

Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

Communion Antiphon **1 John 3:16**

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

More Visitation

Anglican Pastor Jackson habitually told his congregation that if they needed a pastoral visit to drop a note in the offering plate. One evening after service he discovered a note that read: “I am one of your loneliest members and heaviest contributors. May I have a visit tomorrow evening?” It was signed, “Your wife.”.



***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 Migrants & Refugees
*God, Almighty Father, we are your pilgrim Church
journeying towards the Kingdom of heaven. We live
in our homeland, but as if we were foreigners. Every
foreign place is our home, yet every native land is
foreign to us. Though we live on earth, our true
citizenship is in heaven. Do not let us become
possessive of the portion of the world you have
given us as a temporary home. Help us to keep
walking, together with our migrant brothers and
sisters, toward the eternal dwelling you have
prepared for us. Open our eyes and our hearts so
that every encounter with those in need becomes an
encounter with Jesus, your Son and our Lord. Amen.*

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

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 27 September 2026

World Day of Migrants & Refugees

Entrance Antiphon **Daniel 3:31,29,30,43,42**
All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading **Ezekiel 18:25-28**
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness
deserves to live.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6**
R/ Remember your mercies, O Lord.

- 1.Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R/**
- 2.Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R/**
- 3.The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R/**

Second Reading **Philippians 2:1-11**
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.
If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks



of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:
His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation **John 10:27**
Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 21:28-32**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.
Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said..



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 12/13 & 19/20 September 2026

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$876.65	\$597.30	\$255.00	\$42.35
(supports the priest’s expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: Ivan Cusack (RIP), Jose Perez (RIP), ask the Holy Trinity & the Blessed Mother Mary for baby Malia’s healing & good health, Antonio’s back.

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

Tongan Mass 11 September No one present has signed the *Visiting Priest Register* for witnessing the visiting priest ministry card. Please see Father.

Computer Person for 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday Mass of each month Seeking someone who would like to operate the computer.

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

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 Fiace’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

The St Carlo Acutis Relic Mission 12 to 25 October Sydney Dates on noticeboard

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>