

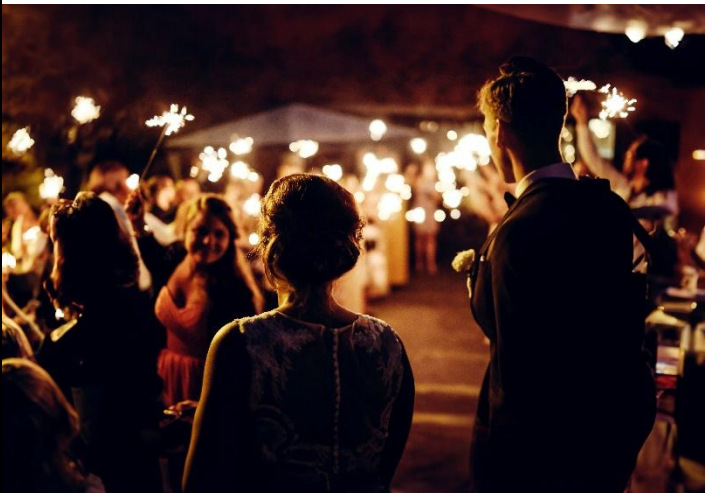
find to the wedding.” So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, “How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?” And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

Communion Antiphon **1 John 3:2**
When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Sez Mark Twain
The great American writer, Mark Twain, told the story about his session in church one Sunday morning. It seems the preacher was very good and the sermon quite wonderful. About halfway through, Twain decided to give twenty dollars to the church. But the preacher went on and on until the novelist thought to cut his contribution in half. On and on, went the preacher until Twain decided that when the basket was passed, he’d give only two dollars. Finally, at long last, the sermon ended; when the basket came his way, the great Mark Twain filched a dollar out of 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 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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 11 October 2026

Entrance Antiphon **Psalm 129:3-4**
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading **Isaiah 25:6-10**
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 22. R. v.6**
R/ I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

- 1.The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **R/**
- 2.He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)
- 3.You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **R/**
- 4.Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **R/**

Second Reading **Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20**
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.
I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my



hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation **See Ephesians 1:17-18**
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 22:1-14**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.
Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son’s wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. “Tell those who have been invited” he said “that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.” But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, “The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can



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.*

Parish Office Address—209A Edgeware Rd, Enmore 2042
Parish Church Address—St Pius V Church, 256 Edgeware Rd, Enmore 2042
Postal Address—PO Box 3266, Marrickville Metro 2204
Telephone: 9557 1815 | Email: admin@enmoreparish.org.au
Parish website: www.enmoreparish.org.au

St Pius V Catholic Primary School, Enmore
209 Edgeware Rd Enmore 2042
Principal: Mrs Caroline Boulis
Telephone: 9557 4027 | Email: info@stpenmore.catholic.edu.au

MASSSES AND SACRAMENTS

Masses	Saturday – 11:00am 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 (2nd & 4th Sundays)	By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required
Marriages	By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

COLLECTIONS for weekends of 26/27 September & ¾ October 2026

1st collection \$720.90 (supports the priest’s expenses)	2nd collection \$671.25 (for running of parish)	Envelopes \$2655.00 (part of 2nd collection)	Candle offerings \$75.25 (part of 2nd collection)
--	---	--	---

Masses for: Emanuel Aquilina (18th Death Anniversary), thanks to God for a wonderful life in Australia (Di & Sr Therese).

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.

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

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

Little Sisters of the Poor thank the parish for their generous donations amounting to \$510

Catholic Mission Sunday 17/18 October



For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

*Name changed for privacy

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.*

Divine Retreat Centre *October schedule on noticeboard*

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*