he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'

Communion Antiphon **Mark 11:23-24**

Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

Getting Plastered

The dilapidated old church building desperately needed remodelling. So Father made an impassioned appeal from his pulpit – looking directly at Mr Goldman, the richest man in town. In the middle of his plea, a slab of plaster fell from the ceiling and struck the rich man on the shoulder. He quickly jumped to his feet and shouted, "Father, I will increase my donation to $5000."

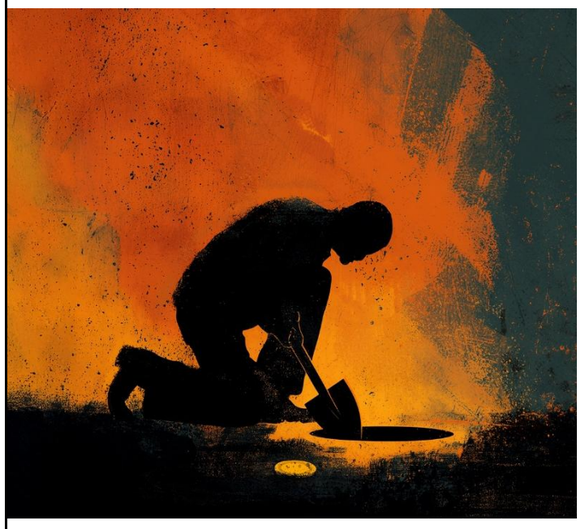
Before he could sit down again, another slab fell and hit him, then another and another. Finally, Goldman screamed at the top of his lungs, "Father, I will double my pledge." Then he sat down, just as a larger chunk of plaster fell and hit him on the head, forcing him to stand again and holler, "Father I will give $50,000!"

This prompted Deacon Phillips to shout, "Hit him again, Lord! Hit him again!"



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 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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A 15 November 2026

Entrance Antiphon **Jeremiah 29:11,12,14**

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading **Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31**

A reading from the book of Proverbs

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1**

R/ Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1.O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. R/

2.Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. R/

3.Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. R/

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.



Gospel Acclamation **John 15:4. 5**

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir,"



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 *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 24/25 October & 31 October/1 November 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: Martin Higgins (diverticulitis & nodule on lung), Rosario & Orazio Salvo.

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

Advent Group Pending arrival of Advent books, the first meeting will be at 6pm Tuesday 24 November in the Parish Office.

Parish Christmas Party Golden Barley Hotel Please list your name on the sheet at the middle door table to book your seat for Wednesday 2nd December 6pm.

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

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 **16 & 23 November**. Online via Zoom. Each session 7:30-8:45pm. Cost per month: $35. Register at: gomakedisciples.org.au/didasko

Welcome and Hospitality Seminar There are many new people quietly slipping into our parish churches, seeking answers to their questions, or returning to their former practice of faith, but who are possibly unsure where to begin. You might be the first person they see or speak with. Without ever having to join a team, a roster, or hand out bulletins, you can be the person who makes a difference. Join the Parish Renewal Team for this engaging seminar full of practical tips for regular parishioners. Date: **Thursday 19 November** Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM Venue: Good Shepherd Parish, Hoxton Park RSVP at trybooking.com/DQAWN

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. Date and time: **Friday 20 November 2026**, 12:00 - 12:45 PM. Register at https://www.trybooking.com/DQSRR

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

World Youth Day Seoul 2027 The Archdiocese of Sydney officially launched its pilgrimage to World Youth Day Seoul 2027. World Youth Day will run from **3–8 August 2027** under the theme, "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). Pilgrims will be offered four pathways: travelling directly to the World Youth Day event, visiting Japan before the congress, or taking part in a mission or immersion experience in Korea or Cambodia before joining the week-long celebration in Seoul. *See noticeboard*

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.