

Holy Cross Parish - From the Memoirs of Patricia Sumner (1940s-1950s)

In the 1940s and 1950s, there was no vigil Mass, and all Masses were still in Latin. There was a little Piety Stall outside the main door, and it was like a phone box on wheels. Miss Fogarty ran this venture on Sunday mornings with an array of Rosary beads, holy pictures, miniature altars, countless medals in honour of saints I had yet to encounter and prayer books with mother of pearl covers.

We learnt everything the nuns could impart, both academically and religiously and every month had a specific focus - May for Our Lady, June for the Sacred Heart etc - there were many coloured vestments for different times of the church year, and we observed many feast days. We had Benediction every Friday and the boys from the Marist Brothers school in Paul Street marched down to join us.

The school choir sang every Sunday at the Masses and Easter had special activities. I was a flower strewer for some years. The nuns had us make white cardboard baskets, they would fill them with fresh rose petals, we would turn up in white dresses and veils and then walk around the aisles of the church, kissing each petal and then dropping it to the ground. We were followed by the priest who was carrying the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance. The whole procedure would be repeated 48 hours later but in the opposite direction. When the Blessed Sacrament was left in Exposition in the church, we would fill in a roster so that someone was there at the time. For special occasions, like a priest's ordination anniversary or similar, we would make a spiritual bouquet. There would be a list of activities - Mass, rosary, small prayers, good deeds, novenas etc and over a couple of weeks we would keep a record of our achievements. The final figures would then be collected, added together and presented to the lucky recipient. We felt we got countless souls into Heaven this way...*to be continued.*



(Holy Cross - 1939)

Fridays with Father

Join us for a light meal, reading of the Passion of the Lord, and Adoration of the Cross.

Friday 4th April
at the Presbytery
at 6:30pm
RSVP by emailing
holycrossbj@gmail.com



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Mass Shedule - Week 31st March - 6th April

Monday: NO MASS Friday: 7:30am
Tuesday: 7:30am Saturday: 9am and 5:30pm
Wednesday: 9:00am Sunday: 9am and 6pm
Thursday: 7:30am

Confession: Saturday 4:45pm-5:30pm

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Holycross Parish Woollahra
Mirko Integlia



Holy Cross
Catholic Church Woollahra

30th March, 2025



Mass Readers Schedule

Saturday – 5:30 PM Mass

First Reading: TBC

Second Reading: Miwa Gentile

Prayers of the Faithful: Yumi Gentile

Sunday – 9:00 AM Mass

First Reading: Francine

Second Reading: Angelina Gomez

Prayers of the Faithful: Stefan Wagiel

Sunday – 6:00 PM Mass

First Reading: Loreta Speranza

Second Reading: TBC

Prayers of the Faithful: TBC

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.’ The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

C: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 102:1-4, 6-8, 11. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**

3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God’s work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men’s faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ’s name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God. **C: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them:

‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”

C. The Gospel of the Lord All. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

GERARD
Fernandes



How many years have you been involved at Holy Cross?

I have always lived close to and in Bondi Junction since moving to Australia in 1986. I started coming to HC when I bought a place close to HC Parish in 2008, but I moved in on 27 March 2009.

So that would make it exactly 16 years. Unfortunately I did not get involved in the Parish until Fr. Don Richardson became Parish Priest when he took a keen interest in elevating Music at HC & formed a Choir. I knew him when I lived in the city and he was at St Mary's Cathedral.

That would have been during his tenure at HC, 2010 to 2016, & left us when he was appointed as Dean of St Mary's Cathedral.

The funniest memory?

Unfortunately, I do not recall many or any funny stories to share as I did not participate in activities apart from the Choir.

What’s your best memory/event that you’ve participated in?

It would have to be singing in the Choir during Fr. Don's time here & singing those wonderful Hymns that elevate the Spirit in four part Harmony SATB.

Who has been the best priest in your opinion?

It would have to be our current recruit Don Mirko Integlia.

