

**SECOND READING:** HEBREWS 7:23-28

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.**

***This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.***

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** JOHN 14:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.**

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL :** MARK 12:28-34

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

***This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.***

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other.

To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.**

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**1 Kg 17 : 10 - 16;  
Heb 9 : 24 - 28;  
Mk 12 : 38 - 44.**

**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney.**

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office at [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) or by calling (02) 9390 5810.

**Mobile phones at Mass.**

To maintain a spirit of reverence and solemnity, please turn off and refrain from using all mobile telephones and other electronic devices during Mass.

**PARISH OF ST. THERESE, DENISTONE**



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**MASS TIMES:**

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10am
MONDAY:	No Mass.
TUESDAY 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.

**31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES (Year B)  
30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!**

**FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 6:2-6**

**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy  
*Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.***

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51**

**RESPONSE: I love you, Lord, my strength.**

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes. **RESPONSE.**  
Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me.  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. **RESPONSE.**

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## PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

### Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died and all the deceased. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time especially Claire Richmond and for all those we will pray for in this month of November



### All Saints Day.

On Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> November we will celebrate All Saints Day. This is a special day and you are all welcome to attend Mass at 9.30am.

### All Souls Day Masses.

On the Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> November the Parish will offer Mass for the faithfully departed at 9am.

### Confirmation.

Our programme has been running during Covid19 restrictions and was well attended.



Bishop Brady has approved the Sacrament of Confirmation to be celebrated on:

- Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm and
- Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm

We have approval to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, however, just the Sacrament without a formal Mass.

The group will meet one final time over zoom on Wednesday 3rd November at 7pm. During this Zoom meeting parents will have an opportunity to allocate their Confirmation ceremony time/date.

Additionally, we still need to be advised of your child's chosen sponsor name and saint. Please email this information to the parish at [admin@sttherese.org.au](mailto:admin@sttherese.org.au)

### November Masses.

*"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."* 2 Maccabees 12:46



Once again it is time to remember our loved ones by offering special masses for them in November.

During this month and beyond, Masses will be offered for all your relatives and friends for their eternal repose.

Please use the November envelopes provided and write on it, the names of your family members and place them in any of the two collections or give them to Fr Roberto.

### Please support your Parish.

You can help support the parish with your donations. All our collections have a purpose.



At church we have TWO COLLECTIONS, each of these collections are individually important and totally separate from each other. Donations to both collections are appreciated each week.

**We will still keep the collection plates at the front of the sanctuary.**

A quick rundown on our collections:

- FIRST COLLECTION - helps cover the living expenses of your priest's everyday life.
- SECOND COLLECTION - consists of "Loose" money (*used for the upkeep of the church, electricity, and wages for our secretary*) and "Planned Giving" (*helps to maintain the church and pay our property insurances and save for future projects*) enables people to actively commit to helping the parish regularly in a financial way. Your donation gives you Tax deductibility of 30% and a tax receipt is issued annually.

**To obtain Planned Giving envelopes please call parish secretary during normal parish office hours and she will allocate you some envelopes.**

OR instead of envelopes you may wish to donate via Credit Card, our secretary can help with that too.

**And if you wish to change from a weekly envelope donation to a monthly credit card payment, then please call our parish secretary on 9809-2925 to organise this.**

Thank you to all the people who kept helping the church through your weekly or monthly credit card donations during the lockdown. We now encourage everybody to catch-up now with your donations.

### Catholic Mission.

This year, we are helping the Good Shepherd Sister in Bangkok, Thailand with their essential work as they reach out to vulnerable mothers and their babies, and children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

By providing a loving home, a community of women from similar backgrounds, parenting skills training and pre- and post-natal medical care, the Good Shepherd Sisters are supporting women and their babies in need. However, the Home can only continue this work through the generosity of others. Through this appeal, parishioners are given the opportunity to come alongside the Sisters to ensure more mothers in need are given an opportunity at a brighter future.

Education can help children from disadvantaged backgrounds break free from a vicious cycle of poverty – yet quite often the cost is prohibitive for families in need. The Kindergarten Centre, run by the Good Shepherd, provides low-cost early childhood education for children from disadvantaged backgrounds. Through this appeal, parishioners are given the opportunity to come alongside the Sisters to ensure more children in need are given the opportunity to break the cycle of poverty through education.

