

CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF Mary



If you are able to host the Statue of Mary and a Rosary prayer at your house or in your garden at 6:30PM, on one of the Fridays in May

- ☐ Friday 9th May
- ☐ Friday 23rd May
- ☐ Friday 16th May
- ☐ Friday 30th May



please let me know. It would be a lovely way to bring prayer into our homes and honour Mary together with other parishioners.



Women's group

The next meeting of the women's group will be on 30th April Wednesday from 8.30 am in the Holy Cross Parish Community Centre. All women are welcome to come along for some food, drinks, friendship and reflection.



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CHILDREN'S LITURGY

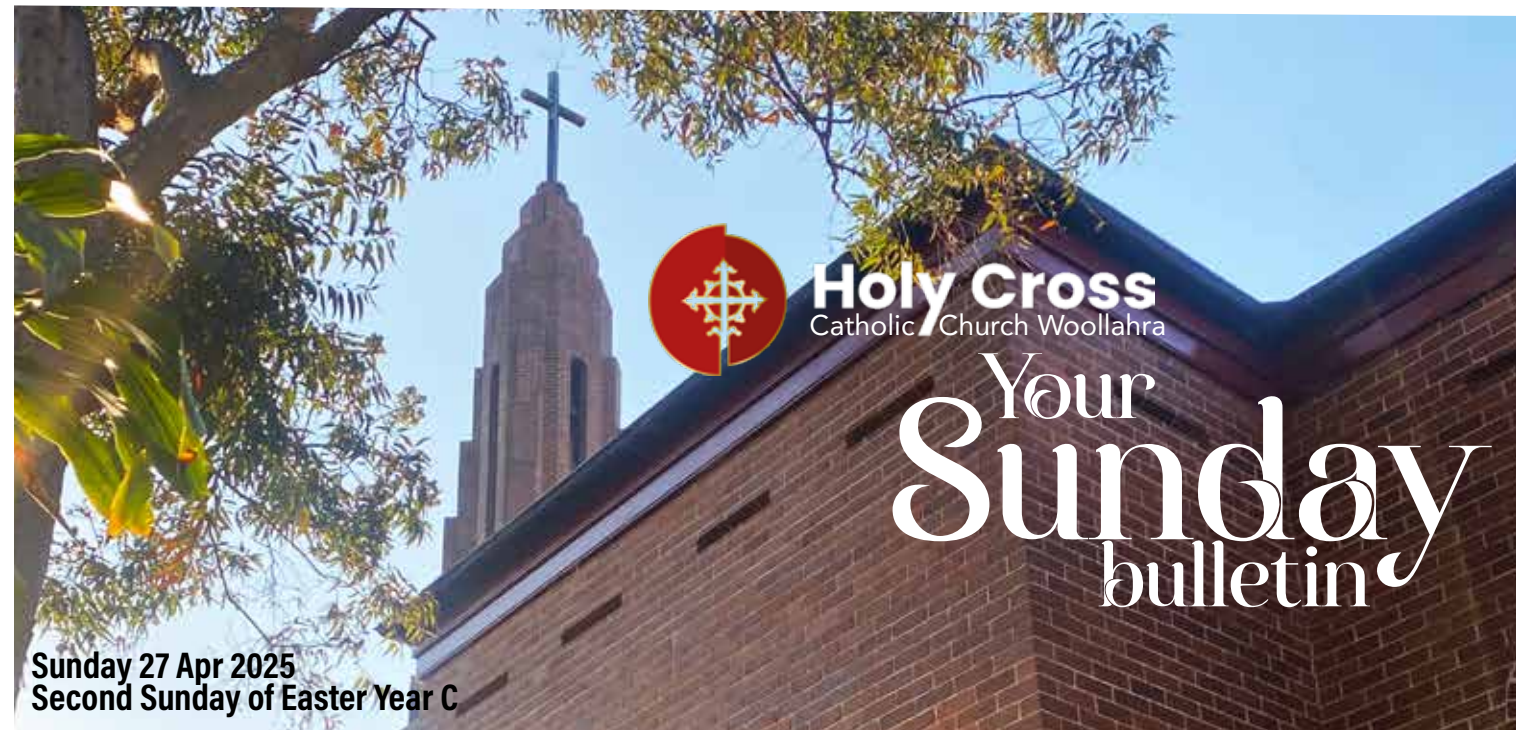
FIRST SATURDAY OF
EACH MONTH
5:30 PM VIGIL MASS

A parish volunteer will run a separate Liturgy of the Word for children in the Parish Community Centre. This involves the Gospel reading and a craft activity. Children will leave Mass after the greeting and return for the Offertory Procession.

