

SECOND READING: Philemon 9-10. 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon
Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced

against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul I thirsting for God, the living God.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14;
1 Tim 1: 12-17;
Lk 15: 1-32.



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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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)
3rd / 4th September 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom
Who can comprehend the will of God?
What man can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth been
straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17

RESPONSE: In every age, O Lord,
you have been our refuge.

You turn men back in to dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **Response.**

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **Response.**

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **Response.**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **Response.**

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3 / 4 SEPTEMBER 2022 – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

10 / 11 SEPTEMBER 2022 – 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM – FAMILY MASS
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	A STANTON	G MOODLEY
Reader	B CLARK	P TREACY	C LAYOUN
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection			
Altar Servers	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE & NOAH EL-AZZI	JOSH MULROE	GROUP 6: ADAM CALLAGHAN
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 6: S RATH P BRODERICK R LEUNG		
Altar Flowers	N HAHN	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 especially Reginald Broderick and Roska Rimac.

Let us pray also for all those deceased fathers from our parish families especially Nicola Morfuni, Clement Maraste. Please also remember to pray for those within our parish who are sick especially Sydney D'Mello.



Family Mass at 10am.

Family Mass THIS weekend. This Mass will then be followed with a parish "CUPPA". We will also be celebrating Father's Day. Everyone is most welcome to stay back and have a "cuppa" with friends.



Confirmation thank you!

We give thanks to all those who helped to make the Sacrament of Confirmation such a wonderful celebration. Special thanks to Bishop Terry Brady, George Moodley, Justin Salar, Rosa Gerardis, Tom Alice, Mark D'Mello, all the teachers at St Therese, all the parishioners who prayed constantly for the candidates, parents who supported their children in their path of faith and all those who in one way or another helped to make the day such a very special event. Thank you!

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.

Priests Retirement Fund Appeal.

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



Happy Father's Day.

We would like to congratulate all the fathers in our community on this their special day. Thank you for all the contributions you make to our community and your Christian witness. We pray that you continue to grow in holiness and be as strong in faith as the great saints in the scriptures.

Have a Happy Day with your family and loved ones and be safe!



A Prayer for Fathers

God our Father,

In your wisdom and love you made all things.

Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of parenting.

Bless those who have lost a spouse to death, separation, or divorce, and who are parenting their children alone.

Strengthen all Dads by your love that they may become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be.

Grant this through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

Parish Council Update – September Meeting.

At the September Parish Council meeting the following was discussed:



Liturgy – Planning has begun to celebrate the Feast of our patron saint.

Maintenance – ongoing issues from plumbing, water leaks and hard to open doors have all have been fixed.

Social activities – Parish luncheon has been booked for the 16th October 2022 at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club at 12 midday.

Parish Celebration.

This year we have decided to celebrate the Feast of our patron Saint with a lovely parish luncheon at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club. It will be such a wonderful pleasure to be able to get together as a community once again.



More details will be provided over the coming weeks but first check your diaries now to ensure you are available to come on: **Sunday the 16th October at 12 midday.**

OTHER NOTICES:

FEAST OF ST PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA will be celebrated on the 25th September at St Padre Pio Parish, Glenmore Park. Please view the notice board for more details of all the Masses that will relate to the feast day.

A MENALIVE WEEKEND will be held on the 24th & 25th of September at the Catholic Parish of St Kevin, Haseler Centre, 36 Hillview Rd Eastwood. Men 18 years and older are invited! Experienced leaders from the menALIVE Team will be running the weekend. For details and to register visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/344064023757>

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GRACE - The 67th 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 11th September 2022 at 7.30pm will precede the Feast.

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