

After Herod’s death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.’ So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:
He will be called a Nazarene.

Communion Antiphon **Baruch 3:38**
Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

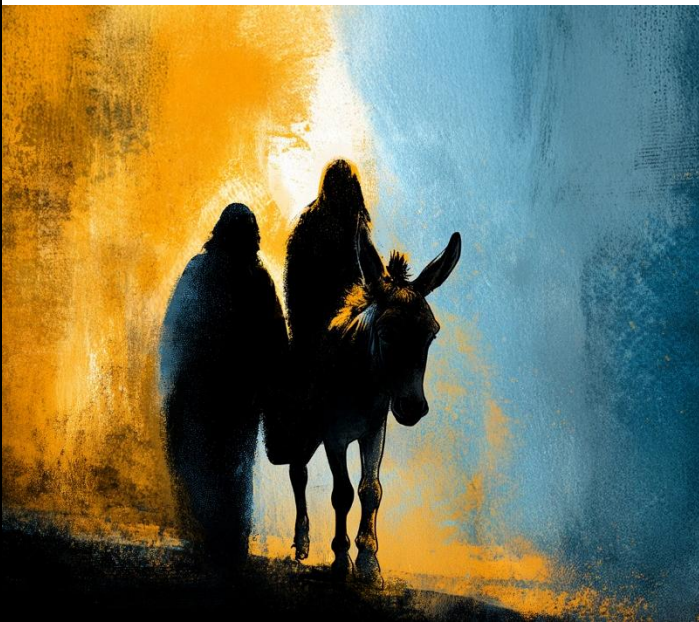
Laity Thoughts

There are 4 classes of church members: the tired, the retired, the tiresome and the tireless.
Every parish has 3 classes of members: the workers, the jerkers and the shirkers
Some parish members who say “Our Father” on Sunday go around the rest of the week acting like orphans.
It seems that some parish members have been starched and ironed, but too few have been washed.



Prayer for the Year of Hope Jubilee 2025
(Year of Jubilee of Hope officially ends on 28 December at 7pm)
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of Heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Prayer to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God’s plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Graciously hear our prayer. Amen.
(Pope Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 325)



Prayer for the 59th World Day of Peace
(1 January 2026)
Almighty God, in whose hands lies the destiny of men and nations, Let not the hopes of men perish, nor the sacrifices of men be in vain. O holy and life-giving Spirit, enable us by thy grace to root out from our common life the bitterness of ancient wrongs and the thirst to avenge the betrayals of long ago. Save us from the tyranny of history and set us free in a new obedience to serve each other in the present hour. Accepting the redemption wrought for us, we believe that all our sins of yesterday are covered by thy mercy; Grant us therefore grace and courage to give and to receive the forgiveness which alone can heal today's wounds. Draw us, O Lord, towards loving kindness and guide us into the way of peace.
Amen

Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore
Archdiocese of Sydney
Serving the suburbs of Enmore, St Peters, Sydenham & Tempe
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – Year A 28 December 2025

Entrance Antiphon **Luke 2:16**
The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading **Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14**
A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.
The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1**
R/ Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.
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 all the days of your life! **R/**

Second Reading **Colossians 3:12-21**
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
Concerning the Christian life in the world.
You are God’s chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.
Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts



sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

Gospel Acclamation
Colossians 3:15. 16
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

Gospel **Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.
After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.’ So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:
I called my son out of Egypt.



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 1 January—9:15am + see notices 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 3:00 – 3:50pm, Tues to 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 29/30 November & 6/7 December 2025

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$747.75	\$724.20	\$190.00	\$122.40
(supports the priest's expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

Masses for: Amy (in WA), Blackie (sentenced in Court), Alfred Khouri, Connie Marques' deceased November intentions, Connie Ribeiro's deceased November intentions, Roasria & Orazio Salvo, Santa, West Bank Palestinians being terrorised and/or murdered by illegal Israeli settlers, sick person in Balmain hospital, Eugenia de Jesus & family, Teodorio Teixeira & family.

