

a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 14:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
 Trust in God still, and trust in me.
 There are many rooms in my Father's house;
 if there were not, I should have told you.
 I am now going to prepare a place for you,
 and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
 I shall return to take you with me;
 so that where I am you may be too.
 You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?'

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17; 1 Pet 3: 15-18; Jn 14: 15-21.

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

6th / 7th May 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia

FIRST READING: Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right

for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19

RESPONSE: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **Response.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **Response.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **Response.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion

6 / 7 MAY 2023 – 5ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	T DABBAH	A STANTON	G MOODLEY
READER	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING / G DEARING
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		A BARAZ AND H CHIU
PROJECTION	A SHEEKA		P TREACY
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA		GRP 5: J DEARING & C HILLFAMILY
WELCOMERS	S CHAMISA		A BARAZ & H CHIU
COUNTERS	GROUP 5: P HO F HO A STANTON		
ALTAR FLOWERS	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	MAY ALTAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE	

13 / 14 MAY 2023 – 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	G MOODLEY
READER	B CLARK	P TREACY	C LAYOUN / FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
PROJECTION	T MORFUNI		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE & EL-AZZI FAMILY	GRP 10: JOSH MULROE	GRP 6: ADAM CALLAGHAN
WELCOMERS	A CHAN & P ONG		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
COUNTERS	GROUP 6: S RATH P BRODERICK R LEUNG		
ALTAR FLOWERS	N HAHN	MAY ALTAR 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 Philip and Doma.
Please pray for those who are sick and struggling with an illness especially Julian Santa Maria and Michael Hahn.
Please pray for Sydney and Catherine D'Mello as they celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary.



Annual General Meeting.

Our AGM will be held on the 21st 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.

First Holy Communion at St Therese.

- **Parent & Candidate Sessions:** Continue on WEDNESDAY'S the 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st May in St Therese Church commencing at 7pm.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL** on Saturday 3rd June at 4pm in the Church.
- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** will be on Sunday the 4th June at 11.30am.

So please add all these important dates to your diaries.



10am Family Mass and 'Cuppa' THIS weekend.

St Therese School families from Stage 3 will be supporting the rostered volunteers with some of the Mass ministries at Mass this weekend. Following Mass everyone is welcome to stay back for the parish "Cuppa".



UPDATE – Fr Roberto.

No news on Fr Roberto's movements as yet. We will certainly keep everyone up to date with any news. So, it's business as usual for now.

Thank you.

During the week Cathy Taffa has resigned from her position of Treasurer for the Parish Council, she has held this position for 22 years. We sincerely thank her for her knowledge and dedication over the years.



Baptism this weekend.

This Sunday we will welcome into our faith community Anastasia Maria Landers. We congratulate her parents Gavin & Marilyn and their families.



Parish Council Nominations.

Nomination forms are available from the front foyer this weekend. The commitment to be a Councillor is to support the parish priest in an advisory role, to help the priest implement the decisions and getting involved in the life of the parish. Please keep the nominations coming and add them to the box provided.



Please nominate someone this weekend!

Charitable Works Fund May Appeal.

THIS weekend we will hold our May CWF Appeal at all Masses. Simply use the envelopes that will be on the pews to make your donation and add the envelope to any of the collection plates. The Charitable Works Fund is your charity, the charity of the Sydney Catholic community and your local parish.



Parish Council Meeting Update.

At last night's meeting the committee discussed:

- the upcoming Annual General Meeting and
- the need for more volunteers within in all ministries of the parish to boost our numbers.

Prayer and Reflection Group.

Come and join our Tuesday evenings "Prayer and Reflection Group" held in the school hall at 7.30pm. This week we will have a Liturgy of the Word. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Month of May - Month of Mary.

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady and we are encouraged to pray the rosary, praying for your needs and peace in this dark and violent world. So make the time for these prayers with your family.

Here at Denistone parishioners stay back after our weekday morning Mass to pray the rosary. Everyone is welcome to come.

Safeguarding Children Refresher Training.

Training for all parishioners, especially those who undertake ministries within the parish and those who have previously provided us with their WWC number, will be held on:



Sunday the 28th May at 7.30pm,
Sunday the 4th June at 7.30pm

and also on Wednesday the 7th June at 7.30pm. All sessions will be held in the church. This training is a refresher update and all parishioners are very welcome to attend. Please write your name and email address on the clipboards noting which session you will attend.



Volunteering at Denistone.

Over the past few weeks, we have been trying to enlist parishioner support for all of our ministries from:

- ALTAR LINEN / CATECHISTS / COUNTERS
- FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR / HOSPITALITY
- MUSIC MINISTRY / OFFERTORY PROCESSION FAMILIES
- PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILLORS / READERS
- SATURDAY GARDENING / WELCOMING GROUP & WARDENS

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