



Holy Cross
Catholic Church Woollahra

Sunday 29 June 2025
Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

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Mass Schedule - Week 22nd June - 28th June

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



Mass Readers Schedule

Saturday – 5:30 PM Mass

First Reading: Philip Au

Second Reading: Rosemary Tan

Prayers of the Faithful: Rosemary Tan

Sunday – 9:00 AM Mass

First Reading: Stefan Wagiel

Second Reading: Gabriel Coopes-Allen (Yr6 student)

Prayers of the Faithful: Angelina Gomez

Sunday – 6:00 PM Mass

First Reading: Loreta Speranza

Second Reading: Miwa Gentile

Prayers of the Faithful: Yumi Gentile

FIRST READING Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Thensuddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. ‘Get up!’ he said ‘Hurry!’ – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, ‘Put on your belt and sandals.’ After he had done this, the angel next said, ‘Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.’ Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city.

This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. ‘Now I know it is all true,’ he said. ‘The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.’

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5

(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

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 his from all his distress. (R.)

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, and I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he said, ‘who do you say I am?’

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GOSPEL cont.

Then Simon Peter spoke up, ‘You are the Christ,’ he said, ‘the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.’

C: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, o Lord Jesus Christ

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

Priest: Brothers and sisters, the Lord rescues those in distress. Let us seek the Lord, for he answers those who call his name.

Reader: That the Universal Church will reach out to peoples of every nation, race and culture. (pause) In faith we pray: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations who unjustly imprison for political gain will respect the rights of all. (pause) In faith we pray: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who feel helpless and abandoned will know that God will never desert them. (pause) In faith we pray: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That men and women will have the courage to speak out against evil in our community. (pause) In faith we pray: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That the sick and those who are nearing the end of their lives will face their suffering with serenity. (pause) In faith we pray: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this community, inheritors of the faith of Peter and Paul, will bear witness to Christ, the Son of the living God in our daily lives. (pause) In faith we pray: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will live with Christ who has broken the chains of death. (pause) In faith we pray: All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: God of all peoples, since the witness of Peter and Paul, generations have responded to your call. Hear our prayers and strengthen us that we may boldly serve you by our words and deeds. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. All: Amen.



Holy Cross Children’s Choir

Now Accepting Expressions of Interest!

Do you know a child who loves to sing?

We are inviting students from Years 4 to 12 to join the Holy Cross Children’s Choir.

What we offer:

- ✓ High-level musical training
- ✓ An annual scholarship
- ✓ A supportive and inspiring environment

What we ask:

- ✓ A weekly commitment of 3 hours:
- ✓ 2 hours of choir training
- ✓ 1 hour singing at the 9 am Sunday Mass (After the initial training).

Join us in nurturing talent, building confidence, and sharing the gift of music with our parish!

For expressions of interest and more information,

Please Contact mirko.integlia@icloud.com



Sunday after 9am Mass Join us for a cuppa and a chat in the Parish Community Centre after Sunday 9am Mass. Meet your fellow parishioners and make friends!

SAVE THE DATE



Holy Cross Feast

13 & 14 September 2025

Dear Parishioners, Families, and Children, What we experienced together on 16 June was only a glimpse of the joy to come! Please mark your calendars for the Holy Cross Feast on the 13 & 14 September 2025 – it promises to be a truly unforgettable celebration. We can’t wait to see you there!

First Collection: \$710.65 Second Collection: \$775.50 Tap & Go: 19th-25th June: \$470.01

PLANNED GIVING - Parishioners who are supporting our Parish through weekly planned giving can collect their envelopes for next financial year from the table at the back of the church. We sincerely thank you for your generous and ongoing support. If you are not yet part of the Planned Giving Program, we warmly invite you to consider joining. Your contribution helps us maintain our parish facilities and meet essential expenses, and in return, you may receive a 30% tax deduction. To get started, please email the parish office for a credit card authorisation form or to request weekly envelopes.