

Communion Antiphon **Ephesians 5:2**
Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, as a
fragrant offering to God.

Spelling Two
Priest: I need a secretary who can spell. Can you spell
Mississippi?
Hopeful Secretary: The river or the state?



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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A **25 October 2026**

Entrance Antiphon **Cf Psalm 104:3-4**
Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the
Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

First Reading **Exodus 22:20-26**
A reading from the book of Exodus
*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my
anger will rage against you.*

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this,
“You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for
you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must
not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you
are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and
be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I
shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be
widows, your own children orphans.
“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor
man among you, you must not play the usurer with
him: you must not demand interest from him.
“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give
it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he
has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else
would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I
am full of pity.”’

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R. v.2**
R/ I love you, Lord, my strength.

1.I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress,
my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord
is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my
foes. **R/**
2.Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God
who saves me. He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R/**

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 1:5-10**
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians
*You turned away from idols to serve God and await
his Son.*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were
with you, which was for your instruction, and you
were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord;
and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took
to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round
you. This has made you the great example to all
believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from
you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and



not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the
news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We
do not need to tell other people about it: other people
tell us how we started the work among you, how you
broke with idolatry when you were converted to God
and became servants of the real, living God; and how
you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he
raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us
from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation **John 14:23**
Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father
will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 22:34-40**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
*You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour
as yourself.*
When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the
Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him,
one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the
greatest commandment of the law?’ Jesus said, ‘You
must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with
all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the
greatest and the first commandment. The second
resembles it: you must love your neighbour as
yourself. On these two commandments hang the
whole Law, and the Prophets also.’



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 26/27 September & 3/4 October 2026

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

Masses for: Delila (for good health), Charlie Brincat (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

Parish Christmas Party Golden Barley Hotel On the weekend of 31 Oct/1 Nov, we will vote as to what night between Tuesday 1 December and Sunday 6 December to have our Christmas Party.

Catholic Mission Appeal Please return all donations by next weekend.

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

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.

Pregnancy & Infant Loss Memorial Mass Thursday 27 October 7pm, St Mary's Cathedral. Ph: 9646 6908. Email: bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

Fidelis Choosing Life: The Cost of Catholic Conviction 28 October Speaker: Fr Greg Morgan. Campion College. 5:30 – 9pm: Adoration/Mass, Food & social time, Talk & open Q&A. See flyer on noticeboard

Mozart's Requiem by Candlelight – Sydney Town Hall As the Church remembers the faithful departed during November, parishioners are warmly invited to Mozart's Requiem – A Candlelit Tribute to Our Military Nurses on **Sunday 8 November** at 5:00pm. Performed by a magnificent choir, orchestra and soloists beneath the glow of hundreds of candles, this special concert will honour Australia's military nurses, including the 21 nurses murdered in the Bangka Island Massacre. Presented by Artes Christi, a Catholic arts organisation, in one of Sydney's grandest civic buildings, the concert brings the beauty of Catholic sacred music into the heart of our city, offering an inspiring public expression of faith, remembrance and Christian hope. Bookings: TICKET PRICES: \$125 Category A - *Platinum Gold Pass* \$60 Category B - Ground Floor Tickets \$40 Category C - Gallery Tickets



Pray with Others Using the 2026 Sydney Advent-Christmas Companion: Come Let Us Adore Him Many people, including those who do not go to Mass, would welcome an opportunity to pray with someone; they just need someone to invite them! Advent is a wonderful time to learn—or to develop—the art of inviting others to pray with you. If you would benefit from some guidance, ideas, or encouragement, register for one of our online workshops. Companions will be delivered to Sydney parishes in mid-November. Dates and times:

- Option 1: **Thursday 12 November 2026**, 7:30 - 8:15 PM
- Option 2: **Friday 20 November 2026**, 12:00 - 12:45 PM

Register at <https://www.trybooking.com/DQSRR>

Asia Pacific Hope - Charity Launch You are invited to the launch of Asia Pacific Hope, a new charity founded by Monsignor Brian Rayner OAM following more than 30 years of practical and financial assistance to communities across the Asia-Pacific. Special guest, Archbishop Peter Loy Chong of Fiji will be present and deliver the main address. **Sunday 22 November**, 12–3pm, Doltone House, Sylvania Waters. Tickets \$120 or \$1,000 for a table of ten, including lunch and drinks. Bookings close 9 November. Visit www.trybooking.com/DOQNNQ or email info@asiapacifichope.org.

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>

Save the Date for Eucharist28! From 24 September to 1 October 2028, Australia will come together to celebrate the 54th International Eucharistic Congress, a moment of renewal for all. Eucharist28 will be a truly transformative moment of renewal centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. A Theological Symposium will precede the Congress from 20 to 22 September 2028. This is a once-in-a-generation moment for the Church in Australia. Will you be there in two years' time? Mark your calendar, share the news, and join the journey. To begin planning your journey with the Official Group Travel Operator, Harvest Journeys, head to eucharist28.org.