



(Holy Cross - 1939)

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

Monsignor Collender was the Parish Priest - a frail, elderly, gentle man who celebrated the diamond jubilee of his ordination which was marked by a concert involving the school children. His curates were Fr Flanagan, Fr Murphy and Fr McSweeney, another Irishman who had a hole in the brim of his hat and told the kids it was to allow the rain to run through.

Fr Flanagan had a dog called Peggy. She was old and had ginger fur. On one side of her body there was a hairless patch in the shape of a footprint, and she was a parish favourite. Fr Flanagan baptised my only sibling, Maurice, in 1942. When I went to high school at St Mary's Cathedral, there was Fr Flanagan on Cardinal Gilroy's staff but alas no Peggy.

As a child, I thought the building was remarkable. While I was at the parochial school, beige marble sheets were installed on the back wall to highlight the altar. There were two black columns at each side of the sanctuary with side altars to Our Lady and the Sacred Heart. Much polishing by the nuns and parishioners ensured the altar rails and pulpit structure were always shining. The four Confessional boxes were always busy, and the choir loft was guarded by a wrought iron gate. We were encouraged to make regular visits to the Blessed Sacrament and pray the Stations of the Cross as often as possible....to be continued.



## A Special Procession!

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 28th March*  
holycrossbj@gmail.com

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

## Holy Cross Woollahra

**Fr Mirko Integlia**  
Administrator

**Samson**  
Parish Pet

**Mrs Aparna John**  
Parish Secretary

**Mr Joe Scicluna**  
Parish Safeguarding Officer

### Parish Office Hours

Tuesday, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9am - 4pm

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### Mass Shedule - Week 24th - 30th 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

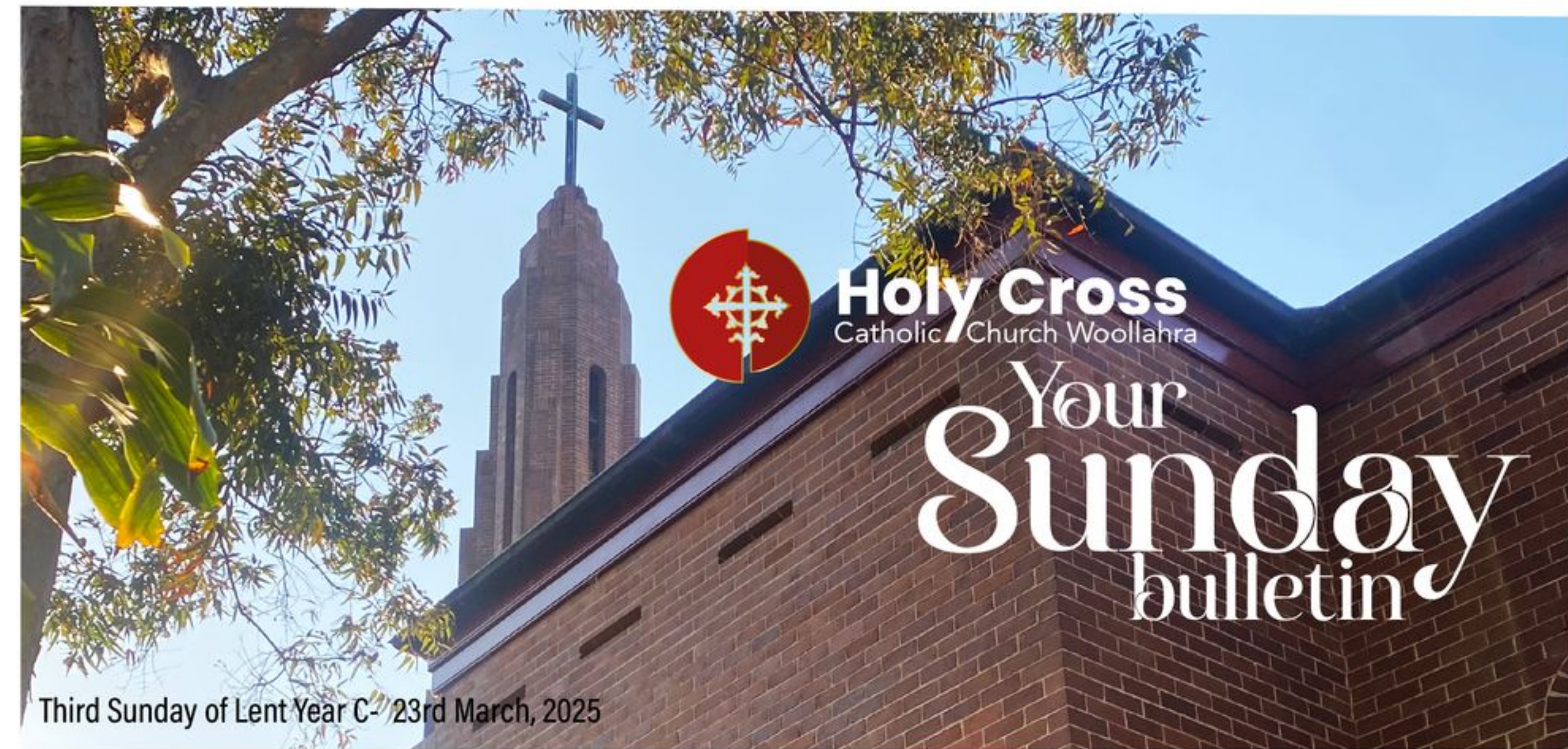
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**Holycross Parish Woollahra**  
**Mirko Integlia**



