



Holy Cross

Catholic Parish of Holy Cross Woollahra

Archdiocese of Sydney

Eastern Deanery

Holy Cross is a welcoming, supportive and vibrant community of people who come together to share our faith in Jesus and to live it out by loving all around us. Our faith in Jesus is strengthened and renewed through our celebration of the sacraments of the Catholic Church, particularly the Holy Mass and Reconciliation. Our hope and prayer is that all people will come to be in a deep loving relationship with Jesus Christ and have a strong devotion to His holy mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary.



THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Sunday 10th November 2024

Fr Terrence Millard
Parish Priest

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Parish Secretary

Mr Joe Scicluna
Parish Safeguarding Officer

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Thursdays & Fridays
9.00am to 4:00pm

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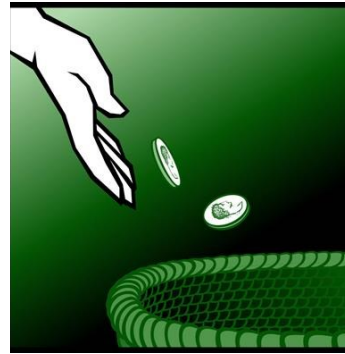
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Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday: NO MASS
Tuesday: 5.00pm
Wednesday: 7.30am
Thursday: 7.30am
Friday: 12noon
Saturday: 9.00am



MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 11:00am

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays 4:45pm - 5.15pm or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism:

By appointment (at least one months' notice required).

Sacrament of Marriage:

By appointment (at least six months' notice required to allow for adequate preparation of the couple).

Sacrament of the Sick:

By appointment.

Prayer For Renewal

Blessed are you, Father, who, in your infinite love sent us your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it in abundance. By the power of the Holy Spirit, renew our Eucharistic communities. May they be places of encounter with the living Christ, centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy. Grant us the gifts of faith, hope and love to be faithful disciples of Jesus and radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney.

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!*

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR:

Ooi Poh Kheng

If you wish to request that mass be offered for a particular intention, please **PRINT THE NAME CLEARLY** on the envelope or piece of paper and attach your donation for the mass. You may also find mass intention envelopes at the back of the church. The mass will be offered as soon as possible.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen*



Please note

Fr. Terrence will be on annual leave throughout November. Fr. Martin will celebrate Masses until November 15th, with Tuesday Masses at 5pm during this period. ***After November 15th, there will be no weekday Masses except Fridays. There will be 12 noon Mass on Fridays. Fr. Peter Christie will be saying Mass on Fridays until Fr. Terrence returns.*** Bishop Danny Meagher, Fr. Brian Lucas and Fr. Geoff Plant will celebrate weekend Masses following November 17th.

Happy 37th Anniversary of Priesthood, Fr. Martin!



Fr. Martin is marking 37 years of priesthood on November 14th. Let us keep him in our prayers, asking God to continue to bless and guide him in his ministry.

CWF Parish Appeal

Thank you for supporting the CWF November Parish Appeal. The Parish still needs to raise \$23120.00 to meet our quota. Through your generous gift, we are able to continue in our mission to provide care for the most vulnerable in our community through our CWF agencies and ministries, and to promote the good works of our faith in our seminaries, schools and universities.

3 ways to donate:

1. Scan the QR code or visit www.ourfaithourworks/give-to-cwf
2. Complete the parish envelope
3. Phone 1800 753 959



EXCUSES & REASONS!

To say the least the American presidential election campaign has dominated our media!

Many decades ago, one of the American presidential candidates was Hubert Horatio Humphrey (1911-1978) the successful candidate was Richard Nixon. During his turbulent political career Humphrey challenged many people by this true statement; "the impersonal hand of any government will never be able to replace the helping hand of a neighbour."

Any of us can easily make excuses as to why we don't break our comfort zone and help our neighbour. An able-bodied retired person said to me once; "I know that I should volunteer my services and help some housebound people by perhaps doing Meals on Wheels but I'm just not ready yet to do so."

Then a parent at a parish school made this statement; "I know that I should have volunteered to help at the school fete, but I just can't get around to doing it."