**Our appeal date is 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> November.**

### Euthanasia.

It is more critical than ever for parishioners to act now and voice their opposition to the proposed bill given debate is expected to begin on Friday 12 November. We need to write to your NSW MP ahead of euthanasia vote – especially residents in RYDE should write to and Mr Victory Dominello who is likely to support but could be swayed.

The anti-euthanasia coalition, HOPE has developed an online tool that will allow you to send an email directly to your state MP and to all members of the NSW Upper House. The tool is available here: [https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition\\_2108\\_ocp\\_nsw](https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/petition_2108_ocp_nsw)



### Plenary Council.

In October 2021, the Catholic Church in Australia gathered for the first Plenary Council to be held since the Second Vatican Council. In 2018, the entire People of God in Australia began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God, by listening to one another's stories of faith.

**How did we get here?** More than **222,000 people** participated in listening and dialogue encounters and contributed 17,457 submissions during the first stage of preparation for the Australian Plenary Council. The voices of the faithful help all of us to understand something of the historical experience and the current reality of the Catholic Church in Australia. This gathered data also reveals some deeper hopes and questions, and the diverse yearnings, that we are now challenged to consider together.

**What happened next?** The **six National Themes for Discernment** are inspired by the data and call us toward the future. As we moved into this second stage of preparation for the Plenary Council, we continue to seek the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

Through **the discernment process** and drawing on the six National Themes for Discernment, an agenda for the first session of the Plenary Council was developed.

This discernment process involved establishing **Writing and Discernment Groups** for each National Theme for Discernment while people in faith communities across Australia were called to participate locally in their own communal Listening and Discernment encounters and to send through their submissions to the Groups. The fruits of what is discerned during this time shaped **the agenda of the first session** of the Plenary Council.

Pray for those involved in the Council that they be led by the Holy Spirit as they bring new ideas on how to improve the life of the Church and the work of evangelisation in Australia.





# For help finding help in Ryde


Meet with the community care worker for help with counselling, ageing or mental health.



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Noted below is a prayer that we can all say for Father Roberto from St. Therese of Lisieux.  
***Catholic Weekly is on sale.***

		O Jesus,	
		I pray for your faithful and fervent priests;	
		unfaithful and tepid priests;	
		priests labouring at home or abroad in distant mission fields.	
		tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests;	
		For your young priests; for your dying priests;	
		souls of your priests in Purgatory.	
all, I recommend to		you the priests dearest to me:	
who baptized me;		the priests who absolved me from my sins;	
priests at whose		Masses I assisted and who gave me Your	
Blood in Holy		Communion; the priests who taught and	
		me;	
		all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way especially Fr Roberto.	
		O Jesus,	
		keep them all close to your heart,	
		and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity.	
		Amen.	

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## Altar Servers training.

We hope to see you at the training session!

## Save our graves.

To express your concerns about the Sydney cemeteries takeover by the NSW Government of Rookwood Catholic, Liverpool Cemetery, Kemps Creek + Macarthur Memorial Parks, we urge you to sign the petition. The QR code for the petition is on the noticeboards.

## OTHER NOTICES.

**ONCE A MONTH add these two notices back into the bulletin  
Hospital and Communion.**

Since the beginning of Covid19 we have not had Eucharistic Ministers visiting people in hospital. And at the moment this ministry has not resumed.

So please be aware of this for your family members who may be in Ryde Hospital. The families should call the presbytery and let Fr Roberto know that they are in

hospital, if in need of the sacraments, so he can make the time to visit them. For emergencies Fr Roberto is always available to give the last rites.



CatholicCare

**Need help - North Ryde and Gladesville areas.**

The social service agency of the Archdiocese of Sydney, CatholicCare works to strengthen families and connect communities. Given the challenges many are experiencing we want to connect your community with vital help and support through our CCareline support and referral service and local Ryde are community care worker.

Holy Spirit Parish, North Ryde and St Charles Borromeo, Ryde and is available to help with counselling, relationships, parenting, aging, disability, addiction and mental health concerns.

To make an appointment for this free confidential service individuals and families can contact CatholicCare's CCareline on 131819.



CatholicCare





**CATHOLIC WEEKLY IS ON SALE AT THE ENTRANCE**

- I shouldn't even be here
  - Want to kill mum? It's how you feel ...
    - A very dangerous lady
    - Study backs parental key role
  - Movie review: Those Who Wish Me Dead
- New lease of life for Catholic women



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## Consecration Prayer to Our Lady of Fatima

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### URGENT - Helpers needed to support our Catechists.