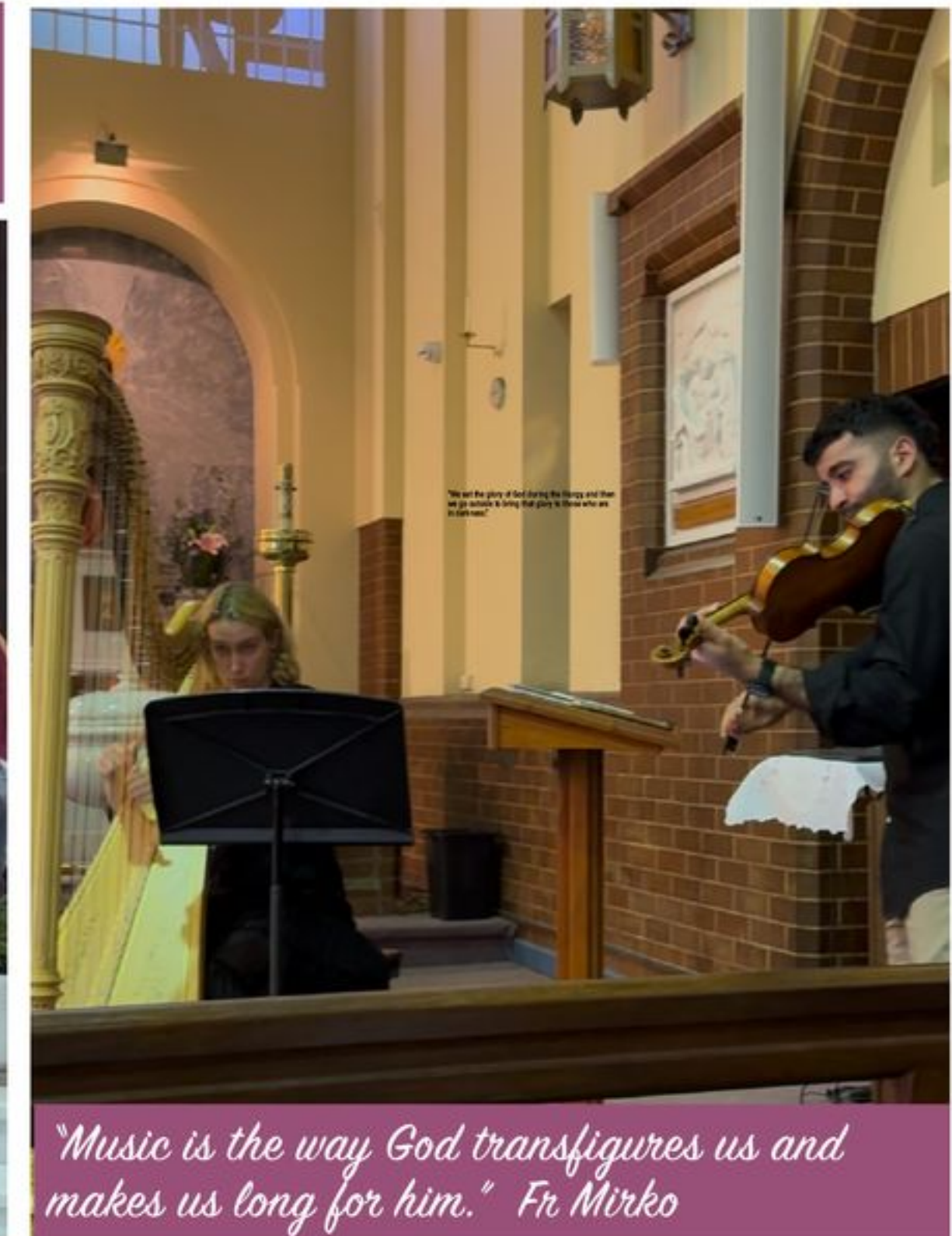
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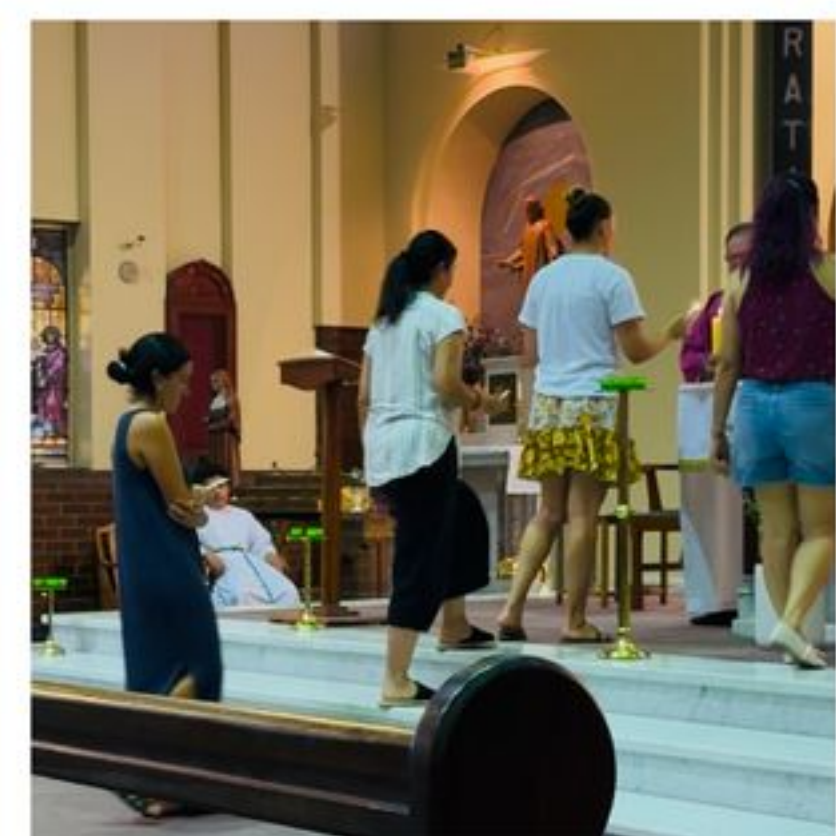