The issue that needs to be addressed is that there will never be a perfect time to break our comfort zone and routine to help anyone and if this happens then so much good in life is going to be missed. There was once a saying that went like this if you really want something done then just ask the busiest person!

Saint Paul of Tarsus makes this point in his letter to the Philippians; "Jesus Christ emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave- so among yourselves have the same attitude."

Fr Martin Maunsell

Together we Remember

Month of November is meant to remember and to pray for the deceased from our families, friends and especially forgotten souls. The church recommends to offer masses for the souls to have eternal rest and peace throughout the month of November. So, there will be November Mass envelopes on the pews or seats, next weekend to write the names of those for whom you wish to



offer Holy Mass and please attach your donations in the envelopes. Completed envelopes can be placed on any collection plates at Mass over the next couple of weekends or dropped in at the presbytery. All masses offered during November will be for the requested names on the November mass envelopes which will be placed on the altar throughout the month of November.

Of Life and Love Marriage Preparation Weekend

Engagement is a beautiful time to intentionally prepare for your vocation. The 'Of Life and Love' Marriage Preparation Weekend will help you to understand more deeply the sacramental nature of marriage, offer practical wisdom from married couples and provide opportunity for discussion and prayer. Of Life and Love is a recognised marriage preparation course.

DATE: 16 - 17 November 2024 (no overnight stay)

VENUE: St Thomas of Canterbury, Lewisham

More information and registration at www.trybooking.com/CMGTS



St Leo the Great was the pope for twenty years from the year 440. During his pontificate he defended Rome from the barbarian conquerer, Attila the Hun, by convincing him to accept tribute from the city rather than sacking it. St Leo's greatest triumph as pope came from the acceptance of his

dogmatic letter, which taught that Jesus Christ is one Person, in whom both human and divine nature are permanently united. Almost one hundred of his letters and sermons still survive; he was declared a doctor of the church in 1754.

Daily Mass books 2025 will be available for sale from next weekend.

2025 Daily Mass Books @\$25.00

The next parish pastoral council meeting is on 12th November, Tuesday.

Got a bit of time? Time to give blood and change lives? 1 in 3 people in Bondi Junction will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. We're coming to town from 18 to 23 November.

Don't forget to pre-book your spot at lifeblood.com.au, on our app or on 13 14 95.

Bondi Pop-up Blood Donor Centre
18 to 23 November

Monday, 12.30 – 7pm

Tuesday, 12.30 – 7pm

Wednesday, 7am – 2pm

Thursday, 12.30 – 7pm

Friday, 7am – 2pm

Saturday, 8am – 3pm

400 Oxford St
Bondi Junction NSW 2022

Catholic Weekly: Please buy Catholic Weekly and support Vinnies. It is only \$2. This week read about:

- The saints come marching out on All Hallows Eve
- Priests who pump iron
- Fr Smith's journey from boardshorts to books
- Flader speaks on women deacons
- Reflections on the Synod



PARKING: You can find ample parking space in grass land which is in Convent lane and is open for weekend masses. Parking will be closed after the mass.

Weekly Online Rosary: Join the Holy Cross Rosary Group which meets *each Thursday night at 8pm – 8.30pm* via Zoom:

[https://zoom.us/j/99434727149?](https://zoom.us/j/99434727149?pwd=RW51WHFGS0NXQkNNTV0a2l1dDRvUT09)

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BOOKS FOR YOU!!!
Please browse through the books and CDs which is at the back of the church. These resources have been provided to help you grow spiritually. Books \$20.00, Booklets \$10.00, CDs \$5.00

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.

The Sound of Music: Come and join the Holy Cross parish choir which sings at the Sunday, 9am Mass and rehearses after the 9am Mass on the last Sunday of the month.



Join us for a cuppa and a chat in the Crypt after Sunday 9am Mass. Meet your fellow parishioners and make friends!



TODAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon

Cf Psalm 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading

1 Kings 17:10-16

A reading from the first book of the Kings

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. **(R.)**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to

offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.**

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 22:1-2

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.**

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