Our catechists at Denistone East Public School need your support. Can you help in the classroom by giving them 30 mins of your time each Tuesday? Please consider this! Please speak with Fr Roberto after any Mass this weekend.



### Charitable Works Fund Appeal.

This appeal will be held on the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> May.

Your support of this appeal is important in raising the vital funds necessary to keep the programs of the 6 agencies which benefit from the appeal

helping our Sydney years, helping appeal last year, so



running. The CWF has been community for over 60

thousands of lives every year. Due to Covid19 we could not have this your generosity would be appreciated now.



### One Voice - The

Continues in April

Disciples please invite others to reconnect to Christian Life through these Catechesis.

### Voice

every Thursday and Sunday @ 7.30pm in the School Hall. Also, as

**Jesus Christ provides answers to the questions in our daily life.**

### Flowers on the Altar.

We need more volunteers to help with this wonderful ministry, please speak with Fr Roberto or Gayle in the Parish if you are want more information.

### Regina Caeli

This is one of four Marian antiphons, with following versicles and prayers, traditionally said or sung after night prayer, immediately before going to sleep. It is said throughout Eastertide, that is, from Easter Day through to Pentecost, the seventh Sunday after Easter.

The Regina Caeli is also said in place of the angelus during Eastertide, so you can us this prayer at this time for joy.

#### QUEEN OF HEAVEN

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to god, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of



#### Do you need help finding help in the Ryde area?

A community care worker has joined Holy Spirit Parish, North Ryde and St Charles Borromeo, Ryde for help and referrals to services concerned with relationships, parenting, ageing, disability, addiction and mental health.

Call to make an appointment

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CatholicCare.org

connect@catholiccare.org

8am - 6pm Monday - Friday



everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



**2021 as the “Year of St Joseph”.**

Pope Francis encourages all of us to pray together:

To  
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*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
you God entrusted his only Son;  
you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil.  
Amen.*



O Little Flower,  
we, your people, ask you to intercede for us in the rose garden of God. We ask you to protect our families  
and our Parish.

Help us to grow in faith so we may advance in understanding the mystery of God’s love for us.  
Guide us in your ‘little way’ so that we may ease the burdens of others and bring the light of Christ to all in  
our community.

Move us towards spiritual perfection of mind and  
challenges of this life with humility.  
Fill our hearts with the love Jesus showed us on  
sacrifices everyday for the love of His Sacred  
Increase in us the desire for the things of heaven  
promises us.  
Amen.



soul; Aid us to accept the  
the Cross and help us to make little  
Heart.  
and the hope Jesus’ resurrection

**WE**   
**VOLUNTEERS**



**Parish Council Meeting.** – update.

**60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.**

Congratulations to Margaret and Peter Cooper, our good parishioners and friends, as they will be celebrating their wedding anniversary with family and friends this May. May the Lord continue to bless you and your families and many more years together!



60<sup>th</sup>  
weekend.  
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**A prayer for our challenging times.**

Join with me in the coming weeks and pray this most powerful prayer to St Michael the Archangel as we pray for ourselves and loved ones to battle the evils within our daily lives and our world.

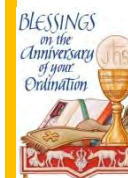
**SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

St Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in the hour of battle.  
Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.  
May God restrain him,  
we humbly pray,  
and do you,  
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,  
cast Satan into hell,  
and all the evil spirits,  
who roam about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.



**Covid19 Safe directions as at 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**

• Parish can now have one person per two-square-metres. **This means that our church limit increases to 85 people.**



- Masks are no longer compulsory.
- Registering your attendance is still very important.
- **QR codes should be used.**

If you use the QR code, please also note "QR" on the attendance page where your name should

have been recorded.

This helps us to keep track of the numbers within the church and ensures we don't exceed our current church limit of 85 people.

**Prayer to Our Lady during the pandemic:**

Mary, Help of Christians, we fly to you today  
as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,  
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,  
and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones,  
the protection of God's holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,  
we ask you to obtain the grace of  
healing and deliverance.

Hear the cries of those who are  
vulnerable and fearful,  
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,  
teach all of us in the Church to love one another  
and to be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus  
to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,  
Knowing that you truly are  
our compassionate mother,

health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,  
keep us in the embrace of your arms,

help us always to know  
the love of your Son, Jesus, Amen.