

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

**God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10

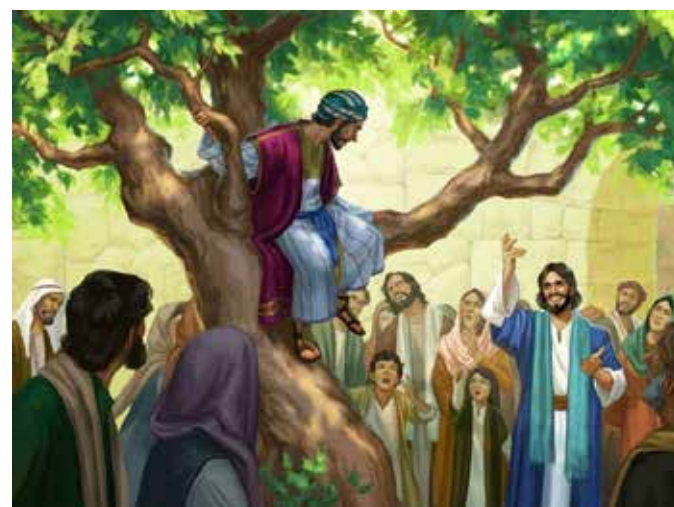
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor' and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the

Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

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:

2 Macc 7: 1-2, 9-14;

2 Thess 2: 16-3:5;

Lk 20: 27-38.

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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.

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

29th / 30th October 2022

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: Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2

A reading from the book of Wisdom

You have mercy on all things because you love everything that exists.

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales,

like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things

and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence,

for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you?

You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life,

you whose imperishable spirit is in all.

Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend,

you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned.

so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14

RESPONSE: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

Response.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

Response.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

Response.

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

Response.

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29 / 30 OCTOBER 2022 – 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	G MOODLEY
Reader	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	J KENNY OR J MCLEOD		
Altar Servers	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA	JOSH MULROE	GROUP 5: DEARING FAMILY
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 2: T DABBAH C DABBAH		
Altar Flowers	N HAHN	OCTOBER ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

5 / 6 NOVEMBER 2022 – 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM – FAMILY MASS
Acolyte	T DABBAH	A STANTON	G MOODLEY
Reader	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection			
Altar Servers	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA	JOSH MULROE	GROUP 5: DEARING FAMILY
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
Counters	GROUP 3: D JAYAMANNE E CONTERNO		
Altar Flowers	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	NOVEMBER ATAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Therese Richardson and Lina Scolaro. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries.

Reconciliation for children in Year 2 at Denistone.

The **SECOND** session of the programme is on **Wednesday** the **2nd November** at **7pm** in the St Therese Church.

Please keep all these children and their families in your prayers.



Advent-Christmas Giving Tree.

After the success of last year's cash donations to St Vincent de Paul we will be doing the same again this year. Therefore, we will have TWO collection Sundays and we request for NO ACTUAL GIFTS TO BE GIVEN. These cash donations will be forwarded to SVdePaul in the form of EFPOS gift cards. St Vincent de Paul found that our gift card donations made their distribution so much easier hence they have requested we do the same again this year due to the increased need in our community for financial assistance.

We will collect your donations on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of Advent. We will keep you updated.



Parish Council Meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 3rd November** at 7pm in the presbytery. If you have any parish suggestions or concerns please speak with Father Roberto or any council member: Vern Keyser, Adam Nolan, Barbara Clark, Aruna Perera, Elizabeth Wheeler, Gavin Landers and Jenny McLeod.



ALL SAINTS AND ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED DAYS



On the first of November we celebrate All Saints Day. A saint as you know is a person who is already in heaven, in the presence of God, canonized or recognized by the Church or not. They lived heroic virtuous lives or gave up their lives for others for the gospel and they are worthy to imitate.

On this day we can pray not only to our favourite saints but also to those we believe they are already with God. Some of them might be wonderful parishioners or incredibly good and holy relatives or friends. People who shined for their great love and faith. This feast originated in May 609 when Pope Boniface IV dedicated a building in Rome to our Lady. A great tradition associated with this day is the reading of the saints lives; also praying to them that we might become saints, also watching good movies about the saints.

On All Saints Day we celebrate the people who are with God and on the 2nd of November All Souls day, we remember those who are on their way to heaven and still are going through purification in purgatory. On this day we pray for the faithful departed; all our brothers and sisters who have died marked with the sign of faith - they died believing. We also pray for all souls in purgatory. They have been saved but due to human imperfections they need to be completely purified from every human weakness or stain before they

enter into the presence of the Lord. Our prayers help them to reach heaven faster. This is the Communion of Saints! They pray for us and we pray for them. May our prayers in the month of November help all our relatives and friends and parishioners who have died enter the kingdom of God very quickly. May they rest in peace, Amen

All Saints Day.

This Tuesday the 1st November the parish will celebrate All Saints Day at the usual Tuesday morning Mass at 9am, where we will praise all the saints both past, present and future.



All Souls Day Mass.

Then on Wednesday the 2nd November the parish will offer ONE Mass for the faithfully departed at 9am.

Altar Servers Party.

Fr Roberto is very grateful to all the children who have persevered and been so helpful and faithful. Therefore we are organising a thank you party for the Altar Servers on **Saturday the 19th November at 9am at Top Ryde Timezone.** Thomas Dabbah and his Mum, Fadwa, will supervise the children along with any parents who wish to stay and help. **The cost for each child will be \$10 only as the parish will subsidize the rest of the costs.**



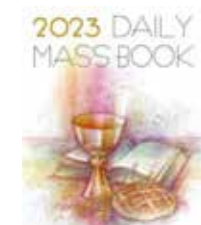
CWF November parish Appeal.

The next CWF Parish Appeal will be held on the weekend 12th / 13th November. The CWF supports a range of charities and ministries, including the Good Shepherd Seminary, CatholicCare, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired, Aboriginal Catholic Ministries, and university and prison Chaplaincies. Appeal envelopes will be provided and in the church ready to be used.



Daily Mass books.

Every year we purchase new daily Mass books for those who regularly attend weekday Masses. We have placed our order for the 2023 books.



If you wish to buy you own individual copy, please tell Fr Roberto or Gayle. The books will cost \$25.00 each. Thanks.