

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

Communion Antiphon (Vigil) Cf Revelation 21:23
The brightness of God illuminated the holy city Jerusalem, and the nations will walk by its light.

Communion Antiphon (Day) Cf Matthew 2:2
We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

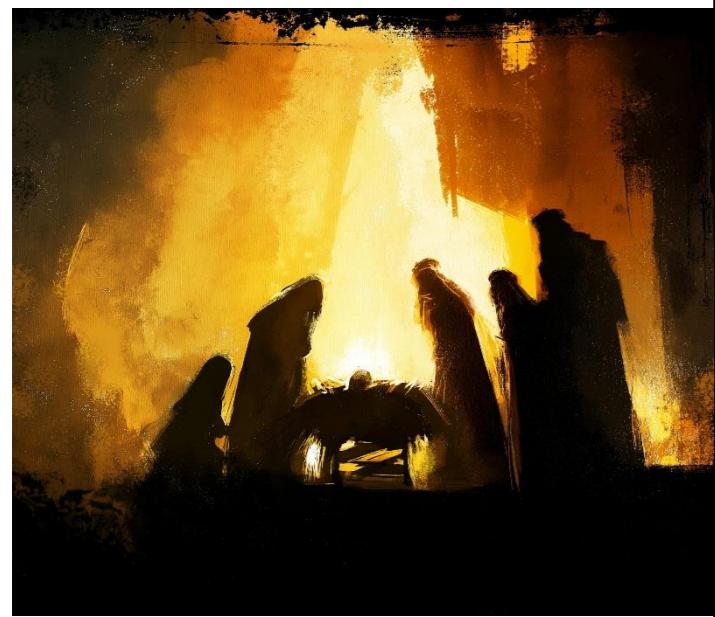
Breakfast

Every evening, a mother and her young son knelt down beside his bed so he could say his prayers. One night, obviously bored with the same old prayer, the little boy earnestly prayed, "Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake - can I have breakfast with You in the morning?"



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)



Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore

Archdiocese of Sydney

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

The Epiphany of the Lord – Year A

4 January 2026

Entrance Antiphon (Vigil) Cf Baruch 5:5

Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

Entrance Antiphon (Day) Cf Malachi 3:1; 1 Chr 29:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.



through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

R/ Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1.O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. R/

2.In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. R/

3.The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. R/

4.For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. R/

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'



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			No mid-week Masses till Thursday 12 Feb 1:50pm 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 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 13/14 to 27/28 December 2025			
1st collection \$1807.25 (supports the priest's expenses)	2nd collection \$1591.30 (for running of parish)	Envelopes \$265.00 (part of 2nd collection)	Candle offerings \$118.75 (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 Teixeria & 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)
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Nativity & Christmas tree We will be putting this away after Adoration at 9am on Tuesday 6 January. Please assist if you can.
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Sacrament of Reconciliation 2026 Information Evening: Wednesday 25 February at 6pm, St Pius V School Library, Enmore. Date for reception of Sacrament: Saturday 21 March at 1pm, St Pius V Church, Enmore

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

Sapienta - 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 Gymea - **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.cbcnsw.org.au or phone Robert on 0478919427.