

creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
A sower went out to sow.**

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.



He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,

their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Wis 12: 13, 16-19;

Rom 8: 26-27;

Mt 13: 24-43.

Catholic Weekly is on sale

- **Where it's dangerous to believe**
- **Jane Austen at 200**
- **Headed your way: Camelot, the musical**
- **Baby Charlie Gard: Simcha Fisher and Monica Doumit**
- **Mustard Seed opens**
- **Genesians stage Emma**
- **Fun with Faith – Kids page – P26**



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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 9:30 am.
MONDAY:	No Mass.
TUESDAY:	8am Mass.
WEDNESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
	Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION	Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11am or 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

**15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)
15th / 16th July 2017**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The rain makes the earth give growth.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 64:10-14

RESPONSE: The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.

Response.

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth.

Response.

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

Response.

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat, They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

Response.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-23

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
*All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.***

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only

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THIS WEEKEND 15 / 16 JULY 2017 15 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 9.30AM
Acolyte	D D'MELLO	D ELLIS	J RAPER (M&C)
Minister of HC	J KEYSER	K PERERA (M&H)	P CRONIN
Minister of HC	B CLARK	S DIMICHIEL	VOLUNTEER
Reader	T DABBAH	M PEARCE / S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ
Wardens	L SEETO	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEERS
Projection	A PLEADIN		No Music
Altar Servers	GROUP 3: FELIX WATSON, MATTIA BARGONE & JAKE ARICO	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 7: SUCCAR FAMILY
Welcomers	A CHAN		D BRENNAN
Counters	Group 1: B. CLARK	A. STANTON	P BRODERICK
Altar Flowers	A NAGANATHAN	JULY ALTAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE	
NEXT WEEKEND 22 / 23 JULY 2017 16 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 9.30AM
Acolyte	J RAPER	A BOURONCLE (M&H)	K GLEESON
Minister of HC	J KEYSER	K PERERA	P CRONIN
Minister of HC	B CLARK	J PERERA	J MORABITO
Reader	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	E WHEELER
Wardens	P BURGE	S WAN	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEERS
Projection	V PERERA		B WIDJAYA
Altar Servers	GROUP 4: HANNAH ARTHURS, SONIA AU, NICHELLE PARAKELEM	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 8: ELIE BARAZ, VINCENT WIDJAYA
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		D BRENNAN
Counters	Group 2: L SEETO	T DABBAH	C DABBAH
Altar Flowers	P LUBRANO / M PEARCE	JULY ALTAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers

Recently deceased: Sergio Cugola, Angelina Lampasona and Sam Gerardis.
Pray also for the souls of: Ursula Keast and Marie Santamaria

Applications for Confirmation

Please come & collect an application for your child's Confirmation from Fr Roberto after any of the Masses. This form needs to be completed & returned to the presbytery ASAP.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that the Parent Information Evening will be held THIS Wednesday 19th July at 7.30 in the School Hall. PARENTS ONLY!



Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes Meeting

We will be having an important meeting for all current ministers on the 27th July at 7.30pm in the presbytery meeting room. Please come along!

We also ask for those who have indicated they would like to become a new minister to come too.



Attention All Catechists!

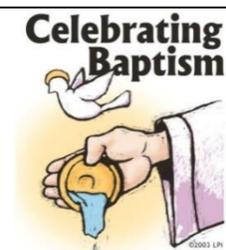
A reminder to our catechists that school resumes this week and so do our catechism classes at Denistone East Public School.

Please also take note that our next CATECHIST MEETING will be after class NEXT Tuesday the 25th July at 10.45am.



Baptisms this weekend

This Sunday we will welcome into our faith community Hana and Sumire Leung. We congratulate their parents Jeremy and Yasuka and their families.



Catholic Mission Appeal NEXT Weekend.

By supporting the Catholic Mission Church Appeal you are helping missionaries to give life and a new future to communities throughout the world. **Please be generous and help those less fortunate especially in countries where there is persecution and discrimination, which is growing at an alarming rate. Please use the envelopes provided to make your donation.**



Are you interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

If you are a regular parishioner and want to become an Extraordinary Minister then please look for the registration form on the table at the front of the Church. The nearest course is at St Ambrose Catholic Primary School, Concord West during July and August 2017. Also speak with Fr Roberto. This ministry sometimes involves visiting the sick at Nursing Homes and Hospitals; so please let us know if you wish to take on this too.



For more information, see our website www.acyf.org.au

Children's Mass colouring worksheets

Parents, don't forget that we have some activity pages that relate to the Gospel of the week for children from pre-school to 7 years of age; as we would like older children to participate more fully at Mass.



Please feel free to take a page and some textas at the beginning of Mass and help your children to start the activity.

Holy Father's Appeal

Many thanks to all those who donated to this worthy cause. Pope Francis will ensure that your donations get to those who most need it! We collected \$1,655.20.

Liturgy point – Sacred Silence during Mass

As part of the celebration, Sacred Silence is observed at designated times throughout Mass. Its nature, however, depends on the moment when it occurs in the different parts of the celebration.

- For in the Penitential Act and again after the invitation to pray, individuals recollect themselves;
- Whereas after a reading or after the homily, all mediate briefly on what they have heard;
- Then after Communion, they praise God in their hearts and pray to him.

Even before the Mass begins, it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed....so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner. *(from Ordo 2017)*

OTHER NOTICES:

OUR LADY OF TERZITO: The 86th anniversary of Our Lady of Terzito will be celebrated at Our Lady Queen of Peace, Gladesville (cnr Victoria & Westminster Roads) with Mass at 1.30pm on Sunday 23 July, in OLPQ church followed by a procession in the street. The feast day will be preceded by a triduum in the church with Mass at 7.15pm including the Rosary on Thursday 20, Friday 21 and Saturday 22 July. Everyone is most welcome.

POSITIONS VACANT - EXECUTIVE OFFICER, DOMINICAN EDUCATION AUSTRALIA LTD. Permanent full time position at Strathfield, Sydney. For further details please visit www.catholicjobsonline.com.au or call Anthony Spata, REACH Human Resources, on [0402 210 055](tel:0402210055)

2018 – FAMILY EDUCATORS: Applications are invited for the position of Family Educators in 24 systemic Catholic primary schools across the Archdiocese of Sydney. Go to <https://sydcatholicschools.nsw.edu.au> then click on Employment and Positions Vacant to see locations.