

‘Have you understood all this?’ They said, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’

Communion Antiphon **Matthew 5:7-8**
Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

Spelling One
Board Chair: Father, why did you fire your secretary?
Priest: She couldn’t spell. She kept asking me how to spell about every other word while she took dictation.
Board Chair: I suppose you couldn’t stand the interruptions.
Priest: No, it wasn’t that. I just didn’t have time to look up all those words.



Prayer for World Day of Grandparents & Elderly
Holy Father Who watches over every person Watch over me too when I am elderly. You have revealed your name to me in Christ, And You were not discouraged by my frailties. You hold me tenderly in your hands, And You caress my lines. You will never forget me! (see Is 49:15). Grant that I may not fear my weakness; Help me learn to love it Just as You love it. Help me learn to listen to it Just as You listen to it. Help me embrace it Just as You have chosen it – You who, though all-powerful, clothed yourself in humility. May growing old strip away all our pride and all division So that we may live these years united in You. You will never forget us! (see Is 49:15) 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

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

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A **26 July 2026**

World Day of Grandparents & Elderly
Sunday 26 July

Entrance Antiphon **Cf Psalm 67:6-7,36**
God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading **1 Kings 3:5.7-12**
A reading from the first book of the Kings
You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, ‘Ask what you would like me to give you.’ Solomon replied, ‘Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?’ It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. ‘Since you have asked for this’ the Lord said ‘and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.’

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130**
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- R/** Lord, I love your commands.
1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **R/**
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **R/**
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **R/**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **R/**

Second Reading **Romans 8:28-30**
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
He predestined us to become true images of his Son.
We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to



become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He sells everything he owns and buys the field.
Jesus said to the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. ‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.



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	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: Lindy Ryan (RIP) & Michael Lossino (RIP), Shirley and her baby Malia (their healing & good health), Delila's sister (injured), bushfires in Canada, flooding in Chile, South Korea & Vietnam, Deacon Alfredo's cousin (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

Receipts are available at the back of the church in alphabetical order.

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

Charitable Works Fund collection will occur next weekend.

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Thank you.

3 Ways to donate:

1) Scan the QR code or visit
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2) Complete the parish envelope
3) Phone 1800 753 959

Australian Census The Archbishop has asked that all Catholics mark themselves as such. Please tell all your friends and relatives.

Temporary Secretary Position, Newtown parish 4 hours per week. Contact Newtown.

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 and Devotion. Rev Dr Benjamin Johnson OFMCap. **Mondays 17, 24 & 31 August** 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>

St Joseph, Enfield Prayer Group, Sat 1 August 9:45am-3pm *See noticeboard for details*

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