

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting to death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;

You are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL: Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, "Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciples will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your

brother's eye.

"There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord most High.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Deut 26: 4-10;

Rom 10: 8-13;

Luke 4: 1-13



- Sydney Prays for Ukraine
- 'Reformers' demand: Stop the Plenary
- Death Duel: Upper House debates euthanasia law
 - Somascan Parish Rocks
- Movie review: *Conviction: The Case of Stephen Lawrence*
- Why I became a Catholic

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office:

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney please call the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812.

View the Archdiocese of Sydney website.

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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 pm.

SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 10.00 am.

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 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.

Marriage: By appointment.

Anointing of the sick: Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

26th / 27th February 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord became my protector. He bought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.



FIRST READING: Sirach 27: 4-7

A reading from the first book of Ecclesiasticus

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter,

the test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,

similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **Response.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **Response.**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing sap when they are old, still full sap, still green to proclaim that the Lord is just, in him, my rock, there is no wrong. **Response.**

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26 / 27 FEBRUARY 2022 – 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	A STANTON	G MOODLEY
Reader	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	TO BE RESUMED SOON	TO BE RESUMED SOON	TO BE RESUMED SOON
Altar Servers	GROUP 4: WONG FAMILY & NIARA PAREKALAM	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 1: B. CLARK A. STANTON P. BRODERICK		
Altar Flowers	J KEYSER	FEBRUARY ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

5 / 6 MARCH 2022 – 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	D ELLIS	M MORELLI
Reader	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	TO BE RESUMED SOON	TO BE RESUMED SOON	TO BE RESUMED SOON
Altar Servers	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO, IAN PILENA & AIDEN SHEEKA	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 5: DEARING FAMILY
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 2: L SEETO T DABBAH C DABBAH		
Altar Flowers	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	MARCH ATAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Malcolm Bocking. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time especially Kevin White.

Prayer for Peace.

This is especially important since Russia has now declared war on Ukraine, therefore we suggest that you take a moment throughout your week and pray for world peace. You are welcome to use the prayer below or even make up your own.

Prayer for World Peace.

O Lord God, we pray for peace and love in all the nations, among all the people that all war and hatred will end.

We pray for those who suffer from war, injustice & intolerance, for the children, your people, the poor and neglected ones.

We pray for peace in our life, lands, nations, families and in our hearts. Lord, give us world peace.

We ask your mercy in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.



Lent 2022.

Lent begins THIS Wednesday on the 2nd March.

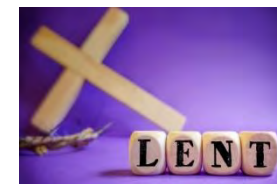
ASH WEDNESDAY Masses will be held here at 9am and 6.30pm.



Lenten programme – THE DAY HAD BEEN CHANGED.

Our sessions will begin NEXT THURSDAY the 3rd March at 7.30pm in the Church and will run throughout Lent.

Please speak with Fr Roberto or call the presbytery to reserve a seat. Write your name on the clipboard provided if you are joining us this year.



Stations of the Cross.

Stations will begin on Friday the 4th March and will run throughout Lent every Friday evening at 7.30pm.



STATIONS of the CROSS

Catholic Women's League.

The FIRST meeting for 2022 will be on Friday 7th March at 10.00am in the presbytery (8 Inkerman Rd, Denistone).



We welcome anyone who wants to come and discover more about the Catholic Women's League and make new friends.

Catechist Teachers urgently needed.

A Catechist teacher for Year 6 is urgently needed. Are you able to help? Please contact the presbytery and find out more information. Only half an hour during school terms is needed and training is provided.

Collections – 1st and 2nd Collections please use the baskets.

Currently, our collection baskets are at the front of the Church so we need to remind you all, to please make an effort to place your weekly donations in the baskets before you leave the church after Mass. The baskets are clearly marked with 1st Collection and 2nd Collections.



Covid19 Restrictions Ended.

- MASKS are no longer mandatory. It is optional if you choose to use one when entering the church.
- Remember to maintain your social distance for the safety of others.
- Don't forget to use sanitiser.
- If you are unwell please stay at home.



Days of Penance! Repent from your evils and believe this Good News.

1. Rules for Lent follow in (a), (b), and (c).
2. Abstinence from meat and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
 - (a) Prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making that Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
 - (b) Self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.
 - (c) Helping other – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.

Sign an ePetition against Euthanasia Laws in NSW.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked Catholics to support an e-petition launched by Upper House MLC Greg Donnelly opposing proposed euthanasia laws in NSW. Next week, a NSW Parliamentary Committee examining the proposed laws will hand back its final report, after which the bill is expected to be formally introduced into the NSW Upper House.

To demonstrate your opposition to the proposed laws, sign the e-petition. Go to: <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au> then click on Legislative Council tab, click on ePetitions and then click on Reject Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill.