

I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Communion Antiphon **John 10:14**

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Missing Deacon

Deacon Roberts was leaving the morning service on Sunday morning. At the church door, the priest reached out and shook Robert's hand. "By the way, Deacon, you need to join the army of the Lord."

"I'm already in the army of the Lord, Father."

"Then why do I see you only at Christmas and Easter?" Deacon Roberts whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."



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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 20 September 2026

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading **Isaiah 55:6-9**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18**

R/ The Lord is near to all who call him.

1.I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **R/**

2.The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R/**

3.The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **R/**

Second Reading **Philippians 1:20-24. 27**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation **See Acts of the Apostles 16:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!



Gospel **Matthew 20:1-16**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?"' "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go.



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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MASSES 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 29/30 August & 5/6 September 2026

1st collection \$903.25 (supports the priest’s expenses)	2nd collection \$664.75 (for running of parish)	Envelopes \$360.00 (part of 2nd collection)	Candle offerings \$30.65 (part of 2nd collection)
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Masses for: Kapeliele & Hine Hina (42nd wedding anniversary), Holy Souls..

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

Priests’ Retirement Fund Please return donations by end of September.

Morning tea cancelled for the month of October. Tongans have 50th year anniversary celebration in the Cathedral on 4th and we have our Fatima procession on 11th.

Life, Marriage & Family Sunday 18 October We would like to acknowledge in the bulletin married couples who are celebrating wedding milestones (10, 20, 30, 40, 45 years of marriage etc.) Please let Father or the office know so that we can record these in the bulletin of Sunday 18 October.

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

Divine Mercy Centre September schedule on noticeboard

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of Mercy Join us for 11 AM Mass at St. Joseph's Parish, followed by lunch at the convent. Date: Thursday, **24 September** 2026 Time: A special presentation and prayers at 10:30 AM, Mass at 11 AM. Followed by lunch Venue: St Joseph's Parish, 2 Missenden Road, Camperdown NSW 2050 RSVP by 18 September by emailing sydney@almamercy.org

Didaskō Thomas Aquinas on the Eucharist and Corpus Christi. Prof Angus Brook. **Monday 28 September** Online via zoom. Each session 7:30-8:45pm. Cost per month: \$35 per person. Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko

The Poverello & The Priesthood: Men’s Silent Discernment Retreat. September 25-27, St Mary’s Towers, Douglas Park. Led by Fr Lam Vu OFM Cap To register: www.sydneyvocations.org/events *Leaflets at the back of the church.*

Fidelis - Archdiocesan Young Adults Gathering: The Wealth Illusion Can money, success and comfort truly make us happy or can they quietly keep us from God? Is it wrong to desire financial security? And what does Christian poverty look like while building a career, paying Sydney rent and discerning your vocation? Join Fr Benjamin Johnson OFM as he explores what young adults can learn from St Francis of Assisi, Christian poverty and Jesus Himself. Wednesday **30 September**, 5:30–9:00pm. St Fiacre’s and the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 98 Catherine Street, Leichhardt. An evening of Adoration, Mass, food, community, formation and open Q&A. All young adults welcome and to bring a friend!

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

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

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*

Theology of the Body & Art: The Way of Beauty The Theology of the Body Institute, in partnership with the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, invites you to a unique Theology of the Body immersion experience exploring art, beauty, and the human vocation. This course is designed to heal the senses and transform the way we see one another, the created world, and ultimately God Himself. Drawing deeply from St. John Paul II’s Letter to Artists, the Theology of the Body catechesis, insights from Pope Benedict XVI, and the wider Catholic tradition, this immersion invites participants to walk the Way of Beauty as a powerful path of prayer, contemplation, and evangelisation. Date: Sunday **17 January 2027** 5:00 PM - Friday **22 January 2027** 1:00 PM Venue: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre - 347 Grose Wold Road, Grose Vale NSW 2753 For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1550685>