and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

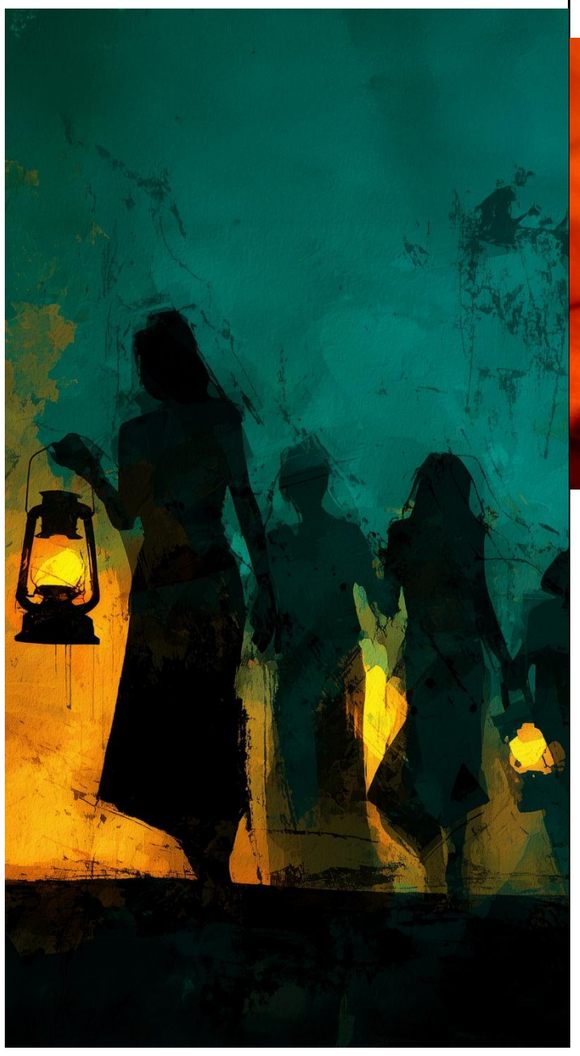
Communion Antiphon **Cf Luke 24:35**

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread.

Tardy

Eery day Reverend's secretary was twenty minutes late. Then one day she slid snugly in place only five minutes late.

"Well," said her boss, "this is the earliest you've ever been late."





Amen*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 unjut 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
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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A — 8 November 2026

Entrance Antiphon **Cf Psalm 87:3**

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading **Wisdom 6:12-16**

A reading from the book of Wisdom
Wisdom is found by those who look for it.
Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2**

R/ My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1.O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. R/

2.So I gaze on you in the sanctuary. to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. R/

3.So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. R/

4.On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. R/

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.
We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the



command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation **Matthew 24:42. 44**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.
Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it



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	Funeral Mass – 10:30am *(see notices)* Saturday—5:00pm – (6:30pm – Portuguese) Sunday—9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian)
Confessions	Saturday 4:15—4:45pm *or* 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 10/11 & 17/18 October 2026

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
$747.35	**$687.70**	**$245.00**	**$42.90**
(supports the priest's expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: Don Bosco Society Dinner, Maria Walton (for God's protection), Mr Andrade, Theresa (RIP – Mario's mother).

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. This weekend we are taking numbers for our table booking for 6pm dinner on Wednesday 2nd December.

Funeral Mass Friday 13 November 10:30am at Enmore for Theresa, Mario's mother.

CWF Appeal this weekend

World's Ugliest Christmas Tree Would anyone be so kind as to rid the parish of the most offending Christmas tree ever to see the light of day? (The parish is not entitled to Council Clean Ups, so cannot get rid of it that way.)

Indulgence Extended for all of November *See noticeboard*

Red November Masses 21/22 November 2026 The parish will support *Aid to the Church in Need's* appeal to pray and support persecuted Christians around the world by celebrating Red Masses on the weekend of 21/22 November. The Rosary will be prayed before Masses for persecuted Christians.

ARCHDIOCESAN EVENTS

Reflection Day Sat 14 Nov. *How Do I Pray for the Holy Souls?* Cost $15. Contact Rose 0412 115 961 or rosetwymansydney@!gmail.com *See noticeboard for details.*

Pontifical University of The Holy Cross Foundation *Help spread the Gospel throughout the world* Donate or leave a bequest. Contact Edwin Zambrano 0408 289 022. For more information www.pontifoundation.org.au *OR See noticeboard for flyer*

Didasko The Eucharist and Evangelisation Dr Kevin Wagner Mondays **9, 16 & 23 November**. Online via Zoom. Each session 7:30-8:45pm. Cost per month: $35. Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko

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

Purpose High Parish Night – Friday 13 November Youth Night for students in Years 9–12 are invited to join Sydney Catholic Youth for our final Purpose High Parish Night of 2026! Come along for an evening of faith, friendship and community as we explore "The Call of Christianity: A Life Worthy of His Name." Join us on **Friday 13 November**, 5:30–9:00 pm, at St Jerome's Catholic Church, Punchbowl. Parent or guardian consent is required during registration. Book now: https://www.trybooking.com/DQXSA

You Are Not Alone – A retreat for couples without children Facilitated by the Emmanuel Community, this retreat day is for married couples who have been unable to have children due to infertility, miscarriage, or stillbirth, including those who are still hoping to conceive. Date: Saturday, **21 November 2026** Time: 9 AM - 4 PM Venue: St Martha's Leichhardt, 38 Renwick St., Leichhardt Register at https://www.trybooking.com/au/event/1617009

Walk with Christ 22 November 2026 1pm Martin Place: Featuring All Saints Youth Music, Fr Rob Galea, Ruben Quezada, speking on religious freedom, & Jubilate Deo Choir. 2:30pm Blessed Sacrament arrives and Eucharistic Procession begins.

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.