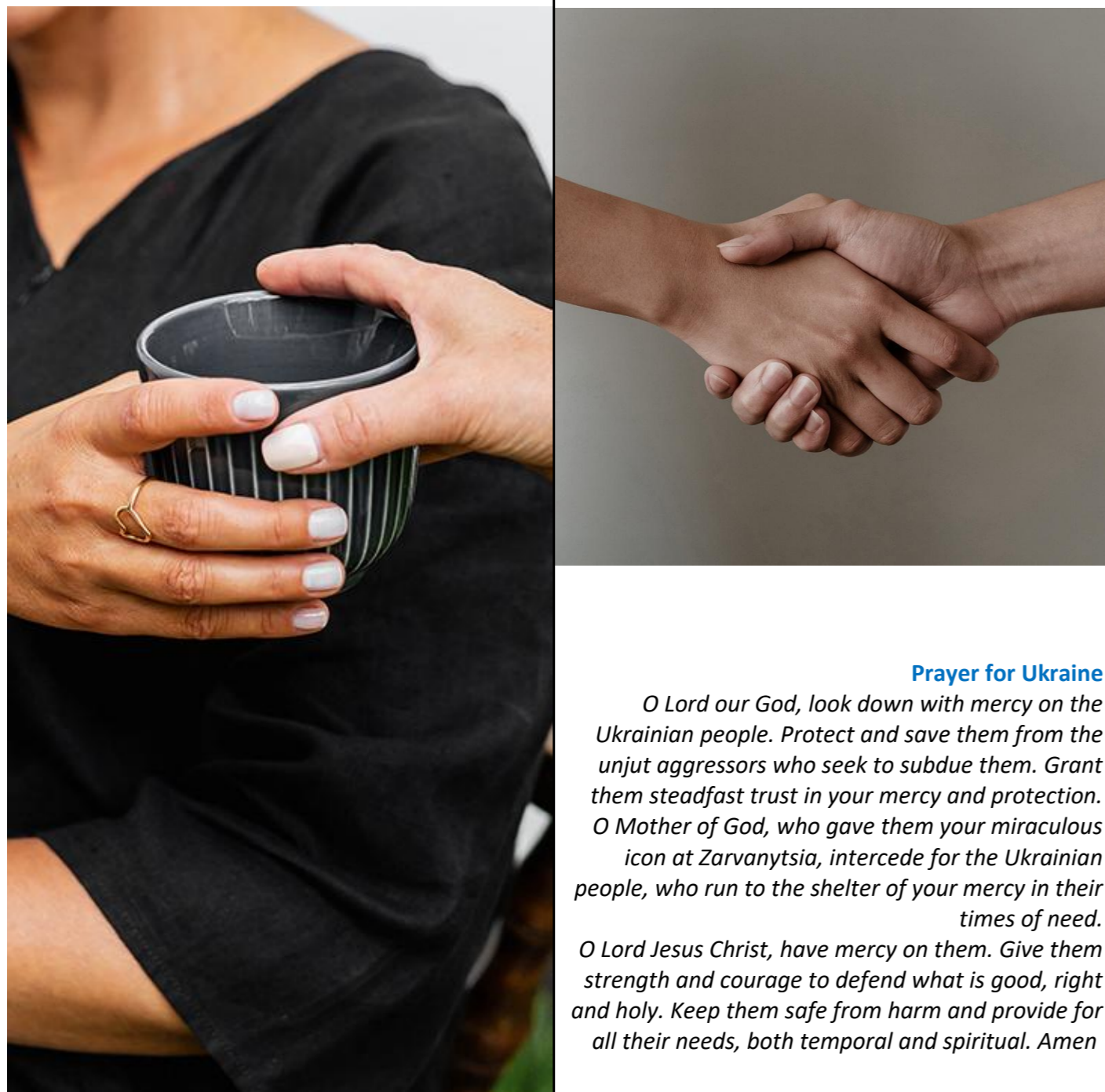
Where there is destruction help us to rebuild.

