

Communion Antiphon Cf John 6:54
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

Preacher vs. Music Leader

There was a church where the preacher and the minister of music were not getting along. As time went by, this spirit began to spill over into the worship service.

The first week the preacher preached on commitment and how we should all dedicate ourselves to God. The music director led the song, “I Shall Not Be Moved”.

The second week the preacher preached on tithing and how we all should gladly give to the work of the Lord. The director led the song, “Jesus Paid It All”.

The third week the preacher preached on gossiping and how we should all watch our tongues. The music director led, “I Love to Tell the Story”.

With all this going on, the preacher became totally disgusted over the situation and the following Sunday told the congregation that he was considering resigning. The music director led, “Oh, Why Not Tonight”.

As it came to pass, the preacher did resign. The next week he informed the church that it was Jesus who led him there and it was Jesus who was taking him away. The music leader led the song, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”.



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

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

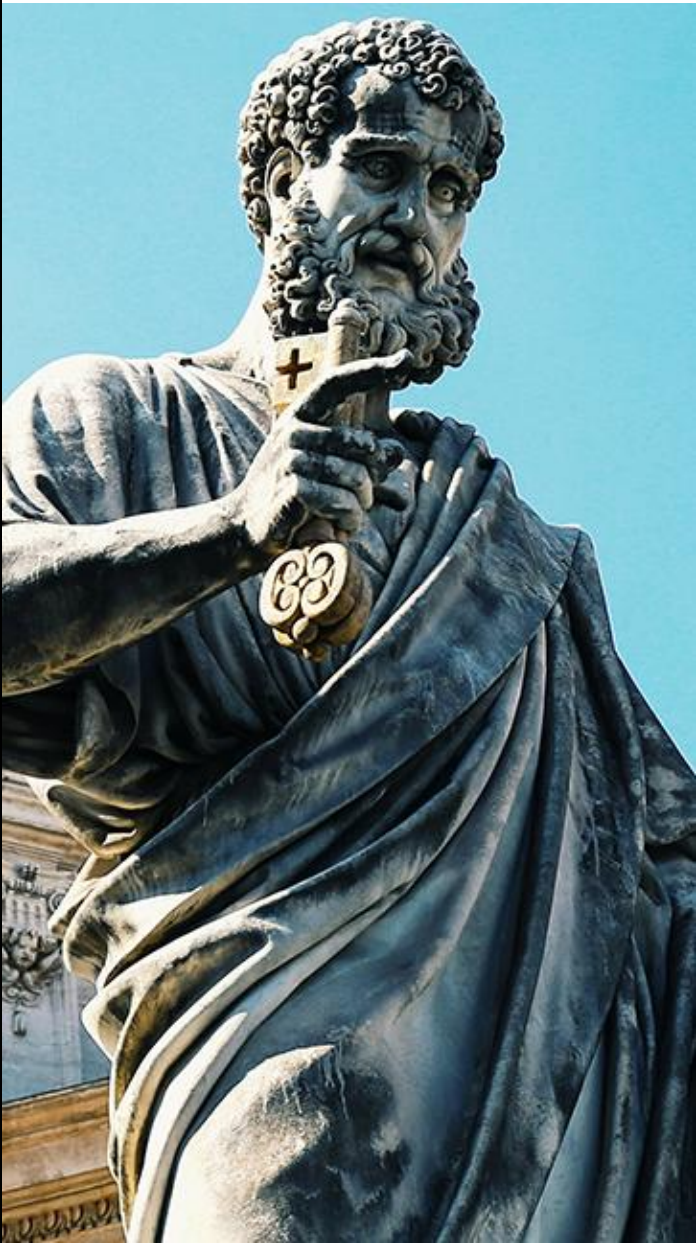
where the world raises up boundaries.

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



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

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A23 August2026

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 85:1-3
Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading Isaiah 22:19-23
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.
Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8
R/ Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

1.I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **R/**

2.I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **R/**

3.The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **R/**

Second Reading Romans 11:33-36
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
From him, through him, and in him are all things.
How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.



Gospel Acclamation Matthew 16:18
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.
When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he said ‘who do you say I am?’ Then Simon Peter spoke up, ‘You are the Christ,’ he said, ‘the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.’ Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



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	Wednesday – 9:15am (Father celebrating funeral on Thursday) 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 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: Salis Hanrahan (RIP), Kapeliele Mafi 63rd birthday, Frt Paul Glynn SM (RIP), Fr Eugene Stockton (RIP), Fr Robert Slattery (RIP), Miria Nunes Gomes, her family & her children, Miria Gomes’ husband (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.

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

Urgent appeal following the devastating 7.4 magnitude earthquake that struck western Colombia on 10 August The earthquake has caused widespread destruction, with hundreds of lives lost and many families displaced or left without access to essential services. Salesian communities across the affected region are responding to the immediate needs of communities especially vulnerable children, young people and families. To donate: www.givenow.com.au/emergency.



Didaskō Thomas Aquinas on the Eucharist and Corpus Christi. Prof Angus Brook. **Monday 14, 21 & 28 September** 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, St Declan’s Catholic Church Penshurst. 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.

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@stpatchurchhill.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 at 10:30am.