

the throat and began to throttle him. “Pay what you owe me”, he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, “Give me time and I will pay you.” But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. “You wicked servant,” he said. “I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?” And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.’

Communion Antiphon Cf 1 Corinthians 10:16
The chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

He’s a Bear, isn’t he?
The class was all excited. The kids had a riddle to stump their Sunday school teacher:
Q: What do Winnie the Pooh and John the Baptist have in common?
A: They both have the same middle name.



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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 13 September 2026

Safeguarding Sunday (13 Sep)
Entrance Antiphon Cf Sirach 36:18
Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading Sirach 27:30 – 28:7
A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
Forgive your neighbour’s faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8
R/ The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.
1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R/**
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R/**
3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R/**
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **R/**

Second Reading Romans 14:7-9
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.
The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came



to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.
Gospel Acclamation John 13:34
Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.
Peter went up to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.
‘And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master’s feet. “Give me time,” he said “and I will pay the whole sum.” And the servant’s master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by



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	Friday 18 September – 9:15am (whole school 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 (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 29/30 August & 5/6 September 2026

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$903.25	\$664.75	\$360.00	\$30.65
(supports the priest’s expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: Kapeliele & Hine Hine Mafi (42nd wedding anniversary), Jose Perez (RIP), Malia.

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

The Little Sisters of the Poor are coming to this Sunday’s Mass to make their work known. They have been in Sydney 140 years. Their work started with Saint Jeanne Jugan in Brittany.

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 **11 October** Thank you to Mona & Maria Mone for offering to organise the Our Lady of Fatima procession for 10:40am.

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

Enfield Reflection Day Sat **19 Sep**, 9:45am to 3pm *See noticeboard for details*

Schools Art Competition Theme: ‘Living Water’. Entries close 5pm Friday **18 September**. Full entry details at: caritas.org.au/art-comp.

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.*

Sydney to Seoul World Youth Day 2027 Launch Join us for the Memorial of the Korean Martyrs for the Sydney to Seoul World Youth Day Launch! Date: Sunday **20 September** 2026 Time: 12:00 PM Mass & Confession at St Patrick’s Catholic Church, Church Hill 1:00 PM Launch at Jacksons on George, with Korean-themed food and festivities More information and costings to be announced at the Launch. We look forward to seeing you there!

Australian Catholic Historical Society Talk The next event for the Australian Catholic Historical Society will be held in the crypt of Saint Patrick’s, Church Hill at 2:00 PM on Sunday **20 September**. The Topic: Pope Leo XIV Canon Law Thesis on Leadership in the Augustinian Order Presenter: Daniel Canaris Members, their guests, and visitors are most welcome, and there is no charge. Details of the programme of the ACHS, as well as resources on church history and YouTube videos, are on the website <https://australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/>

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

Courage Musical A Story of Bravery, Destiny, and Courage under Fire. Step into the world of a legend - the original knight in shining armour! Watch as St George faces his greatest trial: a fearsome dragon, an Empire in peril, and the courage to stand firm when all hope seems lost. Come and join us for an evening of romance, of adventure, of satire; as we discover the true story behind the legend of George and the Dragon. Where: St Peter’s Parish Surry Hills (1880 – Parish Hall) 235 Devonshire Street, Surry Hills When: Friday **9 October** at 7:00 PM Saturday **10 October** at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM Sunday **11 October** at 2:00 PM Booking via this link: www.trybooking.com/DOUBL

Women’s Silent Discernment Retreat (ages 18-35) *Blessed is she who believes* **September 18-20** Mt Shoenstatt Spirituality Centre. Let by Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia. Cost \$200. Register at sydneyvocations.org

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop National Pilgrimage A 12-day journey from Melbourne to Sydney **13 to 24 October**, through the life and times of Mary MacKillop, offering a unique perspective on her story, faith and legacy. Planned by the Sisters of St Joseph. Travel arrangements for the pilgrimage are managed by Harvest Journeys. Book now to reserve your place. Booking & enquiries 1800 819 156 *See noticeboard*