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Commencing
3 May at
5:30 pm



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Your Sunday bulletin

Sunday 27 Apr 2025
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Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation for children in year 5 and above will be celebrated in Holy Cross Catholic Church on Tuesday, 10th June 2025 at 7pm by Bishop Richard Umbers.

The parent information meeting will be held in the Holy Cross Community Centre, Adelaide Street, Woollahra on Tuesday, 6th May at 6:30pm.

Preparation classes for children & accompanying parent, not attending Holy Cross School, will be on **Saturdays, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st May, at 4.30pm-5.20pm in Holy Cross Community Centre.**



For more information please contact Shirley Bond on 9130 5760.

Pilgrimage at shrine of our lady of mercy - PENROSE PARK

I would like to organise a little pilgrimage at the end of May to honour the Mother of Jesus. The date will be **Saturday 7th June**. If you think you might like to come, please just write your name on the sheet at the back of the church. It's only to get an idea of numbers — writing your name does not mean you are making a commitment.



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Mass Shedule - Week 28th April - 4th May

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

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



Thankyou

My beloved parishioners, without a doubt, this 2025 Holy Week has been the most beautiful of my life.

Thank you all for your incredible support – support you showed through your presence, your appreciation, and your words of encouragement.

Thank you for every single dollar you donated to the parish, which will come back to you through the projects I have in mind for the future.

A special thank you to the singers, the instrumentalists, the readers, the altar servers (Anthony, Nick, Dean and Luca) and our wonderful sacristans (Maria and Michelle).

Thank you also to Gerard, who filled the whole parish with excitement through the Easter Egg raffle!

Thanks to the families who led the Stations of the Cross, making it so beautiful.

Thank you to all those have help at the end of the mass with collections and other services.

I would also like to thank, in a special way, those who have hurt me and jeopardise the unity of this community.

You helped me find, in the Lord and in the goodness in the vast majority of our parishioners, the strength to react and to carry this Holy Week through to the end.

SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY 15TH JUNE, 2025

And now, please grab your calendar because I need to invite you to the event of the year!
On June 16th, I will be turning 50 (what a shock!), and I would love to invite you to a lunch on June 15th.

It will be a wonderful chance to celebrate our community, spend time together, and feel even closer.

I really hope you can make it – it will be a beautiful moment of joy for all of us. I'll send you more details in the coming weeks, but for now, please save the date!

Father Mirko turns 50!

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Mass Readers Schedule

Saturday – 5:30 PM Mass

First Reading: Bevelene Frayne
Second Reading: Gerard Fernandes
Prayers of the Faithful: Julia Clarrise

Sunday – 9:00 AM Mass

First Reading: Angelina Gomez
Second Reading: Maria Rede
Prayers of the Faithful: Stefan Wagiel

Sunday – 6:00 PM Mass

First Reading: Loreta Speranza
Second Reading: Nick Jeha
Prayers of the Faithful: Dean Messina

LITURGY OF THE WORD
FIRST READING

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1
(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

- 1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
- 2. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.(R.)
- 3. O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. (R.)

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:8-14
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse
I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle. When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.
In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'
Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again

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GOSPEL cont.
and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name. C: The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, o Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
Priest: God calls us to respond in faith to the risen Lord. Let us bring our needs and those of the world before the God of all.

Reader: We remember Pope Francis, witness to the light. After his example, let us pray that we will shine the light of justice and peace in a violent and broken world. In your mercy: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For peace on earth, that nations will put aside division and hate and seek peace.
In your mercy: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who do not believe, that their doubt will turn to faith.
In your mercy: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For this community, that we always place our trust in the risen Lord and bear witness to our faith. In your mercy: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: For those who have died that they will live forever with the risen Christ.
In your mercy: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Lord God, you breathe your Spirit on your people and strengthen the hearts of believers. Hear our prayers which we make in the name of Christ Jesus, who is Lord for ever. All: Amen.

Collections Holy Week
First Collection \$3,389.2
Second Collection \$1,227.75
Tap&Go \$2,358.55
Holy Land \$1,231.05
Easter Egg Raffle \$2,045
Total \$10,251.6

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