SECOND READING: **Romans 11:33-36**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Matthew 16:18**

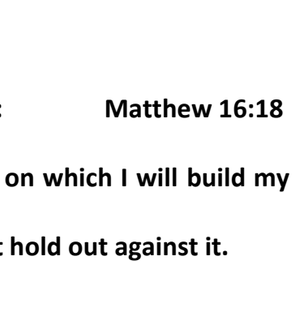
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: **Matthew 16:13-20**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are Peter, to you I will give 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?' 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.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Jer 20: 7-9;
Rom 12: 1-2;
Mt 16: 21-27.

Act now to defend Marriage

A change in the marriage law has consequences for all Australians, and particularly for people of faith. It is crucial that you have your say. Visit www.coalitionformarriage.com.au for more information, to volunteer or to donate.

Vote **NO** to keep marriage a unique relationship between a woman and a man.

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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.

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)
26th / 27th August 2017

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

FIRST READING: **Isaiah 22:19-23**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8**

RESPONSE: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you,
I will adore before your holy temple. **Response.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **Response.**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **Response.**

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THIS WEEKEND 26 /27 AUG 2017 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 9.30AM
Acolyte	D D'MELLO	D ELLIS (M&H)	J RAPER (M&C)
Minister of HC	J KEYSER	J KWONG	K PERERA
Minister of HC	VOLUNTEER	S DIMICHIEL	K GLEESON
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 7: P TREACY S DIMICHIEL M PEARCE		
Altar Flowers	P LUBRANO / M PEARCE	**AUGUST ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC**	

NEXT WEEKEND 2 / 3 SEPT 2017 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 9.30AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	A BOURONCLE (M&H)	J RAPER
Minister of HC	J KEYSER	J KWONG	J MORABITO
Minister of HC	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	J PERERA
Reader	V PERERA	A STANTON	FAMILY MASS
Wardens	L SEETO	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	FAMILY MASS
Projection	A SHEEKA		P TREACY
Altar Servers	GROUP 1: ROBERT MORFUNI & NATASHA VITHANA	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 5: BRITTANY AND JESSICA KHOURY, REBECCA DEARING KATHERINE SPENCER
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		D BRENNAN
Counters	Group 8: F KURNIAWAN A NAGANATHAN D TAN		
Altar Flowers	A PAK	**SEPTEMBER ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA**	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers

Recently deceased: Gilda Camenzuli, Kathleen Hayman and Giovanni Garzaniti.
Pray also for the souls of: Egerton Bowen, Clive Martin, Addy & Vivian Myatt, John Chan and Marie Santa Maria..

Charitable Works Fund Appeal THIS weekend.

The CWF provides social, training and advocacy programs throughout the Sydney Archdiocese communities. Please use the envelopes provided as your generous donation would be much appreciated.

Family Mass NEXT Sunday

We will celebrate our Family Mass next Sunday at 9.30am. If any child wishes to participate (read a reading or present the offertory gifts) then please volunteer by emailing Thomas Dabbah: thomas.aq333@gmail.com. We follow this Mass with our monthly cuppa of tea. **Everyone is very welcome to attend.**

Confirmation thank you

Many thanks to our Lord and for all who helped to make last Sunday such a very special celebration. Special thanks to Bishop Richard Umbers for conferring the sacrament to our candidates; acolytes, altar servers; Rosa Gerardis & Judy Borland for the Music and singing; Louise Brady, Tony Morfuni; Adam Nolan our Principal of Saint Therese Denistone, our assistant principal Emma Dunne, our religious coordinator Melissa Watkins-Sewell, Teachers of Saint Therese; our flower volunteers, our parish secretary, to all the parishioners of Saint Therese who prayed constantly for the candidates, parents for supporting your children, sponsors and all those who in one way or another helped to make last Sunday a very special event for the Candidates of our community.

The Apostolate of Renewal Talks.

Rejoice! Be filled with the joy of the Gospel

Our deepest joy comes from Jesus, remaining with him, walking with him, being his disciples.

The Apostolate of Renewal is a New Evangelisation movement in the Catholic Church. We invite you to a gradual discovery of the whole of the Church's two thousand year tradition.
A series of initiation talks will be held every Friday commencing 18th August from 7 p.m. to 8.15 p.m. at the St Therese Church, Denistone.

Volunteer Counters are always needed

Recently we have welcomed a number of new counters who are now enjoying this ministry. But more people are still needed so if you are a regular parishioner and can help please speak with Fr Roberto or call the parish office on 9809-2925.

Catholic Womens League

Are collecting used stamps to raise money for charities. So all stamp donations from parishioners would be gratefully appreciated. Please add them to the shoe box on the paper table at the front of the church.

SS Crocifisso Patrono Di Grotteria

Come and celebrate the annual feast of SS Crocifisso Patrono Di Grotteria at Holy Cross College on Sunday the 10th September at 1pm followed by a procession, complimentary BBQ & drinks.

Children's Mass colouring worksheets

Don't forget the Gospel activity sheets for children from pre-school to 7 years of age.

Catholic Weekly is on sale

- Join the silent majority - Defend marriage
- Australian Catholic Youth Festival updates
- Catholic schools excel in Naplan
- What four convicted bishops had in common
- Opus Dei celebrates
- Movie review: Annabelle

From a parent

Marriage is God's idea and belongs to HIM! Marriage came before any government was set up. No Government has a right to change marriage. None of us should vote against God's ideas. We are accountable. If the Government changes marriage, kids in schools will suffer and be disturbed by what they will be taught. They will learn radical ideas about being male, female or something else. You can't stop this happening if the Government changes marriage. Love children, give them the best chance of a happy childhood. Vote NO when you receive your postal survey on marriage!

Safeguarding Induction / Awareness Training

This is being offered to volunteers in our parishes who work directly with children. It is the policy of the Archdiocese of Sydney that volunteers who work directly with children attend a Safeguarding training session. It is recommended that all volunteers in your parish attend a Safeguarding Training session, regardless of whether they work directly with children or not. Please see Fr Roberto after Mass or contact the Parish Office on 9809-2925.

OTHER NOTICES:

MT CARMEL RETREAT 2ND SEPTEMBER DAY. Please call 02 8795 3400 or email: _retreats@carmelite.com for more information

MIRACULOUS MEDAL ASSOCIATION: Mass with Novena will be celebrated in St. Anthony's Church, 54 Agincourt Road, Marsfield, on Saturday, 2nd September, 2017 at 10.00 a.m. All welcome.

SILENT RETREAT: Discover the "Treasure in Earthen Vessels", through a guided silent retreat on Friday 22nd September (6pm) - Sunday, 24th Sept (2pm finish) in Bowral. For details contact Kylie 0403453620 or verbumdeisydney@gmail.com

CATALYST FOR RENEWAL & AQUINAS ACADEMY REFLECTION MORNING will be held on **Saturday 2nd September** in the parish hall of Hunters Hill on the corner of Gladesville Road and Mary Street beginning at 9.30 AM and concluding at 12.30 PM. Enquiries: Carole Wilson 9869 1036.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF) registrations continue. For registrations and enquiries within the Northern Deanery contact the parish office, or, Anita on 0406607115 or anitabhhogan@gmail.com

CATHOLICCARE: We are seeking committed and caring people to train to become short-term foster carers. Call our Careline Team to find out more on 13 18 19 or email us at connect@catholiccare.org