

LENT AND HOLY WEEK PROGRAM

≈Palm Sunday Masses≈

+ 9:00am (Begins On Convent Lane)
+ 6:00pm

≈Holy Thursday≈

+ 7:30pm
Mass of the Lord's Supper

+ 8:30pm to Midnight
Personal Adoration and Confessions

≈Good Friday≈

+ 10:00am
Stations of the Cross

+ 3:00pm
Celebration of the Lord's Passion

≈Holy Saturday≈

+ 7:30pm - Easter Vigil Mass

≈Easter Sunday Masses≈

+ 9:00am
+ 11:00am



A Special Procession!

"Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, Why are you untying it?" say, 'The Lord needs it.'" Those who were sent ahead found everything just as Jesus had told them. As they untied the colt, its owners asked, "Why are you untying the colt?" They replied, "The Lord needs it." They brought it to Jesus, placed their cloaks on the colt, and set Him upon it. As He rode along, people spread their cloaks on the road in reverence. (Luke 19:30-36)

Dear friends, this is the story of Palm Sunday. This year, for our Palm Sunday procession, we will have a real donkey—and yes, I will be riding it! (Laughing at me will be a mortal sin!) Bring your children! After the 9am Mass, they will have the chance to take photos with the donkey. It will be a wonderful and memorable way to celebrate together. See you there!



Fridays with Father

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

WHERE: PRESBYTERY
TIME: 6:30 PM
Please email the parish if you are attending on the 14th March

DATES:
7th March
14th March
28th March
4th April
11th April

Holy Cross Woollahra

Fr Mirko Integlia
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Parish Secretary

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Parish Pet

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Mass Shedule - Week 17th - 23rd March

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

SOCIAL MEDIA - CURRENT NEWS & UPDATES

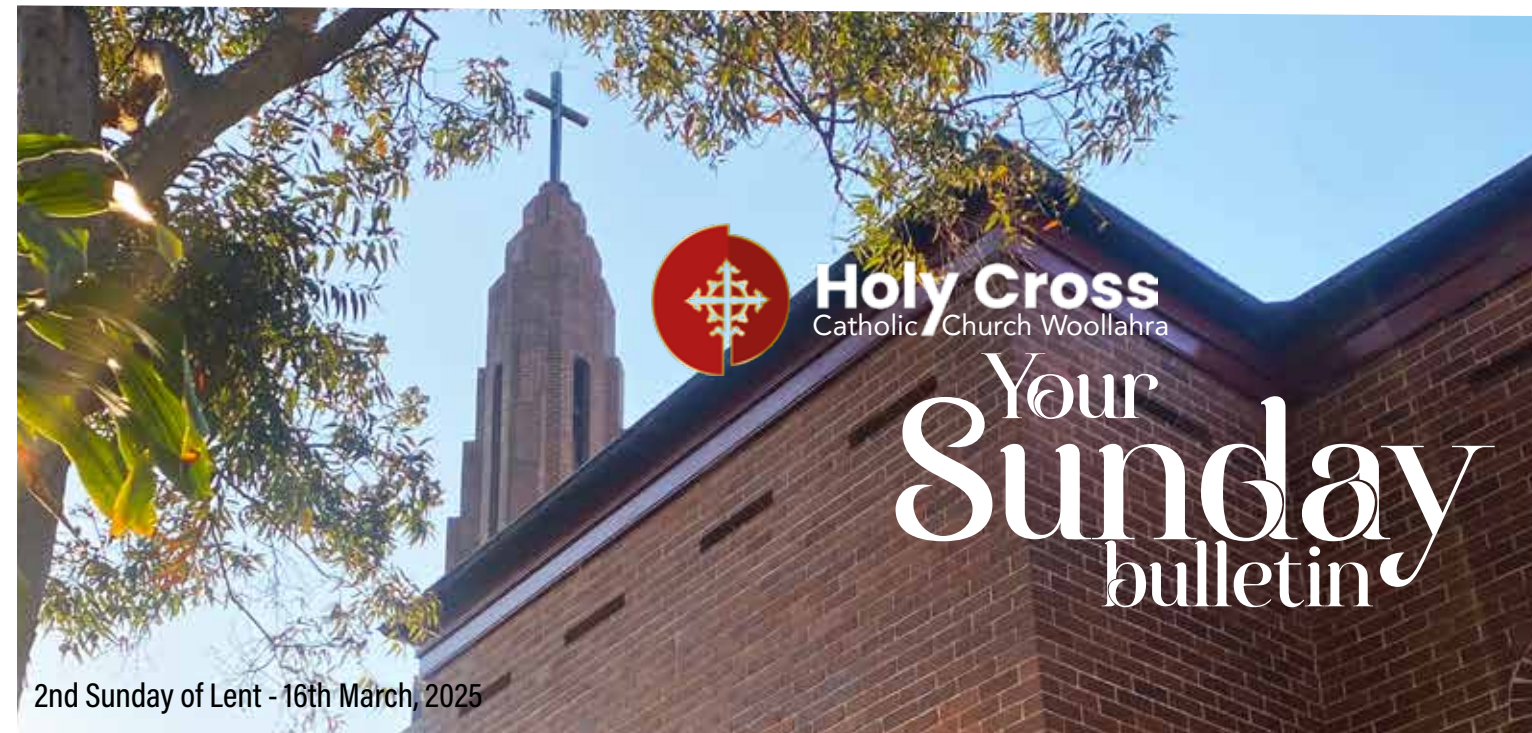
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Holycross Parish Woollahra
Mirko Integlia



