



NOVENA

Each day, during Mass, we will pray the Novena of the Cross in preparation for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross.

This will also include Monday, with Mass at 9:00 am.



HOLYCROSS WOOLLAHRA

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Holy Cross
Catholic Church Woollahra

SUNDAY 07 SEP 2025

Canonization of Blessed *Carlo Acutis*



PROGRAM HOLY CROSS FESTIVAL

Saturday 13 September — Holy Cross Parish

5:30 PM – Solemn Vigil Mass

6:30 PM – Outdoor Way of the Cross (Westfield perimeter)

Sunday 14 September — Holy Cross Parish

9:00 AM – Solemn Mass of the Exaltation of the Cross

Presided by **Rev. Fr Sam Lynch**, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Sydney

✨ **Includes the Unveiling of the Statue of Saint Carlo Acutis** ✨

Followed by Parish Breakfast

11:30 AM – 4:00 PM — HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

✨ **FOOD • FUN • FAMILY!** ✨

🍔 **BBQ** • 🍕 **Pizza** • 🍦 **Ice Cream** • 🍹 **Free Drinks** • 🎡 **Kids' Activities** • 🎵 **Live Entertainment**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

06 Sep Vigil 530pm	Wilfred pangan	Bevelene Frayne	Pip / Zoe (HC student)
07 Sep (Sun) 9am	Loreta Speranza	Rosemary Tan	Tristan Francis
07 Sep (Sun) 6pm	Gabriel Coopes-Allan (Yr 6)		Ver Giray

First Reading

Wisdom 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord?

The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

R. The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

Second Reading

Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

R. The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

P. The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Priest: Let us lift up our hearts in prayer to God who is our refuge and our strength.

Reader: That the Church will be filled with the wisdom of the Spirit and discern what the Lord intends. **In your wisdom:**
All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That nations ravaged by violence and oppression will enter a new era of peace and prosperity. **In your wisdom:**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who bear the cross of Christ through sickness of mind or body will have their burden lightened. **In your wisdom:**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those obsessed by greed and power will come to know the transitory nature of their goals through an openness to the Spirit. In your wisdom:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That this community, in these times of wide-ranging choices, knows the priorities of discipleship.

In your wisdom:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: That those who have died will rejoice in the Lord all their days. **In your wisdom:**

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: God of every age, through your Spirit of Wisdom you guide our steps on the paths of holiness. Help us to set our priorities and remain faithful to your gospel. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Collection Last week

First Collection:

\$726.70

Second Collection: \$

716.35

Tap & Go, 28th August

- 3rd September:

\$585.00

