

will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4. 6

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Communion Antiphon Bar 5:5; 4:36

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.



Prayer against Coronavirus

O God, Healer of all our ills, to Whom we turn in this time of distress, grant we pray, in the power of faith, eternal rest to the dead and comfort to those who mourn, health to the sick and peace to the dying, strength to medical workers, wisdom to our leaders and a spirit of kindness to us all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Edmund, patron saint of pandemics, *pray for us.*

St Sebastian, patron saint of plague sufferers, *pray for us.*

St Roch, invoked against the plague *pray for us.*

St Godeberta, invoked against drought & epidemics, *pray for us.*

St Luke, patron saint of doctors, *pray for us.*

St Agatha, patron saint of nurses, *pray for us.*

St Damien, patron saint of chemists, *pray for us.*

St Anthony of Egypt, patron saint of gravediggers, *pray for us.*

Our Lady of Lourdes, *pray for us.*

Prayer to Saint Joseph

(end of Year of St Joseph)

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen

Renewal Prayer Saints

Our Lady, Help of Christians, *pray for us.*

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation, *pray for us.*

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, *pray for us*

Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore

Archdiocese of Sydney

Serving the suburbs of Enmore, St Peters, Sydenham & Tempe

Second Sunday of Advent – Year C

5 December 2021

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 30:19,30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

First Reading Bar 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch
Jerusalem – God will show you splendour.

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness'. Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 125. R. v.3

R/ The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. *R/*

2. The heathens themselves said:



'What marvels the Lord worked for them! What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. *R/*

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. *R/*

4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. *R/*

Second Reading Phil 1:3-6. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Show yourselves sinless and without blame in the day of Christ.

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes. God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This



Parish Administrator—Reverend Father Christopher Higgins
(available Tuesday to Sunday)
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MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

Masses Tuesday to Friday—9:15am
 Saturday—5:00pm
 Sunday—9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian)

No Mass Tues, as Father has the Yr 6 Graduation Mass at 5:30pm

Confessions Saturday 4:15—4:45pm *or* by appointment

Exposition Thursday – 8:00 -9:00am

Adoration Sunday 9:00—9:25am

Baptisms By appointment—about 1 month’s notice required

Marriages By appointment—about 6 months’ notice required

COLLECTION for the weekends 6/7 & 13/14 November 2021

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$523.75	\$547.45	\$330.00	\$71.40
(supports the expenses of priest)	(for day-to-day running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses were offered for: pro populo, the Ortiz Pajares family, Isabel and John, Garra and Drumond families, Caroline Crilly’s November intentions, Jose Serrao, Joshua Chatelier (18th birthday), deceased members of Cotter, Royan, Fox families, Bill Conny, Maurice O’Donnell, Joao Luis Teixeira (RIP) and deceased members of Teixeira family, Maxima Paz Mendoza (RIP).

COVID restrictions. We are currently in STAGE 2:

The Archdiocese has re-opened churches and ceremonies to “mixed” congregations; the 2 sqm rule applies, and masks must be worn indoors. Vaccinated parishioners are permitted to sing but masks must be worn (a fully vaccinated socially distanced choir of 10 is allowed).

STAGE 3 90% are fully vaccinated, estimated date 1st Dec. There will be no difference between the Covid safety requirements for all NSW citizens, including weddings and funerals (unless even one person is unvaccinated). Masks will not be required inside the church.

We thank Di for Christmas plants and **Truman, Jean, Senya & Sera** for setting up the Nativity Scene.

Parish Christmas Dinner Wednesday 15 December, Southern Cross Hotel, St Peters. RSVP to Sophia by 11 December: 0421 741 331.

Christmas Mass schedule Proposed times are: Vigil (Friday) 6pm, Day (Saturday) 9:30am.

“I survived COVID” celebratory Mass, Sun 12 Dec Bishop Brady will be here visiting our parish. Please bring a plate for morning tea after Mass.

Cathedral Christmas Celebration 17 December 2021 11am and 7pm
 The St Mary’s Cathedral Choir and the Sydney Youth Orchestra perform some of the most loved Christmas music at two concerts that have become an annual tradition. Tickets available online: www.cathedralchoir.sydney/concerts

Lights of Christmas 2021, St Mary’s Cathedral forecourt, 9-25 December
 Join in Sydney’s favourite free Christmas tradition, uniting families, locals and tourists with a display of digital storytelling projected onto St Mary’s Cathedral. Find out more: <https://lightsofchristmas.com.au/>

Please keep a respectful atmosphere after Mass by going outside to chat.

That Catholic Shop Copies of the Christmas Catalogue are available at the back of the church. All proceeds assist the work and mission of *Aid to the Church in Need*. You can also visit www.thatcatholicshop.com to see the range and order online.

Campion College Summer Program Registration is now open! If you know a 16-20 year old with an interest in history, literature, philosophy and theology, encourage them to sign up for one of the immersive four-day programs in January 2022. Attendance is fully funded but spaces are limited! Find out more and register on the Campion College website: www.campion.edu.au/summer-program

Caritas Australia Ambassador needed to connect the local Catholic community to the mission of Caritas Australia. You will be responsible for promoting Caritas within the parish and schools. *See noticeboard for further details. See Father if you are interested.*

A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia: ACN is running an advent appeal to help Christian refugees who are suffering due to persecution, conflict and violence. This year share the hope of Christmas with Christian refugees and help ease their burdens. To read stories and watch videos of how ACN is helping our suffering brothers and sisters and to make a donation please visit www.aidtochurch.org/adventappeal.

Launch Out Into the Deep Conference for 18-35yr olds. 10-12 December, Stanwell Tops. *See noticeboard.*

Preschool bins Please do not use the bins near the parish toilets.