FOR URGENT MATTERS'

If you need to speak to me urgently please text me on ☎ 0466 481 492



2nd Sunday of Lent - 16th March, 2025

I SAW A MAN IN NORTH SYDNEY; HE WAS TRANSFIGURED

The story of the Transfiguration is a beautiful one. You may tell it to your children or grandchildren before bed, and then let's go back to real life, which seems to have nothing to do with these stories.

We do not normally witness transfiguration in our daily lives. This is what one may reasonably think after reading this Gospel. Are you sure of that?

One day, I was heading to the University in North Sydney, and as soon as I left the train station, I noticed a young homeless girl sitting along the street.

What surprised me most was that beside her sat a man, sharing his lunch with her.

He was a classy man, dressed in a beautiful suit—clearly a businessman from one of those towers in North Sydney. I had to stop because I was enraptured by the radiance of his face. Yes, he was transfigured.

And I think I know why... He did not care about the crowd during lunchtime. He did not care about his colleagues who might have seen him. This was his moment—a moment of beauty and freedom, away from the stress that, I imagine, fills his life. This is what happened to Jesus. This is what happened to this man. And this is what can happen to any human being—when the limits of our ordinary life are crossed, revealing our inner and divine beauty. Fr Mirko



One Step Forward

Jacob and his family went to the cathedral last Sunday for the Rite of Election.

This special ceremony is for catechumens, which means people who are learning about the Catholic faith but have not yet been baptized. The Rite of Election is an important step in their journey to becoming full members of the Church. It happens every year on the First Sunday of Lent and prepares them to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation at Easter.

With the support of their RCIA coordinators, Daniele, (who help guide them in their faith journey), our catechumens were introduced to the Bishop as a sign that they are ready to take this next step toward joining the Catholic Church.

Mass Readers Schedule

Saturday – 5:30 PM Mass
First Reading: Philip Au
Second Reading: Miwa Gentile
Prayers of the Faithful:

Sunday – 9:00 AM Mass

First Reading: Stefan Wagiel
Second Reading: Julia Clarrise
Prayers of the Faithful: Angelina Gomez

Sunday – 6:00 PM Mass

First Reading: TBC
Second Reading: TBC
Prayers of the Faithful: TBC

LITURGY OF THE WORD
FIRST READING

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, ‘Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants’ he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. ‘I am the Lord’ he said to him ‘who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.’ ‘My Lord, the Lord’ Abram replied, ‘how am I to know that I shall inherit it?’ He said to him, ‘Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.’ He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: ‘To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.’

C: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. The Lord is my light and my help: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink?. (R.)

2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: ‘Seek his face.’ (R.)

3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. (R.)

4. I am sure I shall see the Lord’s goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! (R.)

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, ‘This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.’ And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

C: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, o Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: God’s covenant has been revealed through the ages. Let us turn to him in faith and ask for our needs.

Reader: That the Church will be transformed by the power of Christ.

We seek your face:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That leaders and governments listen attentively to those they serve

We seek your face: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who suffer in this life will find comfort in the glorified Christ.

We seek your face:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL cont.

Reader: That those gathered here will always make time to be in the presence of God.

We seek your face:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will meet the transfigured Christ, including N.

We seek your face:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Faithful God, you reveal yourself to those who seek you with sincere hearts. Help us listen to your Son so that we may have a share in Christ’s transfigured glory. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

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.

Pray for the soul of :
Rocco Angilletta
Salvatore & Immacolata Callà
Lita Dimatatac
Tony Panebianco



Last week's Collection:

First Collection: \$573.60

Ash Wednesday: \$128.70

Second Collection:\$659.05

Tap & Go: \$385.00

(5th, Wednesday -11th March, Tuesday)