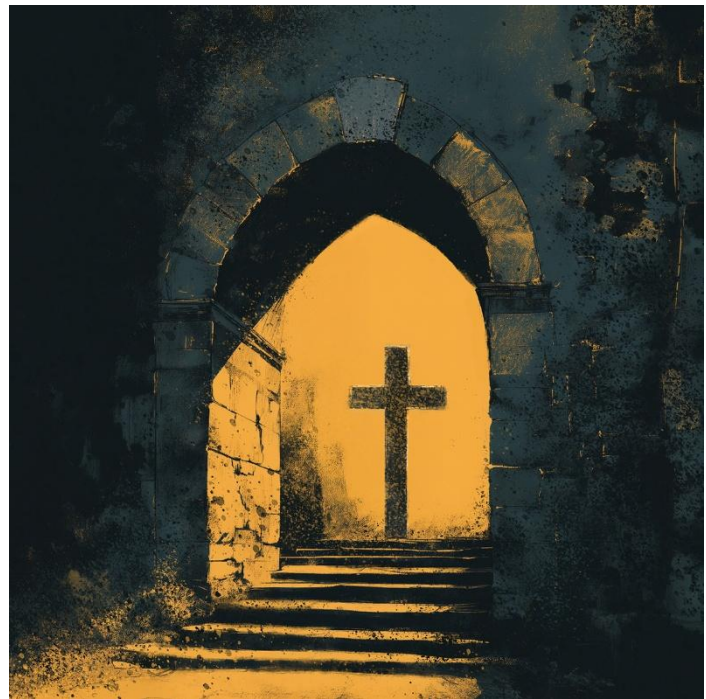


time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.” So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They answered, ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord’s doing and it is wonderful to see? ‘I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.’

Communion Antiphon Cf1 Corinthians 10:17
Though many, we are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one Bread and one Chalice.

Lot
A father was reading a bible story to his young son. He read, “The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt.”
His son asked, “What happened to the flea?”



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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 4 October 2026

Entrance Antiphon Cf Esther 4:17
Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.
Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 79:9. 12-16. 19-20. R. Is 5:7
R/ The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.
1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **R/**
2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **R/**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **R/**
4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **R/**



Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.
There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation See John 15:15
Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He leased his vineyard to other farmers.
Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage



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: Quintino Goncalves & family (RIP), Delila (sick), Antonia Carreira, Maria Angelica, Isabel Freitas, Gentil Carvalho (RIP)

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

We thank Antonio, one of our Portuguese parishioners, for vacuuming the choir loft and getting rid of the broken glass from the reliquary.

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

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.

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

Powerful Eucharist Experience During Mass 14 September, at a Catholic parish in Minneapolis, Father Brent Bowman had an experience during the Eucharist prayer that left him weeping for more than a minute. It was captured on a livestream video of the Mass which has since circulated widely online. On 16 September, he wrote the statement that he believes people should read to properly understand his experience: “I believe I was given grace to understand more deeply the bitter sweetness of Our Lord’s Passion...” *See Catholic Weekly 27 September p.9 for more information or search online for the streaming video..*

Petition against funding supporting mockery of Christianity The Govt is funding the Unholy / Divine Museum for programming that deliberately mocks and degrades Christians. Please sign the petition to ask the Minister Graham to undertake that no government funding will ever be allocated to the ridicule of religious belief. <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/Divine-Playhouse-Petition/> *See Open Letter to Minister for the Arts, John Graham on noticeboard.*

6 DATE NIGHTS to strengthen your relationship with Smart Loving's Marriage Kit, hosted by Archdiocesan Ministries. Invest in your relationship through six online sessions designed to strengthen communication, decision-making and connection. Grounded in relationship science and created for real couples, this program offers practical tools to help you build a stronger, more loving marriage. HOW IT WORKS Enjoy each lesson together as a couple, then join the weekly date night hosted by Archdiocesan Ministries. BEGINS Wed 7 Oct 2026 7.30pm Brisbane time. FORMAT Online 6 x 1 hour sessions COST \$24.50 per couple PDF included **RSVP Before Tuesday 6 October** via the QR code or by visiting <https://archdiocesanministries.org.au/date-night/>

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

Didasko The Eucharist and Morality. Rev Dr Paschal M. Corby OFM Conv Mondays **12, 19 & 26 October.** Online via Zoom. Each session 7:30-8:45pm. Cost per month: \$35. Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko

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



Celebrating Seniority! Develop sustained self-reliant futures in overseas communities! Join Palms International Volunteering for a special session where you’ll learn about our diverse assignments suited to your qualifications and time of life. Meet past volunteers Wendy and Mick who will share their adventures of life and laughter in PNG and Timor Leste, leaving a lasting positive impact on communities. Scan below to register or see palms.org.au/events. Date: **Monday 19 October** 2026 Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm AEDT 02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au



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*