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)
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

Fr Chris'
Jan/Feb
Roster

Retreat Tues 6 Jan – Sun 11 Jan 2026 | Fr Chris will hear Confessions & say Mass on Sat 10 Jan 2026.
Fr Davoren will supply Confessions & Mass on Sun 11 Jan 2026
Holidays Tues 13 Jan – Wed 11 Feb *There will be no mid-week Masses from Fri 2 Jan – Thurs 12 Feb.*
Mons Flynn will supply Confessions & Mass on all weekend Masses of 17 Jan – 8 Feb 2026.
Back in parish Thurs 12 Feb (Whole school Mass Fri 13 Feb 1:50pm – all welcome)

www.the-crucified-cardinal.com A website on Cardinal George Pell

Church grounds We thank Sera for cleaning up the leaves.

Adoremus at St Benedict's, Broadway You are invited to join us for an evening of adoration, formation, vespers, and fellowship. **Every Wednesday from 5:30pm to 7:00pm** at St Benedict's Church, Broadway. Everyone is welcome.

Caritas Australia: Be a light in the darkness for families facing adversity this Christmas. This Christmas, we are inviting Australians to "be a light in the darkness" for families who are living through the trauma of war, displacement, and poverty. The intensity of the conflict in Ukraine has increased and more people are experiencing displacement and poverty. Our partner, Caritas Ukraine are on the ground working hard to prepare food kits, emergency shelter kits and psychosocial assistance to families facing adversity. Donate today at <https://www.caritas.org.au/christmas-appeal/be-the-light-in-darkness/>

The Marian Movement of Priests | Annual New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil St Dominic's Catholic Church Flemington
Schedule: 8:00pm Exposition until Mass at midnight | 8:30pm Cenacle | 9:30pm Cenacle | 10:30pm Cenacle | 11:45pm Benediction | 12:00 midnight: Mass with Fr Andrew Grace | 1:00am Supper in parish hall (please bring a plate). Confessions all evening. Our Lady has requested prayer & reparation in the messages for New Year's Eve in her book *To The Priests Our Lady's Beloved Sons*. Email: info@mmp-oceania.net | Website: www.mmp-oceania.net

Christopher West's Theology of the Body: Head and Heart Immersion Course From **18–23 January 2026**, world-renowned speaker Christopher West will lead the TOB 1: This 5-day experience includes daily Mass, Adoration, and 30 hours of engaging teaching. Places are limited. DETAILS: Date: Sunday 18 January - Friday 23 January 2026 Time: 3 pm Sunday to 1 pm Friday Venue: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale, NSW Who: Adults only event (18+) For more information and to register, visit <https://tobi.sydneycatholic.org/tob-1-immersion-course/> For enquiries, contact TOBI@sydneycatholic.org.

Sapientia - Dominican Retreat Single adults, ages 18-35, are invited to join the Dominican Friars and Sisters for a weekend retreat at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park, NSW from **13-15 February 2026**. The retreat will consist of talks, discussion, silence, Eucharistic Adoration, the Sacrament of Confession, Mass, and time for fellowship. Places limited. Fee: \$300 per person. <https://www.trybooking.com/DHJBL>

Everlasting Love Marriage Preparation Courses 2026 'Everlasting Love' is a marriage preparation course that gives special emphasis to the sacramental, spiritual, and relational dimensions of marriage. Couples are only required to attend one session. So when booking, book only one session that suits you. Session dates and locations are as follows: - **Session 1: Friday 13 – Saturday 14 February 2026** - St Catherine Laboure Parish Gympie - **Session 2: Friday 5 – Saturday 6 June 2026** - St Joachim's Parish Lidcombe - **Session 3: Friday 20 – Saturday 21 November 2026** - St Joseph's Parish Moorebank *Please note that the course is split across 2 days (no overnight stay). Day 1 takes place on Friday evening from 6pm to 10pm. Day 2 begins at 9am and ends at 5pm. Cost: \$350.00 per couple To book, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/DGPMC>

Finding Solace and Support with Heartfelt In times of grief, finding a compassionate and understanding community can make all the difference. Heartfelt is based on Catholic teachings and offers online gatherings, support groups, and events, accessible to anyone navigating their grief journey. For more information, visit <https://heartfelt.community>

Catholic Bushwalking Club The Catholic Bushwalking Club holds at least one walk each weekend, with other activities including abseiling, cross-country skiing, caving, canyoning and cycling. For more information, go to www.cbcsnw.org.au or phone Robert on 0478919427.