

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, ‘Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.’ He said in reply, ‘The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!’

Communion Antiphon **Revelation 3:20**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

Time’s A Wastin’

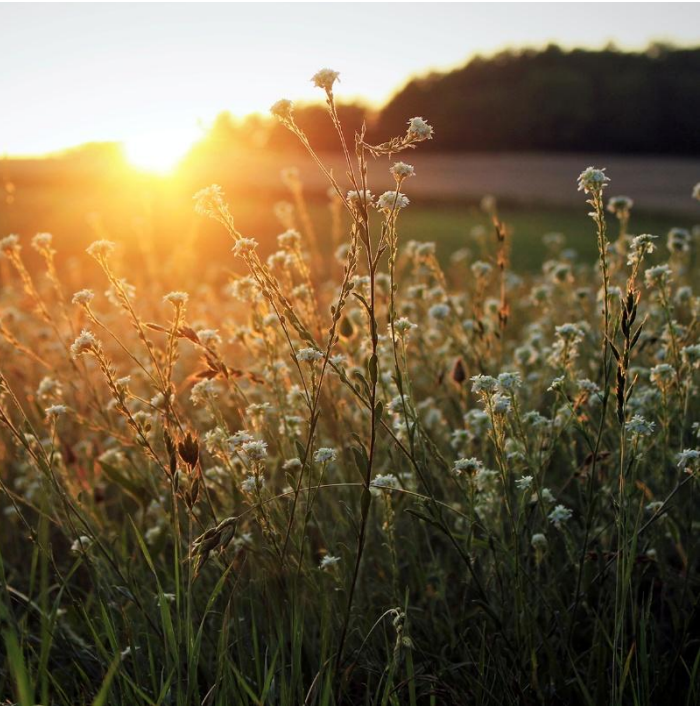
A priest waited in line to have his car filled with gas before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars in front and in behind him. Finally the attendant motioned him towards a vacant pump.

“Reverend,” said the young man, “sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip.”

The priest chuckled, “I know exactly what you mean. It’s the same in my business.”



CAFOD 2026 Jubilee Year of St. Francis Prayer
Saint Francis, our brother, you who eight hundred years ago
went to meet Sister Death as a man at peace,
intercede for us before the Lord.
You recognised true peace in the Crucifix of San Damiano,
teach us to seek in Him the source of all reconciliation
that breaks down every wall.
You who, unarmed, crossed the lines of war
and misunderstanding,
give us the courage to build bridges
where the world raises up boundaries.
In this time afflicted by conflict and division,
intercede for us so that we may become peacemakers:
unarmed and disarming witnesses of the peace that comes from Christ.
Amen



Prayer for Ukraine
O Lord our God, look down with mercy on the Ukrainian people. Protect and save them from the unjut 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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A **19 July 2026**

Entrance Antiphon **Psalm 53:6,8**

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading **Wisdom 12:13.16-19**

A reading from the book of Wisdom
In the place of sin, you give repentance.
There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5**
R/ Lord, you are good and forgiving.

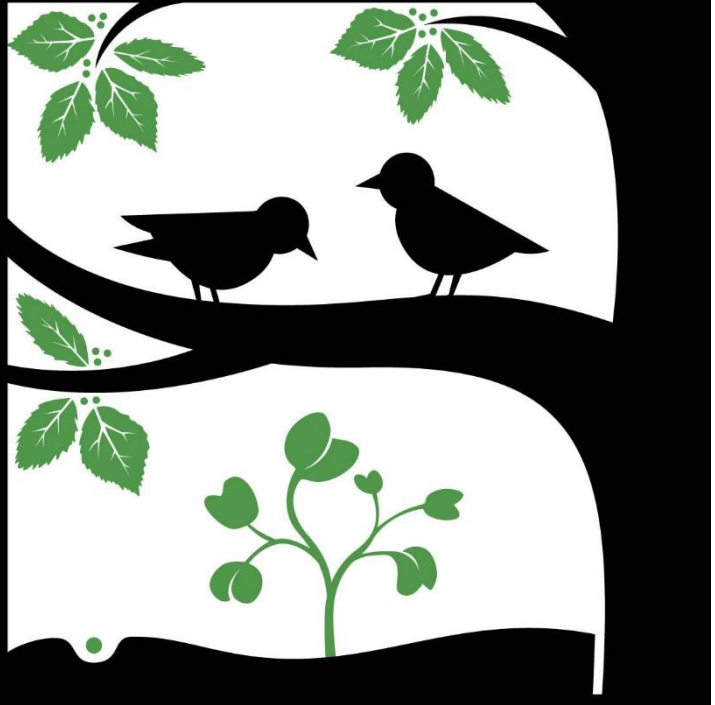
- 1.O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. **R/**
- 2.All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. **R/**
- 3.But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. **R/**

Second Reading **Romans 8:26-27**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.
The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation **See Matthew 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!



Gospel **Matthew 13:24-43**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Let them grow together until the harvest.
Jesus put a parable before the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner’s servants went to him and said, “Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?” “Some enemy has done this” he answered. And the servants said, “Do you want us to go and weed it out?” But he said, “No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.”’
He put another parable before them, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.’
He told them another parable, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.’



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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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 4/5 & 11/12 July 2026

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$691.25	\$656.65	\$295.00	\$65.70
(supports the priest’s expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: Simone Lizarraga (RIP), Di & Sr Therese (thanksgiving to God for 44 years of a wonderful life in Australia), Fr Joseph Kolodziej SChr, Fr Tadeusz Ziolkowski SChr, Christopher Barry (dying).

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

Wanted: Organist for Sunday Parish Choir Are you looking for an opening for your keyboard skills? Please see Father or the Choirmaster, Diamond.

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 Jubilee Year of St Francis of Assisi, 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 20 & 27 July** Online via zoom. Each session 7:30-8:45pm. Cost per month: \$35 per person. Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko

Fidelis: ‘Male and Female He Created Them’ Wednesday 29 July. Speaker: Dr Peter Holmes. Church of St Michael, Belfield. 6pm-9pm: Mass & Adoration, Food & Social Time, Talk & Open &A. *See noticeboard.*

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>

Purpose: Made in His Image. Years 9-12. **Friday 7 August**, 5:30-9pm, St Brigid’s, Marrickville. *See noticeboard.*

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/Uv3BsZxpH4LUTLS9> 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.