



Advance Australia Fair

Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are one and free; We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing, Advance Australia Fair.
Beneath our radiant Southern Cross We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair. In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Holy Cross Woollahra

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Parish Office Hours

Thursdays & Fridays 9am - 4pm
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Mass Shedule

Sunday:	9am & 11am	
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday:	7:30am	WEEK 27/1-2/2
Wednesday:	9am	During this "transitional period" there may be some adjustments to the current mass schedule
Thursday:	7:30am	
Friday:	12noon	
Saturday:	9am & 5:30pm	

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SOCIAL MEDIA - CURRENT NEWS & UPDATES

Follow the parish or my personal pages on facebook & instagram for current news and updates

Holycross Parish Woollahra
Mirko Integlia



NOTICEBOARD

PARKING

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

CUPPA & A CHAT After Sunday 9am Mass

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

PARISH CHOIR The Sound of Music

Come and join the Holy Cross parish choir which sings at the Sunday 9am mass. Rehearses are after 9am mass on the last Sunday of the month.

BOOKS FOR YOU

Please browse through the books and CDs which are at the back of the church. These resources have been provided to help you grow spiritually. **Books \$20 / Booklets \$10 / Cds \$5**

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.



Sunday 26th January, 2025 | Australia Day

PARISH NEWS

Nice Meet You!

'How is he?', parishioners ask when a new priest is appointed as leader of the community.

'How is Fr Mirko? What is his vision, his style, his priorities?'

This is not an easy question, partly because the answer depends on the specific situation of the community to which the priest is sent. Consequently, it is an answer that must be built together with the community. On the other hand, there are certain aspects that reflect my personal style, and I would like to share a bit about this, by commenting on three photos.

The first photo is of my hometown, Presenzano, just outside Naples in southern Italy; it is a rural area known for its farms. My mum, Edda, passed away from breast cancer when she was 47, and my dad, Giacomo, died at 67 after falling from a tree. I've got one older brother, Giuseppe, and a sister, Teresa, along with my younger brother Vladimiro who is visiting Australia in February for 10 days.

In this small town, with fewer than 2,000 people, my soul was shaped by the spirit of family — by sharing, togetherness, and caring for one another. Please don't treat me like I'm an outsider or an 'authority'. I'm coming to you as someone you have known for ages — like a father, a brother, an uncle, or a close friend. I'm coming to you with an open heart and a cup of coffee, just to spend a little time together.

The second photo is of me singing. I have always loved it. I truly believe in a community that is filled with the joy of music. St. John Bosco used to say, 'A Church without music is a body without a soul'. I dream of a Church that feels like the waiting room of eternity, all because of music.

The third photo is of me speaking to the students. Teaching is in my heart; I have been teaching even before I became a priest. Education is the key to my heart. As you know, I teach philosophy at the Catholic University of Australia, and I want our parish to feel like a home for my students, too. I'm also committed to working closely with our school—I really want to be there for the staff, students, and their families. I'm here for them, and they can reach out to me for anything they need.

There are other things that are close to my heart, like those who are lonely or sick, but we will get to know each other better over time!

Finally, I want to introduce Samson, my 11 month old Bernese Mountain dog. I have always loved dogs, and Samson is a special dog, sweet and intelligent. He is a good friend who loves humans.

My friends, I cannot wait to start. What about you? If you are, 'put your seat belt on!!!'

Fr MIRKO INTEGLIA



ME & SAMSON



1. HOMETOWN OF PRESENZANO



2. SINGING

3. TEACHING



ME & MY UNI STUDENTS

Australia Day Mass

FIRST READING

*A reading from the Book of Nehemiah (Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10)
All the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, 'Amen! Amen!' Then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people, said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.' For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

R. The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to GOD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 18(19):8-10,15)

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R**

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R**

May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! **R**

SECOND READING

*A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians
(1 Corinthians 12:12-30)*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So, our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

R. The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to GOD

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Luke 4:18)

ALL: Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke
(Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21)*

This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

C. The Gospel of the Lord.

All. Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

C: As we gather on Australia Day, we come before a God who forgives, as we pray:

Response: Lord hear our prayer

1. For peace and reconciliation among all the nations of the world, we pray to the Lord. **R: Lord hear our prayer**

2. For true justice for the rights of all peoples, especially the indigenous peoples of our nation, we pray to the Lord. **R: Lord hear our prayer**

3. For a sense of deep listening and reverence for the beautiful land that has been given to us, we pray to the Lord. **R: Lord hear our prayer**

4. For a greater sense of community, and a bonding of all the people living in Australia, we pray to the Lord.

R: Lord hear our prayer

C. O God, you gave us the dreaming. May we grow in appreciation and reverence for your gift of this great land under the Southern Cross. May we value our fauna and flora, and above all, learn to value each other. May we experience forgiveness from each other, and reach out in friendship and peace. May we learn to forgive ourselves for the prejudices of the past, and work towards a nation of welcome for all.

We ask this though Christ our Lord

All: Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me.

Water from the side of Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ, strengthen me.

O Good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me. Permit me not to be separated from you.

From the wicked foe, defend me.

At the hour of my death,

call me and bid me come to you,

That with your saints I may praise you for ever and ever.

Amen. ■

NOTE ABOUT COLLECTIONS

Dear Friends,

Following the example of other parishes and to ensure a more focused celebration of the Holy Mass, I have decided to avoid collections during the service. Instead, two boxes will be placed at the entrance of the Church for the first and second collections.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated and plays a vital role in supporting the activities and initiatives of our Community.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

**Blessings,
Fr Mirko**