Third Sunday of Lent Year C - 23rd March, 2025

*"We eat the glory of God during the liturgy, and then we go outside to bring that glory to those who are in darkness." Fr Mirko*



*"Music is the way God transfigures us and makes us long for him." Fr Mirko*





## Third Sunday of Lent Year C

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### Mass Readers Schedule

Saturday – 5:30 PM Mass  
First Reading: Ian Ribello  
Second Reading: Miwa Gentile  
Prayers of the Faithful: Yumi Gentile

Sunday – 9:00 AM Mass  
First Reading: Julia Clarrise  
Second Reading: Angelina Gomez  
Prayers of the Faithful: Francine

Sunday – 6:00 PM Mass  
First Reading: Loreta Speranza  
Second Reading: TBC  
Prayers of the Faithful: TBC

### LITURGY OF THE WORD FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

A reading from the book of Exodus

*This is what you must say to the children of Israel: I Am has sent me to you.*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

**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. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

3. The Lord does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. **(R.)**

4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*All this that happened to the people of Moses in the desert was written for our benefit.*

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Matthew 4:17

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**GOSPEL** Luke 13:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Unless you repent you will all perish as they did.*

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on

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**GOSPEL (cont.)**

whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

**C: The Gospel of the Lord**

**All: Praise to you, o Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Priest: In this time of preparation we are called to holiness. Let us bring our prayer before the God of all.**

**Reader:** That the Church will be a vigorous sign of God's presence in the world.

In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That governments and those in authority will show respect for human life

In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who encounter loss or failure will find encouragement, support and other opportunities.

In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who receive the Sacraments this Easter will be ready to serve the Lord.

In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That we will seek God with a sincere heart and be truly repentant for our sins.

In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Priest: God of glory, you have called us all to enter into your holy place. Hear these prayers we place before you and help us to walk the sacred path to Easter. We ask this through 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.

If you'd like me to visit please schedule a time using the QR code below.



Sydney Catholic School Week



**Holy Cross**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL WOOLLAHRA

**OPEN DAYS**

Wednesday 2 April 9.15-10.30am

Friday 16 May 9.15-10.30am

Thursday 22 May 9.15-10.30am

Wednesday 2 April 9.15-10.30am

REGISTER HERE



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School Enrolments 2026  
Enrolment applications are now open for Kinder 2026  
at Holy Cross via this link  
<https://sydcatholicsschools.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/enrol-now>

**Best wishes to Master Adrian Anthony for his first birthday**

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Last week's Collection:

**First Collection: \$773.10**

**Second Collection: \$707.90**

**Tap & Go Weds 12th- Tues 18th March: \$545.00**