

SECOND READING: (continued)

no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 17-37
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: ' Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will

not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.



'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3: 16-23; Mt 5: 38-48.

Safeguarding our community: If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney please call the appropriate authorities OR The Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812 OR **speak with our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer Helen Vaz OR Parish Priest, both of whom will be able to provide support and guidance.**

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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10.00 am.
MONDAY:	9.15am Communion Service.
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.

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)
11th / 12th February 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

FIRST READING: Sirach 15: 15-20.

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
He never commanded anyone to be godless.
If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 118: 1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34

RESPONSE: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts.

Response.

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes.

Response.

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of you law.

Response.

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.

Response.

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 2: 6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that

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11 / 12 FEBRUARY 2023 – 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	J RAPER
Reader	B CLARK	P TREACY	C LAYOUN
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	T MORFUNI		
Altar Servers	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE & NOAH EL-AZZI	GRP 10: JOSH MULROE	GRP 6: ADAM CALLAGHAN
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 5: P HO F HO A STANTON		
Altar Flowers	N HAHN	FEBRUARY ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

18 / 19 FEBRUARY 2023 – 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	M MORELLI	G MOODLEY
Reader	L SAMONTE & STT SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEER	H VAZ
Offertory	STT SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	A PLEADIN		
Altar Servers	GRP 3: SOPHIA BERNLEITNER, NIARA PAREKELEM & FREDERICK LI		GRP 7: VINCENT & ALYSSA WIDJAYA
Welcomers	STT SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 6: S RATH P BRODERICK R LEUNG		
Altar Flowers	A NAGANATHAN	FEBRUARY ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Joseph Leotta and Joe Howard. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries.



Lent 2022.

Lent begins with **ASH WEDNESDAY** on the **22nd February.**



Days of Penance!

- Rules for Lent follow in (a), (b), and (c).
- Abstinence from meat and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.

Lenten programmes.

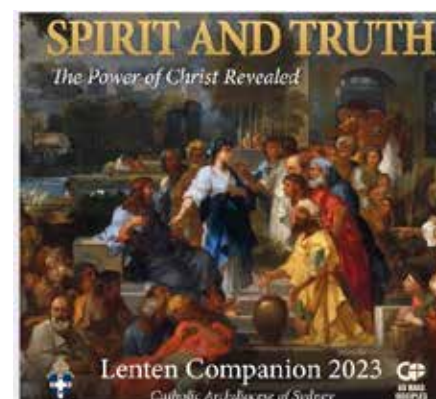
There will be an opportunity to pray and study the Word of God responding to Pope Francis invitation by joining our Lenten Reflection programme. There are TWO groups – afternoon and evening.

Beginning on Tuesday the 28th February at 7.30pm in the St Therese School Hall

OR

Beginning on Wednesday 1st March at 3pm in the presbytery.

Please add your name to the clipboards at the front of the church if you are interested in attending.



Once again we will be using the Lenten companion Lectio Divina from the Archdiocese of Sydney 'Spirit and Truth'.

During Lent Jesus wants to show us that He loves us so much that He died for us. In Lent we are invited to pray, enjoy reading the scripture, pray the Stations of the Cross, attend Reconciliation and share the love of Christ with others.

Stations of the Cross.

Will begin on **Friday the 24th February** and will run throughout Lent, every Friday evening at 7.30pm. Come, meditate and pray on the Passion of our Lord to prepare well for Easter.



Parish Council update – meeting 2nd February.

At the February Parish Council meeting the following was discussed:

- General**
- AGM to be held later in the year.
 - Need to invite parishioners to participate in different ministries.
 - Our parish's involvement in Ryde Hospital Multi Faith Prayer Room.
 - Training of new altars servers.
 - Ongoing parish maintenance

Parish activities – Preparations in place for Parish Luncheon Sun 27 Oct at Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club. Details and booking to occur from the end of Sept.

Liturgy – Planning has begun for the liturgical year especially the Easter celebrations.

Baptism this weekend.

This Sunday we will welcome into our faith community Victoria Puskarcuk. We congratulate her parents Adam & Alexandra and their families.



Monday Communion Service.

Every week Aruna is celebrating a Communion Service every Monday at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Appeal for Turkey-Syria Earthquake Disaster.

We strongly urge people to help support the people who are struggling in Turkey and Syria. You may like to use this QR tile to make your donation.



Turkey-Syria Earthquake Disaster. A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Turkey and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead with this number expected to rise dramatically. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance. **We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe.** Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy. **Visit:**



www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.

Feast Day of Sts Cyril and Methodius.

On Feb. 14, the universal Church honors two brothers, Sts. Cyril and Methodius, who are called the "Apostles of the Slavs" for their tireless work in spreading the Gospel throughout Eastern Europe in the ninth century.



'Indeed the mystery of Christ runs the risk of being disbelieved precisely because it is so incredibly wonderful.'
Quote from St Cyril