

**SECOND READING:** Heb 12:18-19. 22-24

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

**You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.**

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Matthew 11:29

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Take my yoke upon you;**

**learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.**

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** Luke 14:1. 7-14

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**  
**All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted**

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.**

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Wis 9: 13-18; Philemon 9-10, 12-17;**

**Lk 14: 25-33.**



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**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.

### TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

**27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.**

**FIRST READING: Sirach 3:17-20. 28-29**

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**  
**Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.**

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 67:4-7. 10-11**

**RESPONSE: God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.

**Response.**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom.

**Response.**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.

**Response**

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**27 / 28 AUGUST 2022 – 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
<b>Acolyte</b>	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	G MOODLEY
<b>Reader</b>	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER
<b>Offertory</b>	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
<b>Projection</b>			
<b>Altar Servers</b>	GROUP 4: WONG FAMILY	JOSH MULROE	GROUP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
<b>Welcomers</b>	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
<b>Counters</b>	GROUP 4: R WHITE G WHITE		
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	J KEYSER	AUGUST ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

**3 / 4 SEPTEMBER 2022 – 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM – FAMILY MASS
<b>Acolyte</b>	T DABBAH	D D'MELLO	M MORELLI
<b>Reader</b>	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING
<b>Offertory</b>	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
<b>Projection</b>			
<b>Altar Servers</b>	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO, IAN PILENA & AIDEN SHEEKA	JOSH MULROE	GROUP 5: DEARING FAMILY
<b>Welcomers</b>	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
<b>Counters</b>	GROUP 5: P HO F HO A STANTON		
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	SEPTEMBER ATAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE	

**PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:**

**Request for Mass and Prayers.**

We pray for those who have recently died. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries. Please also remember to pray for those within our parish who are sick.



**Would You Like To Help The Parish With A Monthly Donation?**

If you currently do not contribute to our envelopes and now wish to help support the parish please contact the Parish Office to arrange YOUR set of Planned Giving envelopes or take a copy of the credit card authority form from the front foyer.

**Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal THIS weekend.**

The CWF supports a whole range of charities and ministries and ensures all their charities and ministries work hard at ensuring the most vulnerable in our communities receive the support they need.



**Family Mass at 10am.**

Family Mass NEXT weekend with the whole of St Therese School invited to attend. **This Mass will then be followed with a parish "CUPPA"**. We can also celebrate Father's Day too. So stay back and have a "cuppa" with friends. You are most welcome to come and even bring a plate of food to share,



**Plumbing works continues.**

Our plumber has been returning to fix the stormwater pipes of the church. This is expensive work costing around \$15,000. So please be patient and try not to go near the cordoned off area until it has been made good after the work is completed.



**Confirmation at St Therese.**

This Sunday 20 candidates from within our parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and 2 will receive a blessing. We welcome their sponsors, families and friends. May they all have a wonderful day!

**Please remember in your prayers all the candidates who made their Confirmation this weekend. They are:**

Raya Aoun, Sophia Bernleitner, Adam Callaghan, James D'Mello, James Dearing, Elise El-Kassar, Jacob Gorringer, Sophie Hahn, Alex Hanley, Aliesha Hodges, Eva Johnstone, Isabella Livolsi, Marcus Livolsi, Niara Parekalam, Ada Pessagno, Abby Qiu, Jonathan Quizon, Sarah Rajaratnam, Isaac Shin and Katalina Sterne

**Blessings: Hannah Nader Peppa Watson**

**The Fruits of the Holy Spirit.**

We hope the confirmed children will produce plenty of fruits for themselves, the parish and the world.



**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Some of the fruits that we can all produce:

- LOVE** – seeks the highest good of others
- JOY** – gladness that is not based on circumstances
- PEACE** – contentment, unity between people
- PATIENCE** – slow to speak and slow to anger
- KINDNESS** – merciful, sweet and tender
- GOODNESS** – generous and open hearted
- FAITHFULNESS** – dependable, loyal and full of trust
- GENTLENESS** – humble, calm and non-threatening
- SELF-CONTROL** – behaving well

**Thank You.**

Fr Roberto would like to thank all those who remembered his birthday and celebrated with him, sending him cards with beautiful messages and thoughtful gifts.



**Parish Council Meeting.**

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7pm in the presbytery.



**Priests Retirement Fund Appeal.**

This worthy appeal will be held NEXT weekend as it helps our priests to live with dignity after serving the parish communities living their vocational lives.



**OTHER NOTICES:**

**A MENALIVE WEEKEND** will be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> of September at the Catholic Parish of St Kevin, Haseler Centre, 36 Hillview Rd Eastwood. Men 18yo and up are invited to this life changing experience! Expect to be inspired, encouraged, and revitalized in your faith! Experienced leaders from the menALIVE Team will be running the weekend. See poster or collect a flyer for more information. Scan the QR code or visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/344064023757> to register.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GRACE** - The 67<sup>th</sup> Feast of Our Lady of Grace will be held at 1.00pm on 18 September 2022 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Marsfield commencing with recitation of the Rosary and followed by Mass and a Procession. A Week of Devotions commencing Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.30pm will precede the Feast.

**SYDNEY CATHOLIC SCHOOLS VACANCIES - SUPPORT STAFF:**

**School Finance Secretary (Level 6), St James Catholic Primary School Glebe.** Contract: Temporary, part-time for 2022 (up to 30 hours, per week including Friday). The role coordinates office administration, providing higher-level office duties as directed by the School Principal. Please see <https://www.seek.com.au/job/58229529> for contact 0499 853 547.

**School Support Officer, St Mary's Cathedral College, Sydney.** Contract Type: Permanent, Full-Time (Term time only). The term-time only role is responsible for various administrative tasks in the College office. Please see <https://www.seek.com.au/job/58230583> or contact 0499 853 547.

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