

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy
Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone - petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One

hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Amos 6: 1,4-7; 1 Tim 6: 11-16;

Lk 16: 19-31.



THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY
THE CHURCH. ALL OF IT.



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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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

17th / 18th September 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.



FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos
The Lord God spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over

so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 112:1-2. 4-8

RESPONSE: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **Response.**

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? **Response.**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dunghheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **Response.**

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17 / 18 SEPTEMBER 2022 – 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	D ELLIS	M MORELLI
Reader	L SAMONTE	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection			
Altar Servers	GROUP 3: SOPHIA BERNLEITNER & AMARA LOIACONO & NIARA PAREKELEM	JOSH MULROE	GROUP 7: VINCENT & ALYSSA WIDJAYA
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 7: P TREACY S DIMICHEL M PEARCE		
Altar Flowers	A NAGANATHAN	SEPTEMBER ATAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE	

24/ 25 SEPTEMBER 2022 – 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM – FAMILY MASS
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	A STANTON	G MOODLEY
Reader	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection			
Altar Servers	GROUP 4: WONG FAMILY	JOSH MULROE	GROUP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 8: F KURNIAWAN A NAGANATHAN D TAN		
Altar Flowers	J KEYSER	SEPTEMBER ATAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Queen Elizabeth II. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries. Please also remember to pray for those within our parish who are sick especially Sydney D'Mello.



Applications For Reconciliation for children in Year 2.

Please come and collect an application for your child's Reconciliation after Mass. This form needs to be completed and returned to the presbytery (8 Inkerman Road, Denistone) ASAP along with the contribution fee.



I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that the **Parent Information Evening** will be held on the **19th October 2022 in St Therese Church.**

Nominate a committed parishioner.

We would like to take the time to acknowledge those within our parish who help us so much with their dedication to the parish, community minded friendship, christian values and so much more.

So please use the voting slip and write the full name of a person whom you think we should recognise. So have your say with your vote.

We will add the numbers of votes and recognise FOUR parishioners.

We will acknowledge these people at the Parish Luncheon.



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.



Parish Celebration.

PARISH LUNCHEON

is booked for **Sunday the 16th October 2022, at 12 midday.**



We are celebrating the Feast day of our patron Saint Therese with a parish luncheon at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club.



It will be such a wonderful pleasure to be able to get together as a community sharing food and conversation with other parishioners you know.

Once again, Fr Roberto has decided to subsidise the costs of the luncheon, therefore the costs per head have been reduced to:

- Adults (12 yrs and over) \$50 per head
- children (5yrs to 12 years) \$20 per head.
- Children under 5 are free!

Please continue to write your names on the clipboards as we MUST give numbers to the club!

To pay for your tickets please give the money to Fr Roberto or put the money in a clearly marked envelope in the parish letterbox at 8 Inkerman Road, Denistone.

Attention all Catechists.

Catechist meeting and morning tea will be held on Tuesday on the 20th September at the presbytery, beginning 10.45am. Please bring a plate of food to share.



Celebrating differences – activity book.

A new activity book for children "Celebrating Differences – We are all special" is still available to all children within the parish from the front foyer.



It is also important to note that our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer is: **Mrs Helen Vaz.**

Pontifical Requiem Mass for Queen Elizabeth II.

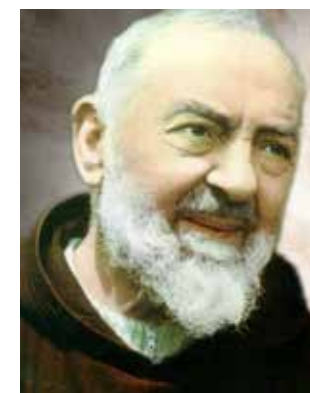
To mark the life and reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on **Saturday 24th September 2022 at 10.00am.**



Archbishop Fisher has asked priests to invite their parishioners to attend this Mass. All members of the community are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend.

Feast day of Padre Pio.

Padre Pio, or St Pio of Pietrelcina is a popular saint whose feast we will celebrate next Friday 23rd September at the 9am Mass.



He was considered a saint during his lifetime and a great blessing to the church. In spite of all the disasters with our church the Lord doesn't forget his people, bringing holy people to make the church shine again.

He died in 1968 but he was canonized quickly in 2020 by St John Paul II. Padre Pio was very devoted to the Rosary and his five rules for spiritual growth were weekly confession, daily Communion, spiritual reading, meditation and examination of conscience.

He led a life of great sacrifice, fasting and doing penance; and he received the wounds of Christ, the stigmata, on his hands, feet and side. He wore black coverings on his hands to hide the wounds, which bled and gave him intense pain, such as Christ would have felt on the Cross. The wounds gave off a pleasant smell, as of flowers.

Padre Pio was also known for such spiritual gifts as healing, bilocation, ecstasy, levitation and prophecy. Early in the morning of 23rd September, Padre Pio made his last confession and renewed his Franciscan vows. With the rosary in his hands he repeated the words "Jesus, Mary" until he finally breathed his last. May you all receive many blessings from him!

OTHER NOTICES:

AGING WISELY STUDY: Professor Viviana Wuthrich from the Department of Psychology, Macquarie University is currently recruiting adults (65 years and older) for a new study in Improving Mental Health and Social Participation Outcomes in Older Adults with Depression and Anxiety. It will be co-funded by the NHMRC and Beyond Blue so there is no cost for participating. To find out more visit: www.tiny.cc/SPAA