

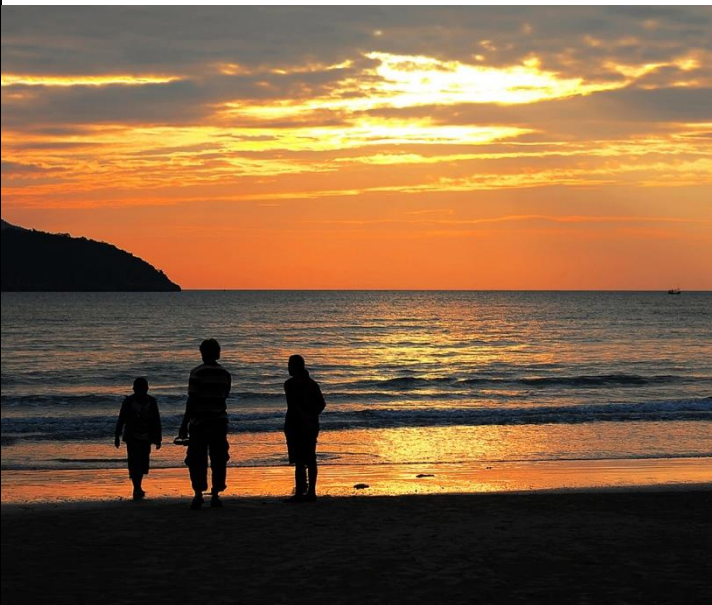
Communion Antiphon **John 8:12**
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

Believe it or not

Nine-year-old Jeremy’s mother asked the boy what he had learned in Sunday school.
“Well, Mum, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he and his engineers built a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he used his walkie--talkie to radio broadcast headquarters and call in an air strike. They sent in bombers to blow up the bridge, and all the Israelites were saved.”
“Now, Jeremy, is that really what your teacher taught you?” his mother asked.
“Well, no, Mum, but if I told it the way the teacher did, you’d never believe it.”



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 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

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

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 6 September 2026

National Child Protection Week (6-13 Sep)

Entrance Antiphon **Psalm 118:137, 124**
You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading **Ezekiel 33:7-9**
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8**
R/ O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

- 1.Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R/**
- 2.Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R/**
- 3.O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ **R/**

Second Reading **Romans 13:8-10**
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.



Gospel Acclamation **2 Corinthians 5:19**
Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 18:15-20**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.
‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.
‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’



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: Fr Robert Slattery (RIP), Fr Eugene Stockton (RIP), Alberto Oliveira, Ivan Cusack.

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

Ivan Cusack Jean's husband, Ivan Cusack, passed away last Sunday morning. The requiem Mass will be next Monday 7 September at 10:15am at Mary Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery.

The Priests' Retirement Foundation supports our sick or retired fathers in many ways:

-  Accommodation and convalescent care for sick priests
-  Medical expenses
-  Transportation
-  Support with daily needs
-  Long-term sustainability as more priests enter retirement

Every gift makes a difference. Thank you.



3 Ways to donate:

1) Scan the QR code or visit
www.ourfaithhourworks.org/give-to-prf



2) Complete the parish envelope
3) Phone 1800 753 959

National Child Protection Week *Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversations to Action.* You will find resources for children to complete at the back of the church.

RCIA If you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic, please see Father Chris.

Our Lady of Fatima Procession Sunday 13 October For this to proceed, we need a volunteer to organise it. Please see Father if that is you.

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.



Divine Mercy Centre September schedule on noticeboard

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

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.