

the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 3:16
Alleluia, alleluia!
John said: He who is to come is mightier than I; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 3:15-16. 21-22
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

Communion Antiphon Jn 1:32,34
Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of 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 for Rain

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, grant us sufficient rain, so that, being supplied with what sustains us in this present life, we may seek more confidently what sustains us for eternity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

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 in Ordinary Time – Year C

9 January 2022

Entrance Antiphon Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

First Reading Is 40:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it.

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 103:1-2. 3-4 24-25. 27-30. R. v.1

R/ Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

1. Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent. R/

2. Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your



messengers and flashing fire your servants. R/

3. How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. R/

4. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. R/

5. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. R/

Second Reading Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for



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

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

There will be no mid-week Masses during the month of January.

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 weekends 18/19 Dec 2021 – 1/2 Jan 2022 + Christmas

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$1377.75	\$738.90	\$405.00	\$138.70
(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 (x2), Mona’s intention, Gerardo Paz (RIP).

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. *(Archdiocesan permanent notice)*

COVID restrictions (from nsw.gov.au site). We are currently in STAGE 3:

Anyone can attend a wedding, funeral or place of worship. You are not required to be fully vaccinated or carry vaccination evidence. Face masks are now required. [COVID-19 Safe Check-in](#) is required at places of worship, funerals, memorial services, or gatherings afterwards. Density limits no longer apply to weddings, funerals or memorials.

Archbishop Anthony has formally advised that from now on all Catholics within the Archdiocese should participate in Sunday Mass whenever this is reasonably possible. With the greater majority of people vaccinated and the numbers permitted in churches substantially increased, it is no longer difficult for people to attend Mass or receive other Sacraments.

Gathering for the Eucharist on a Sunday, the First Day of the Week, the Day of Resurrection, is the most ancient Christian celebration and the minimum expression of one’s Catholic faith. (Of course, those who are unwell or particularly anxious about their health should continue to remain at home, and try to follow a televised or streamed Mass online.)

First Reconciliation Information Night 2022 Thursday, 10 February, 6:30pm in church.

New Donation Point System (as used in St Mary’s Cathedral) You may now donate easily to both parish collections through our 2 donation point systems at the back of the church.

Office closed 10-14 January as the secretary is on holidays.

Father’s Holidays They start on 1 January. This means there will be no mid-week Masses until Father returns from holidays on Tuesday 1 February. Please welcome Monsignor Vincent Redden who will celebrate the rest of the weekend Masses in January, and is available for Saturday confessions.

Thank you to Jean, Sera, Sophia, Caroline, Senia & Martha for helping to pack up all the Christmas decorations and tree.

Healing Mass Fri 7 Jan, St Joseph’s Enfield. *Details on the noticeboard.*

Please keep a respectful atmosphere after Mass by going outside to chat. **ass to mark the Anniversary of the Death of Servant of God, Eileen O’Connor.** Monday 10 January, 11am Principal Celebrant: Bishop Terry Brady Due to COVID concerns, Mass will only be available as a Livestream from Our Lady’s Home, Coogee and there will not be an opportunity to pray this year at Eileen’s tomb. Livestreamed from Our Lady’s Home in Coogee www.eileenconnor.com.au Visitors to the homepage can click on a link which will then send them to the Archdiocese of Sydney You Tube channel where they can watch the Mass.

Position Vacant Province Bookkeeper, Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Coogee. 3 days per week ideally Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. For further information contact Anthony Spata on 0402 210 055.

Reclaiming Evangelisation Series Continues with Dr Mary Healy Live Online, Saturday 12 February 2022, 10 – 11:30 AM You are invited to attend Dr Mary Healy’s live online address to the faithful of Sydney on the topic ‘Why Make Disciples? What Scripture tells us about calling and forming disciples.’ Dr Mary Healy is a professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, as well as an accomplished author and international speaker. Places limited. Registrations essential via www.gomakedisciples.org.au