

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

**RESPONSE:** Lord, you will show us the path of life.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay.

**Response.**

You will show me the path of life,  
and the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever.

**Response.**

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 1:17-21

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

**The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.**

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason - so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** cf Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.  
Alleluia!**



**GOSPEL:** Luke 24:13-35

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.**

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk

along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at the table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes it is true, The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.**

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Acts 2: 14, 36-41; 1 Pet 2: 20-25; Jn 10: 1-10.**

**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.**



# PARISH OF ST. THERESE, DENISTONE

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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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A) 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:14. 22-33**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,  
for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.  
So my heart was glad  
and my tongue cried out with joy:  
my body, too, will rest in the hope  
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.  
You have made known the way of life to me,  
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.'

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11

**RESPONSE: Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.'

**Response.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

**Response.**

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**22 / 23 APRIL 2023 – 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	T DABBAH	D ELLIS	A STANTON
READER	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY
PROJECTION	V PERERA		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 4: WONG FAMILY		GRP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
WELCOMERS	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
COUNTERS	GROUP 3: D JAYAMANNE E CONTERNO		
ALTAR FLOWERS	J KEYSER	APRIL ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

**29 / 30 APRIL 2023 – 4<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	M MORELLI
READER	L SAMONTE	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY
PROJECTION	J MCLEOD		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE & EL-AZZI FAMILY		GRP 6: ADAM CALLAGHAN
WELCOMERS	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEERS WANTED
COUNTERS	GROUP 4: R WHITE G WHITE		
ALTAR FLOWERS	N HAHN	APRIL ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

**PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:****Request for Mass and Prayers.**

We pray for those who have recently died especially Edna Stevenson. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially Carmel Brereton and Debe Saba.

**First Holy Communion at St Therese.**

- **Parent Information Evening** on Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in St Therese Church.
- **Application forms** will be available at the Parent Information Evening.
- **Candidate & Parent attend Presentation Mass:** Candidate with parent(s) should attend Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm Vigil Mass or Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 8am or 10am Masses.
- **Parent & Candidate Sessions of Instruction:** Will be held on WEDNESDAY'S the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May in St Therese Church commencing at 7pm sharp.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL** on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 4pm in the Church.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am.

So please add all these important dates to your diaries.

**Project compassion.**

Don't forget to bring back your Project Compassion **envelopes** or **money boxes**. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

The poor people need your continued support.

**Prayer and Reflection Group.**

Come and join our Tuesday evenings "Prayer and Reflection Group" held in the school hall at 7.30pm for Liturgy of the Word / Lectio Divina.

More parishioners are always welcome to come any week you are free with no obligation to come each and every week.

**Annual General Meeting.**

**Our AGM will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023 in the school hall at 11.30am.**

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend this important meeting. This meeting will enable Fr Roberto to report on his years here at Denistone, update you all on the parish finances, accept the resignation of all the current councillors and then re-form the council with new councillors



from the nominations received over the coming weeks. This is a perfect opportunity to prepare for the new parish priest and enable him to start with an energised team of councillors.

Nominations for council can be proposed from NEXT week and put into the nominations box in the front foyer.

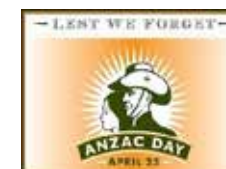
Please remember that the commitment to be a councillor is to attend the monthly meetings, support the parish priest in an advisory role and to help the priest implement the decisions for the parish.

**Monday Communion Service.**

There will be no Communion Service on:  
**24<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Anzac Day.**

Next Tuesday we will celebrate our normal morning Mass with a special emphasis on ANZAC DAY and our fallen soldiers. "Lest we forget."

**Volunteering at Denistone.**

We invite everyone in the congregation to consider adding your gifts and energy to the life of our parish by being a part of one or more of the following ministries. No previous experience is necessary. You will always be part of a team and all resources are provided and, where necessary, training is available. Ultimately being a volunteer is a great way to serve God and the people of God. So don't be shy, we need you for:



**Acolyte:** Acolytes assist Father Roberto on the altar at Mass. Some training is required.

**Altar Linen:** For this ministry you wash the cloths used on the altar during Mass every week for a month four times a year.

**Catechists:** Teaching the children at our local public school about their Catholic faith. Half hour lessons are held on Tuesday mornings. Training and teaching materials are provided. Each class has a teacher and a

helper.

**Counters:** You join a small group to count the money collected at the weekend Masses. You are rostered once every 3 months.

**Flowers for the altar:** Buy and arrange the flowers. All monies are reimbursed. Currently the ladies are rostered once a month, but that could all change with more volunteers.

**Hospitality:** This ministry involves assisting with setting up, serving of refreshments at our monthly Sunday Cuppas and making everyone feel welcome.

**Music Ministry:** If you play a musical instrument or can sing and would like to be part of the choir, then your parish needs you.

**Offertory family:** Bringing the gifts of wine and bread in procession to the altar during Mass.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** See the AGM notice.

**Reader:** Reading the 1st reading, Psalms, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and prayers of the faithful at Mass. You will be required to practice the readings beforehand. Sometimes training will be required.

**Saturday Gardening (NO LAWN MOWING):** Join the team for light gardening, racking leaves, trimming and sweeping paths between 10am - 11am on any Saturday (weather permitting) in an effort to maintain our gardens surrounding the church. No roster or commitment, just show up ready to help.

**Welcoming Group:** This group creates a sense of welcome by greeting people and handing out our parish Bulletin.

**Wardens:** Wardens help collect the money during Mass. Usually working with one or more people.

**If you want to join any of these ministries please speak with Fr Roberto after Mass, email or call the presbytery and speak with Gayle.**

**FEAST DAYS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK:**

**25 APRIL — ANZAC DAY:** This day marks the defeat of Australian and New Zealand soldiers in an ill-fated campaign during the Great War of 1914-1918. It has become a day of remembrance in which the young nations recognise the establishment of ideals of courage and self-sacrifice for the common good. The liturgical texts recognise the sacrifice of the fallen and commend them to eternal life, and seek the blessing of peace upon our lands.

**26 APRIL — SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST. FEAST:** Died about the year 74. Usually identified with the John Mark whose mother's house in Jerusalem was a meeting place for the apostles. A companion of Saint Peter and traditionally credited with the gospel which reflects Peter's teaching and memoirs. Honoured as the founder of the Church in Alexandria.