

Cough It Up

Mother: “Quick, Henry, call the doctor. Johnny just swallowed a nickel.”

Father: “I think we ought to send for the priest. He can get money out of anybody.”

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East

*God of peace, bearer of hope, we seek your help
for the peoples of the Middle East.*

*Quiet the clamour of war and guide us towards
peace.*

*Where there is hatred and division sow seeds of
calm and openness.*

Where there is destruction help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying bring an end to tears.

*Shelter your peoples and protect them Guide them
and keep them from harm.*

*Show us how to break down the barriers of history
and fear and breathe whispers of hope. Amen.*

Linda Jones / CAFOD



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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

16 August 2026

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

R/ O God, let all the nations praise you!

1.O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **R/**

2.Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **R/**

3.Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **R/**

Second Reading

Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.



Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, ‘Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.’ But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. ‘Give her what she wants,’ they said ‘because she is shouting after us.’ He said in reply, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.’ But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. ‘Lord,’ she said ‘help me.’ He replied, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the house-dogs.’ She retorted, ‘Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master’s table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.’ And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Communion Antiphon

John 6:51-52

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.



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	Thursday – 9:15am (Healing Mass) 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 (2nd & 4th Sundays)	By appointment—about 1 month's notice required
Marriages	By appointment—about 6 months' notice required

COLLECTIONS for weekends of 1/2 & 8/9 August 2026

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$672.30	\$819.00	\$420.00	\$38.60
(supports the priest's expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for:

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.

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

Didaskō The Eucharist and Devotion. Rev Dr Benjamin Johnson OFMCap. **Monday 24 & 31 August** Online via zoom. Each session 7:30-8:45pm. Cost per month: \$35 per person. Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko

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



Fidelis: Why Beauty Matters Date: **Wednesday 26th August, 6-9pm.** Where: St Declan's Catholic Church Penshurst. Topic: Speaker: Fr Stephen Howard

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.

St Carolo Acutis: Exhibition & Veneration. Tues 1 & Wed 2 Sep Entry available hourly from 10am to 4pm. Plus evening prayer & adoration. Free registration: campion.edu.au/events. See *noticeboard*

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.

Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary Centenary Jubilee Celebrations at Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa Come join us as we give thanks for the past 100 years and entrust the future to the loving care of the Mother Thrice Admirable, Queen and Victress of Schoenstatt. Date: **Sunday 13th September.** Time: Please be seated by 9:45am for a 10am start. The celebration is to conclude at approximately 3pm. The day will begin with a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP followed by light refreshments and an official program. Parish bus groups are encouraged. An exhibition on the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary will be available for viewing in the Family Hall from 8:30am – 6:00pm. To RSVP and for more information scan the QR-Code or visit: www.schoenstatt.org.au

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.**

Adult Confirmations Sunday 25 October Registrations by Thursday 8 October at 10:30am.

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2027 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. **Applications close October 31st, 2026.** Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au.

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