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



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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

28 June 2026

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 46:2

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading

2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

R/ Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1.I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R/**

2.Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R/**

3.For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R/**

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death



has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew *Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



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	Wednesday 1 July – 9:15am (<i>Fr at funeral Thursday</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 (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 23/24 & 30/31 May 2026

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$931.05	\$746.20	\$320.00	\$77.65
(supports the priest’s expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: Sr Genevieve Mafi & Kapeli Junior (birthday).

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

Planned Giving Envelopes Please collect your new financial year envelopes at the back of the church. If you would like to join the Planned Giving program, please let Father or the office know.

Mass Stipends Update At the most recent meeting of the NSW Province of Bishops, it was decided that the recommended amount for a Mass stipend would be increased from \$10 to \$20. The November Mass Stipend amount has not changed and remains \$20.

St Francis of Assisi 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 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 named after St Francis.

Our parish, in union with all parishes around the world, will hold the annual **Holy Father’s Appeal** next weekend – **4th and 5th July** – for which we ask your support. Through your gift, you can help Pope Leo XIV bring hope, faith, and the spirit of Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you. 4 Ways to give: 1. Scan to donate. 2. Online: www.ourfaithhourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal. 3. Phone 1800 753 959. 4. Through our parish collection.

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

Didasko Faith Formation 2026 *The Eucharist in the Life of the Church* June session: **Eucharist Miracles** (free) **Tuesday 30 June**. Online via Zoom. Presented by Most Rev Anthony Fisher. Session 7:30-8:45pm. 35 pp. Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko

Tri-diocesan Social Justice Dinner All parishioners are welcome to attend the 2026 Tri-diocesan Social Justice Dinner, to be hosted at All Saints' parish hall in Liverpool on **Wednesday, 1 July 2026**. We will hear about the stubborn persistence of slave-like working conditions even in modern Sydney, most often experienced by new migrants, and we will reflect on the role church communities can play in helping victims to become aware of their rights at work and escape situations of exploitation. Our speakers: - Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP - Dr James Cockayne, NSW Anti-slavery Commissioner - Moe Turaga, Australian Catholic Anti-slavery Network No cost, but registration is essential <https://events.humanitix.com/tri-diocesan-social-justice-dinner-2026>

St Joseph’s Enfield Healing Mass Fri 3rd July 7pm onwards *See noticeboard for details*

Gloria, an evening of magnificent sacred choral music Time: **17 July 2026** at 7pm. Location: St Anne's Catholic Church, North Bondi. Ticket Link: <https://www.trybooking.com/DMGXK> Many of you will be familiar with our previous concerts, which have brought together the Catholic community through beautiful sacred music and, on a number of occasions, have also assisted important Catholic initiatives including Aid to the Church in Need. We remain deeply committed to using sacred music as a means of evangelisation, fostering faith, and bringing people closer to the beauty of our Catholic tradition.

You Will Be My Witnesses: Parish Renewal Conference 2026 You give a lot to your family, your friends, and your faith community. Invest in yourself, your relationship with Christ, and your desire to see those you love growing in faith. Don't miss this once in two years opportunity to gather with like-minded Catholics who share a love for Christ and a desire to build his kingdom. Only three weeks left to book tickets. The day includes prayer, inspiring keynotes, and practical breakouts to encourage and refresh you. Learn more about our plenary speakers [Marcel LeJeune](#) and [Sr Susanna Edmunds OP](#). Date: Saturday **18 July 2026** Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm Venue: Liverpool Catholic Club Cost: \$99 plus booking fees or purchase 5 tickets and get one free Inquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org

Created in Love “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.” – Psalm 139:13 The Catholic Women’s Network and Maronite Women’s Ministry are honoured to present Created in Love: Women, Fertility & God’s Plan, a first-of-its-kind retreat day inviting women to discover the beauty, dignity, and wisdom of their bodies through faith, formation, and community. Whether you’re seeking clarity, healing, education, or simply a deeper appreciation of the way God created you, this day is designed to leave you feeling empowered, seen, and renewed. Open to women aged 16+. Bring your mum, daughter, sister, aunt, or a friend. DETAILS: Date: **Saturday 1 August 2026** Time: 9 AM - 4:00 PM Venue: St Jerome's Parish, Punchbowl For more information and to register to attend, visit <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1571890>