

him. ‘Man of little faith,’ he said ‘why did you doubt?’ And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, ‘Truly, you are the Son of God.’

Communion Antiphon **Cf John 6:51**
The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

A Nasty Letter
After receiving a mean-spirited letter from one of his parishioners, Father Bob went into the church office and dictated the following to his secretary:
“The enclosed letter arrived on my desk a few days ago. I am sending it to you because I think you ought to know that some idiot is sending out letters over your signature. Yours in Christ...”



A Prayer for Vocations through the intercession of St. John Vianney (feast day 4 August)
O God our Father, You promised “I will appoint shepherds for My sheep who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble: an none shall be missing.” (Jer. 23:4-5). Hear the prayers of Your flock. Through the intercession of Your beloved priest, Saint John Vianney, we beg You to call to the sacramental priesthood generous men who will desire nothing more than to serve You in imitation of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, our High Priest. And after You call them, we pray that You sustain the doubtful, console the discouraged, and strengthen the weak as they start the long and demanding preparation for the priesthood. Mary, Mother of priests, and example of faithful, humble, and joyful acceptance of God’s will, help all those who are called to the priesthood to open their ears and hearts to the gentle call of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Prayer of St John Paul II for Vocations
Lord Jesus, as You once called the first disciples to make them fishers of men, let your sweet invitation continue to resound: Come follow Me! Give young men and women the grace of responding quickly to your voice. Support our bishops, priests and consecrated people in their apostolic labor. Grant perseverance to our seminarians and to all those who are carrying out the ideal of a life totally consecrated to your service. Awaken in our community a missionary eagerness. Lord, SEND WORKERS TO YOUR HARVEST and do not allow humanity to be lost for the lack of pastors, missionaries and people dedicated to the cause of the Gospel. Mary, Mother of the Church, the model of every vocation, help us to say “yes” to the Lord who calls us to cooperate in the divine plan of salvation. Amen

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

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A **9 August 2026**

Vocations to Priesthood & Consecrated Life
Entrance Antiphon **Cf Psalm 73:20,19,22,23**
Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.
First Reading **1 Kings 19:9.11-13**
A reading from the first book of the Kings
Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.
When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.’ Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.
Responsorial Psalm **Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8**
R/ Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
1.I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. *R/*
2.Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. *R/*
3.The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. *R/*
Second Reading **Romans 9:1-5**
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.
What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises



were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.
Gospel Acclamation **Psalm 129:5**
Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.
Alleluia!
Gospel **Matthew 14:22-33**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Command me to come to you over the water.
Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. ‘It is a ghost’ they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, ‘Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.’ It was Peter who answered. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.’ ‘Come’ said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. ‘Lord! Save me!’ he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held



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)



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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 \$906.25 (supports the priest's expenses)	2nd collection \$651.25 (for running of parish)	Envelopes \$330.00 (part of 2nd collection)	Candle offerings \$99.50 (part of 2nd collection)
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Masses for: Charlie Brincat (death anniversary), Emanuel Fenech & Maria Purcell (RIP), Daniel's blackouts, Christopher Barry (RIP).

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: *If you or someone you know has experienced abuse, or if you are worried about the safety of a child, young person or vulnerable adult, please know that you are not alone and that help is available. The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office is available to listen, support you, and provide guidance about reporting options. You can contact the office on (02) 9390 5800 or at safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also wish to speak with your Parish Priest, who can offer pastoral care and assist you in taking the next step. The Archdiocese takes all safeguarding concerns seriously and is required to report criminal matters to police. If there is an emergency or someone is in immediate danger, please contact NSW Police on 000. **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 return donations by end of August.

Clergy Conference (Hunter Valley) Father Chris away from Monday 10 to Thursday 13 August.

Enmore Roster

The Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation):

Friday 14 August (Vigil) 7:00pm | **Saturday 15 August** 9:00am

Confirmation Liturgy Saturday 15 August 11am (Bishop Terry Brady)

Thursday 20 August 9:15am Healing Mass

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.

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

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

Bishop Giovanni D'Ercole Marian Cenacle program 2026 Bishop D'Ercole is a member of the Sons of Divine Providence order and has long been a member of the MMP and was a close associate of Don Stefano Gobbi. For his Marian Cenacle program for **August**, please see the noticeboard.

Didaskō The Eucharist and Devotion. Rev Dr Benjamin Johnson OFMCap. **Monday 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

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>

This September, simplify one thing in your life and discover what truly matters. Sponsor yourself, your family or a friend to participate and raise money for Palms International Volunteering, Australia's only Catholic lay organisation that delivers international development and formation through long term international volunteering. *Join Australians across the country supporting Palms' work in the Asia-Pacific.* 02 9560 5333 / 0422 472 567 www.simplicityseptember.org.au



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.

POSITION VACANT: Parish Business Manager (Full-Time) Serve the Church at St Patrick's, The Rocks! Supporting the parish priest, this professional role manages finances, properties, compliance, and contracts, ensuring our infrastructure is ready for the 2028 International Eucharistic Congress and beyond, for the spiritual mission and long-term growth of the parish. You will be supported by our office and maintenance managers, and city parking is provided. For a job description, or to apply, contact the Parish Priest at parishpriest@stpatschurchhill.org by Friday 21 August 2026.

POSITION VACANT – Senior Administration Officer The Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea is seeking applications for this position. Based at Stanmore, the role can be full-time or part-time, as suits the successful applicant. Enquiries to Vivian Meloni on 0438 001 840

Adult Confirmations Sunday 25 October Registrations by Thursday 8 October