

numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

Communion Antiphon **John 6:35**
I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

A Scot’s Offering Prayer
In Scotland there have been times when collection plates were rarely full. During one of those dry periods, an old priest looked down at the returned receptacle plate and prayed, “Well, Lord, we thank you for the safe return of the plate.”



Prayer for Vocations
O Holy Spirit, Spirit of wisdom and divine love, pour forth Your gifts of knowledge, understanding, and counsel upon young and earnest souls, that they may know the vocation God has written upon their hearts.
Illuminate their minds that they may clearly see the path He has prepared for them, and kindle in their hearts the courage to answer His call without hesitation or fear.
Guide them along the path of Your holy will, and strengthen their resolutions when doubt assails them. Shield their purity, conform their minds to the mind of Christ, and draw their hearts ever closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Lead them, O gentle Spirit, to the Lord’s vineyard, with humble hearts and willing hands.
May every soul called to the priesthood, to the religious life, to the sacred vocation of marriage, or to the single life lived in service to God, answer with willingness and trust. May no one who hears Your call ever turn away in fear, yield to the distractions of the world, or heed the voice of the enemy.
Hear our prayer, O Holy Spirit. Call them. Form them. Send them forth. Amen.
O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and of all of God’s people, intercede before your Son for all those discerning their vocation. You, who said yes without reservation, obtain for them that same willing and trusting heart. Pray that they may hear God’s call clearly, embrace it wholly, and persevere faithfully all the days of their lives. Amen.
St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us.



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

National Vocations Awareness Week (2-9 Aug)
Vocations to Single & Married Life (2 Aug)

Entrance Antiphon **Psalm 69:2,6**
O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading **Isaiah 55:1-3**
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16**
R/ The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.
1.The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R/**
2.The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R/**
3.The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts. **R/**

Second Reading **Romans 8:35. 37-39**
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.
For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 4:4**
Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 14:13-21**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
They all ate and were satisfied.
When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist’s death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.
When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, ‘This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.’ Jesus replied, ‘There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.’ But they answered, ‘All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.’ ‘Bring them here to me,’ he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate



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	<i>See notices to the right.</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 - 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 18/19 & 25/26 July 2026

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$906.25	\$651.25	\$330.00	\$99.50
(supports the priest's expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: Charlie Brincat (death anniversary).

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 this weekend. THREE ways to donate: 1) Scan QR code or visit www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-cwf. 2) Complete the parish envelope. 3) Phone 1800 753 959.



Enmore Masses	Tuesday 4 August 9:15am (no Mass Thursday 6 August) The Assumption (Day of Obligation): Friday 14 August (Vigil) 7:00pm Saturday 15 August 9:00am Thursday 20 August 9:15am Healing Mass
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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.

Mass Stipends Update At a 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

Adoremus at St Benedict's, Broadway You are invited to join us for an evening of adoration, formation, vespers, and fellowship. **Every Wednesday** from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at St Benedict's Church, Broadway. Everyone is welcome.

Didaskō The Eucharist and Devotion. Rev Dr Benjamin Johnson OFMCap. **Monday 31 August** Online via zoom. Each session 7:30-8:45pm. Cost per month: \$35 per person. Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko

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

Theology at the Pub with Dr Robert Haddad In celebration of ACU's Annual Mission Week, ACU Campus Ministry and the MacKillop Bakhita Law Students' Society invite all Sydney Young Adults to a fun evening at the pub. Dr. Robert Haddad will be unpacking "The legal situation for Christians during the persecutions of the Roman Empire: The response of St Justin Martyr" This is a FREE event (18+), but please register to help us plan. Head up to Level 3 of the Orient Hotel. Doors open upstairs at 6pm where you can order food and drinks from the bar. DETAILS Date: **Monday 10 August** 2026 Time: Doors open upstairs at 6 PM where you can order food and drinks from the bar. Venue: Level 3, The Orient Hotel, The Rocks This is a FREE event (18+), but please register to help us plan at <https://forms.gle/S9tTqq3Du8TDapYb8>

Scholarship at the Cathedral Join us for the second Scholarship at the Cathedral for 2026. Archbishop John Wilson, Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark, will be joining us at St Mary's Cathedral on **Thursday 13 August**, 6–8 PM, to share his reflections on: St Oscar Romero: "Persona Eucharistica" We look forward to welcoming you as we explore the witness of St Oscar Romero and what his self-giving love for the Eucharist, means for the life of the Church today, as we continue preparing Sydney for Eucharist28. Spaces are limited. To register here, visit <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/scho.../satc-13-08-2026>

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.

Hunter Mens Camino September 12 at 10:30am. March the streets of Newcastle for Our Lord Jesus and Mother Mary. Sacred Heart Cathedral, Hunter St, Hamilton, Newcastle. Contact Jason C 0499 854 928 or stfrancisofassiministry@gmail.com.