

without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. ‘But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. ‘You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.’

Communion Antiphon **John 6:57**
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

A No-No
“When you take sermon material from one writer, it’s plagiarism; but when you swipe it from many writers, it’s research.”



Prayer for Apostleship of the Sea Sunday
Let us ask God to protect all seafarers and fishers, who work hard on the perilous sea, to bring us so many of the goods that we rely on in our daily lives. We pray especially for those affected by conflicts around the world, particularly in the Red Sea, Ukraine and Israel and Palestine. Amen.



Prayer for Torres Straight & Aboriginal People
Loving God, we come before You with humble hearts, remembering the pain and suffering endured by so many. We give thanks for the courage and leadership shown by those who have worked tirelessly for justice and reconciliation. We pray for the healing and hope for all who have been affected by the injustices of the past. May Your grace bring comfort to those who still carry the wounds of history. Help us all to listen deeply to the stories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and to continue to walk together on the path of healing. Grant us the wisdom and strength to continue the work of reconciliation. May we be instruments of Your peace, fostering understanding and respect in our communities. Let us honour the rich cultural heritage and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, recognising their deep connections to this land. As we reflect on the significance of this day, may we be inspired to act with compassion and justice. Guide our leaders and all people in making decisions that promote equality and dignity for all. We ask this in Your holy name. 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

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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A **12 July 2026**

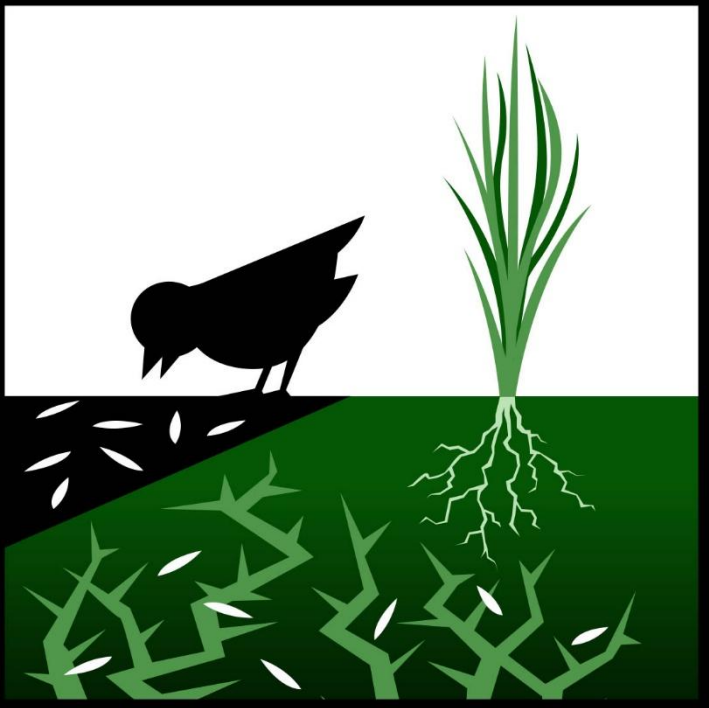
Apostleship of the Sea

Entrance Antiphon **Cf Psalm 16:15**
As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading **Isaiah 55:10-11**
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The rain makes the earth fruitful.
Thus says the Lord: ‘As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.’

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm 64:10-14 R. Lk 8:8**
R/ The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.
1.You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **R/**
2.And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **R/**
3.You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R/**
4.The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R/**

Second Reading **Romans 8:18-23**
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.
I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.



Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia!**
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!
Gospel **Matthew 13:1-23**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
A sower went out to sow.
Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, ‘Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!’
Then the disciples went up to him and asked, ‘Why do you talk to them in parables?’ ‘Because’ he replied ‘the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen



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(available Tuesday to Sunday)
Parish Permanent Deacon – Reverend Mister Alfredo Bouroncle
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(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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MASSSES AND SACRAMENTS

Masses	Thursdays—9:15am 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 - Wed 3:00 – 4:00pm, Thurs & 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 20/21 & 27/28 June 2026

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$662.45	\$671.60	\$255.00	\$69.55
(supports the priest's expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: Quinto family (safe travels), Jose Andrade (RIP), Concord West parishioners & their intentions, Con (the Greek – RIP), Stephanie, Albert & Alfred Khouri (blessing of new baby Alfred Khouri).

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

Confirmation Information Evening: Wednesday 22nd July at 6pm, St Pius V School Library, Enmore. \$40 cash to enroll. **Sacrament: Saturday 15 August at 11am**, St Pius V Church, Enmore (Bp Tony Percy)

Holy Father's Appeal Please return your donations by 26 July.

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.

Pauline Books & Media Latest releases brochure available at the back of the church.

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

Didaskō The Eucharist in Systematic Theology Chris Wolter. **Mondays 13, 20 & 27 July** Online via zoom. Each session 7:30-8:45pm. Cost per month: \$35 per person. Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko

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.

St Joseph's Enfield Prayer Group Saturday 18 July. Cost \$15. Contact Rose 02 8068 3845 *or* 0412 115 961 *or* email: rosetwymansydney@gmail.com. See noticeboard for further details.

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>

Celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Join the Sisters of Saint Joseph and Mary MacKillop Place as we celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop on **Saturday 8 August**.

Make a pilgrimage to Mary's tomb, spend time in prayer in the Chapel, and celebrate the Eucharist with us at one of our Feast Day Masses: 8:00am & 6:00pm – Chapel, 10:00am & 1:00pm – Glen Roy Green (outdoors). The 10:00am and 1:00pm Masses will be AusLan interpreted, and the 10:00am Mass will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person. For the full Feast Day program, information and more, visit www.marymackillopplace.org.au or contact ministries@mmp.org.au.

7 Churches Pilgrimage Walk The tradition of visiting the seven most historically significant basilicas in Rome was established by St Philip Neri in the 16th Century. It was a pilgrimage designed as a joyful, communal alternative to the city's secular nightlife. Borrowing from this tradition, the Emmanuel Community is once again pleased to invite you to the 7 Churches Pilgrimage on the Solemnity of the Assumption, **Saturday 15 August 2026**. Join us for a joy-filled and prayerful day. ALL WELCOME. Parish groups encouraged to attend. Register your interest here: <https://forms.gle/Uv3BsZTxpH4LUTLS9> Download the flyer to promote in your parish.

Called & Gifted Discernment Process: Online with In-person Workshop 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 **Wednesday 2 September 2026**. Places are limited. Register at gomakedisciples.org.au/called-gifted-discernment-process.