I will always regret not having contributed to HC during Fr. Terrence's time here, but I need a bit of encouragement and Fr, Mirko did exactly that. After the Welcome Garden Party I asked Fr. if he needed any help clearing up. He had earlier asked me to join the Choir so he said, "You can help me by agreeing to sing in the Choir"

I was never comfortable singing with a mic in front of me and more so being the only male in the group. Of Course I had to agree.....

I always wanted to read but was self concious of my voice over the mike even though I was asked by Fr. Don Richardson numerous times and even Fr. Terrence asking for Readers.

Last Sunday I was to meet Fr Mirko and just wanted to confirm where. He replied "Church and maybe you can do one reading at the Mass. (Sunday 6:00 PM) Initially I said maybe some other time but thought about it & decided to do it, I am glad I did and that he asked me as it broke down a lot of mental barriers.

The 3 things you would do as a parish priest?

In my Parish of St Patrick's Cathedral before moving to Australia we had a dynamic Parish Priest, Fr. Robert D'Silva. It seems Fr. Mirko is following an exact blueprint of Fr Robbie. So I would follow the same Precepts in my role as a Priest. Through Prayer & example - I saw this in Fr. Mirko's first Homily at HC and every one since. Music as Prayer - Here again using the examples of Fr. Robbie & Fr. Mirko. Create a Cohesive Community Spirit.■

Sunday 30th March, 2025

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: My sisters and brothers, let us pray to the God of mercy and compassion for our needs and those of the world.

Reader: For the Church, the bearer of God's reconciliation in the world.

Lord hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For nations ravaged by war and violence.

Lord hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who serve the poor and hungry.

Lord hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those in need of forgiveness and healing.

Lord hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For a spirit of understanding and generosity in this gathered community.

Lord hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who have died and for those who grieve their loss.

Lord hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: God of all peoples, you hold out your arms to all who seek you. Hear and grant these prayers through your Son, Jesus 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.

BLESSING & A CUPPA

The tradition of blessing homes during Lent and Easter has deep roots in Catholic practice. It is a time for families to invite God's presence into their homes, seeking protection, renewal and spiritual growth.

Please email your interest at holycrossbj@gmail.com or call the parish on 9389 3156



Last week's Collection:

First Collection: \$738.50

Second Collection: \$716.45

Tap & Go 19th- 26th March: \$500

My friends Easter is approaching. The preparation of the holy week carries so many expenses: please help according to your good heart.

Thanks to parisisydney.com for donating figs last weekend.

Pray for the soul of :
Amal John



Pope Francis in his Laetare Sunday vestment

*"If you don't commit yourself against evil
you are like a fig tree with no figs
that needs to be cut down"*



Palm Sunday
12th April (Vigil) 5:30pm

First Reading

Second Reading
JULIA CLARRISE

Prayers of the Faithful

Passion Reader 1

Passion Reader 2
JULIA CLARRISE

Palm Sunday
13th April 9am

First Reading
GERARD FERNANDES

Second Reading
FRANCINE FREITAS

Prayers of the Faithful
ANGELINA GOMEZ

Passion Reader 1
ANGELINA GOMEZ

Passion Reader 2
LORETA SPERANZA

Palm Sunday
13th April 6pm

First Reading

Second Reading

Prayers of the Faithful

Passion Reader 1

Passion Reader 2



The Washing of the Feet
Maundy Thursday, 17th April
7:30pm (Rehearsal at 6:30pm)

Participants:

1. James Corcoran
2. Carlo Di Giulio
3. James Fayne
4. Nick Jeha
5. Daniel Mezzapica
6. Matthew Mezzapica
7. Wendel Pinto Mendes
8. James Rubio
9. Adam Sadler
10. David Wright
11. Juan Paulo Zamora
12.



Good Friday
Stations of the Cross
10:00am (Rehearsal at 9am)

We will journey together through the Stations of the Cross. Thank you to those who have volunteered to carry the cross:

Stations 1-3:
David Wright and family

Stations 4-6:
Maria Rede and Michelle Bellanto

Stations 7-9:
Anthony & Harriet Parisi

Stations 9-11:
Andrew, Christiane, Amadeus
and Monet Ly

Stations 12-14: