

# 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



## 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**  
Administrator

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Parish Secretary

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### Mass Shedule - Week 10th - 16th 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

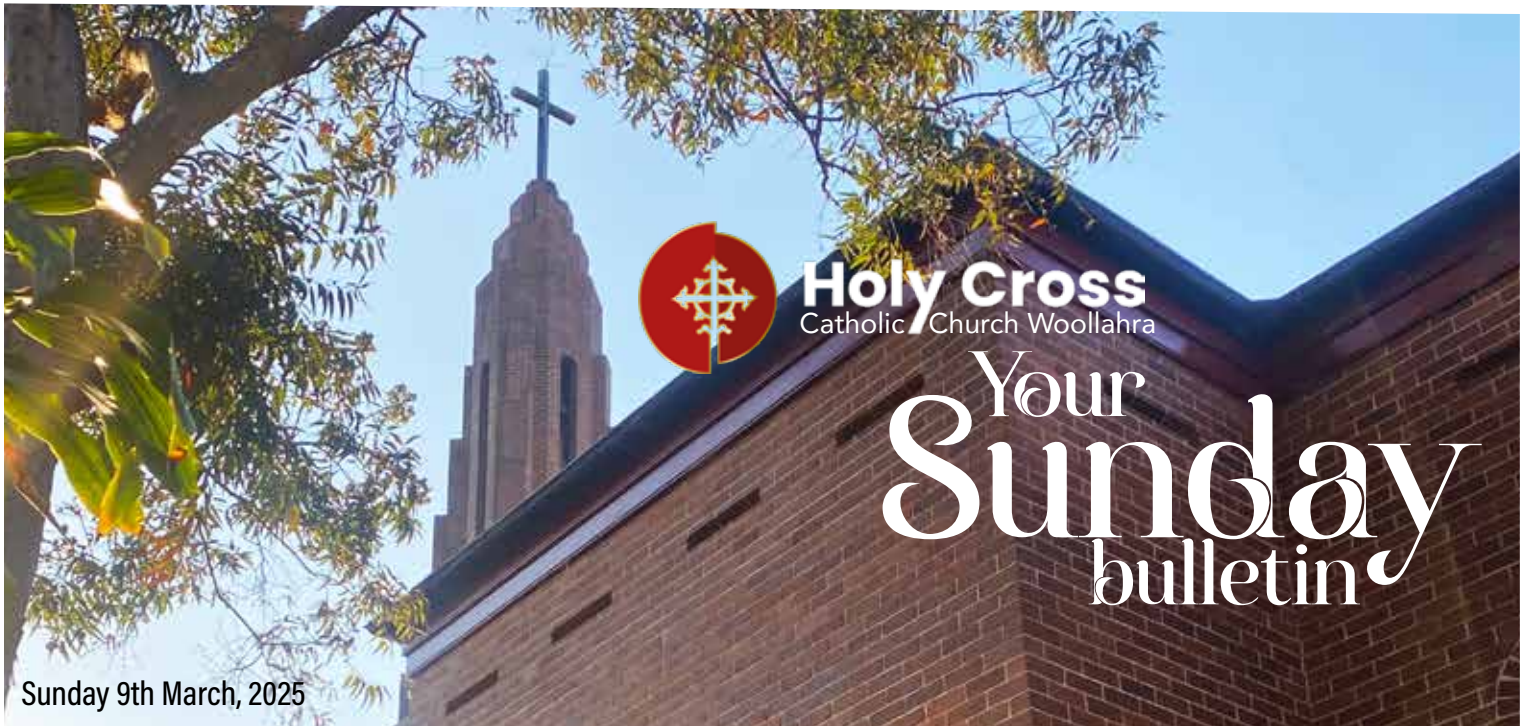
Follow the parish or my personal pages on facebook & instagram for current news and updates

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



### FOR URGENT MATTERS'

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



**Holy Cross**  
Catholic Church Woollahra

# Your Sunday bulletin

Sunday 9th March, 2025

OUR Wonderful COMMUNITY on Shrove Tuesday

*"Thank you to the parishioners, families, and young people who took part, and to those who generously donated food. Your presence brings warmth and hope to our community."*





MASS READERS SCHEDULE

**Saturday – 5:30 PM Mass**  
*First Reading: TBC*  
*Second Reading: Joanne Nizzari*  
*Prayers of the Faithful: Miwa Gentile*

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

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
FIRST READING

*Deuteronomy 26:4-10*  
  
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy  
  
*The confession of faith of the elect.*

Moses said to the people: ‘The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:  
“My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me.” You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.’  
**C: The word of the Lord.**  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**  
*Ps 90:1-2, 10-15. R. v.15*  
**(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

- 1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: ‘My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!’ **(R.)**
- 2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **(R.)**
- 3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **(R.)**
- 4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: ‘I am with you.’ I will save him in distress and give him glory. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING**  
*Romans 10:8-13*  
  
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
  
*The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.*

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.  
**C: The word of the Lord.**  
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Stories Behind Faces - get to know our parishioners

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**How many years have you been involved at Holy Cross?**  
  
We joined the parish in around 2017, so about 8 years or so.

**The funniest memory?**  
  
The funniest memory was when the Holy Cross men's group had a working bee to paint the walls and ceilings of the community centre downstairs and one of the guys put his foot right in the big bucket of paint! He was fine, but his shoe was gone!

**What's your best memory/event that you've participated in?**  
  
I love our 24-hour adoration and I usually try to do the 3.30am - 4.30am slot. There is something quite special about spending time with Our Lord in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the middle of the night.

**Who has been the best priest in your opinion?**  
  
All of our priests have been wonderful and each has brought his own charism and gifts and made things better for the parish.

**What's does it mean for you to be a Christian father and Husband?**  
  
It means to strive to try to model Christ in all I do; to try to practice the virtues and set a good example.

**The 3 things you would do as a parish priest?**  
  
I think Fr Mirko (and Fr Terrence before him) is doing a wonderful job.

**My 3 priority areas would be:**  
1. Prayer;  
2. Doctrinal formation; and  
3. Social and community activities





## 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!

## A FRIENDLY MESSAGE FROM YOUR PARISH BULLETIN

Hello, dear friends! It's me – your Parish Bulletin! I'm here with you every week, bringing all the important news and updates you need. I do my best to look better each time, adding new stories and a splash of color to brighten your day. I have a small request: Please don't throw me in the bin – it hurts my feelings (and my back is getting a little sore)! Perhaps you could take me home and give me a cozy spot on your table, or simply leave me here for someone else to read. Thank you so much!



With love,  
Your Parish Bulletin ❤️

## 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

Last week's Collection:  
**First Collection: \$695.75    Second Collection: \$702**

A heartfelt thank you to the generous family of friends who donated flowers, enhancing the beauty of our church for the first week of Lent.



Sunday 9 March, 2025

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:4

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

## GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

**C: The Gospel of the Lord**

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

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Priest: As we begin these forty days let us reflect on what we need.**

**Reader:** That the Church be faithful through prayer, fasting and almsgiving in this time of preparation for Easter. In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That nations care for those who must face the wilderness of poverty and homelessness. In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who are preparing for baptism, especially Jacob and his family, may persevere in their desire to enter the waters of rebirth. In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those who are tempted by evil will experience victory over temptation. In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** That those gathered here today will follow Christ and serve him alone. In your mercy: **All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Priest: Lord our God, we confess on our lips that Jesus is Lord. Hear our prayers that we may serve you more faithfully. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord.**

## 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 :**  
**TONY PANEBIANCO**





**FRIDAY NIGHTS WITH FR. MIRKO**

*'It is time to walk barefoot before the Lord, to bow in humility and open our hearts, for a greater self is drawing near, a gift of renewal, born from Easter's light'*

