

Communion Antiphon **Matthew 5:9-10**
Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Come In
An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, “Tommy, how do you expect to get into Heaven someday?”
The boy thought it over and explained, “Well, I’ll just run in and out and in and out and keep slamming the gate until St Peter says, ‘For Heaven’s sake, Tommy, come in or stay out.’”



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



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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 30 August 2026

Social Justice Sunday (30 August)
Entrance Antiphon **Cf Psalm 85:3,5**
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.
First Reading **Jeremiah 20:7-9**
A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.
You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: ‘Violence and ruin!’ The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2**
R/ My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **R/**
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **R/**
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R/**
4. For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. **R/**

Second Reading **Romans 12:1-2**
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.
Think of God’s mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.



Gospel Acclamation **See Ephesians 1:17-18**
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 16:21-27**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.
Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. ‘Heaven preserve you, Lord,’ he said. ‘This must not happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’
Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?
‘For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.’



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 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 15/16 & 22/23 August 2026

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$694.30	\$716.35	\$130.00	\$108.05
(supports the priest's expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: Kapeliele Mafi & Ofa Halafihi & all sick people.

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

MARRIAGE RESEARCH — YOUR VOICE NEEDED Are you in the first decade of your marriage, or know someone who is? The Parish & Marriage Resource Centre (providers of SmartLoving marriage preparation) are conducting a global study into the experiences of Catholics within the first 10 years of marriage. We're inviting couples who married in 2016 or later, where at least one spouse is Catholic, to complete this survey. The survey is anonymous and designed to be completed individually by both spouses. All participants receive a gift at the end of the survey as a thank you. The insights from the survey responses will help shape future resources and support for couples in the early years of marriage. <https://thepmrc.org/survey>

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.

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.



Enfield Healing Mass Friday 4 September Fr Vijay Thomas *See noticeboard for details*

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



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

2026 Catholic Men's Conference: Be Not Afraid The World, the Flesh & the Devil Saturday 19 September. St Mary's Cathedral. Keynote speaker: Archbishop Anthony Fisher. Register: trybooking.com/DNTQF *See noticeboard.*

Feast of Saint Padre Pio. Triduum: Thursday **17 September** 7pm, Friday **18 September** 7pm & Saturday **19 September** 5:30pm. Sunday **20 September 10am:** procession, Mass, veneration & blessing of relic, fellowship meal. Contact: 4789 2232. 34 William Howell Drive, Glenmore Park *See noticeboard for flyer.*

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