

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter  
*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

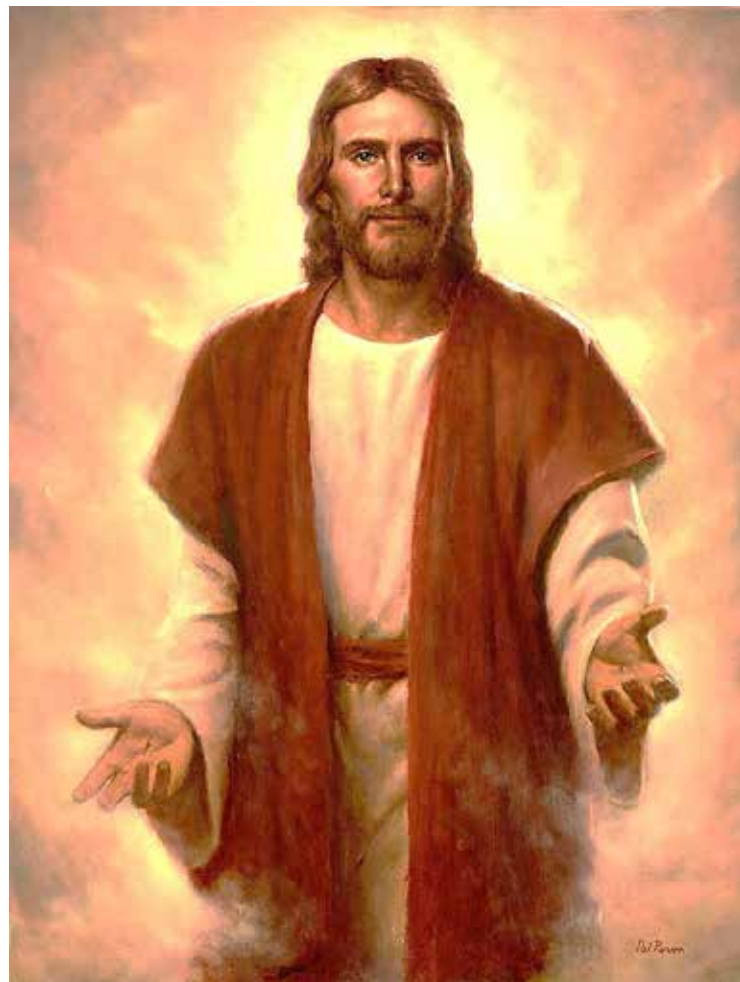
Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** John 14:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**All who love me will keep my words,**  
**and my Father will love them and we will come to them.**  
**Alleluia!**



**GOSPEL:** John 14:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave your orphans; I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.**

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Acts 1: 1-11;**

**Eph 1: 17-23;**

**Mt 28: 16-20.**

**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 OF EASTER (YEAR A)**

**13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.**

**FIRST READING: Acts 8:5-8. 14-17**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

***They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.***

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20**

**RESPONSE: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds. **Response.**

'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men. **Response.**

He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. **Response.**

Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me. **Response.**

**13 / 14 MAY 2023 – 6<sup>TH</sup> 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		JASON BARBER & VOLUNTEER
PROJECTION	T MORFUNI		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE, CHRISTIAN HILL & EL-AZZI FAMILY	GRP 10: JOSH MULROE	GRP 6: SIENNA BUIST, OLIVIA JOMA, ANNA MIRABILE & GENEIVE MCPHIE
WELCOMERS	A CHAN & P ONG		THALIA AND MAI
COUNTERS	GROUP 6: S RATH P BRODERICK R LEUNG		
ALTAR FLOWERS	N HAHN	MAY ALTAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE	

**20 / 21 MAY 2023 – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

	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	A PLEADIN		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 3: BERNLEITNER FAMILY, NIARA PAREKELEM & FREDERICK LI		GRP 7: VINCENT & ALYSSA WIDJAYA, ANNABELLE BOGER & LENNOX HO
WELCOMERS	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
COUNTERS	GROUP 7: P TREACY S DIMICHIEL M PEARCE		
ALTAR FLOWERS	A NAGANATHAN	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.



**Your next 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 past few weeks.



**First Holy Communion at St Therese.**

- **Parent & Candidate Sessions:** Continue on WEDNESDAY'S the 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> May in St Therese Church commencing at 7pm.
- **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.



**Charitable Works Fund May Appeal.**

Thank you to all those who donated to this worthy appeal last weekend.

**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY**

**Mothers' Day Prayer.**

Thank you, Creator of us all, for my mother

I thank you that she gave me life and nurtured me all those years.

She gave me my faith, helping me to know you and to know Jesus and his ways.

She taught me how to love and how to sacrifice for others.

She taught me that it was okay to cry And that I should always tell the truth.

Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want to give her today. Help her to feel precious in your eyes today and to know that I love her.

Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace. Bless her this day with your love.

**We wish all the Mothers of our parish a great day with their families and many blessings upon them on this special day!**



**Mary, Mother of all, pray for us!**

**Safeguarding Children Training for all parishioners.**



This is very important training for all our volunteers especially: ACOLYTES, CATECHISTS, READERS, OFFERTORY, WARDENS.

In fact, we strongly encourage all our parish volunteers and parishioners to attend, especially those who have previously provided us with their WWC number. Training dates are:

Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm,

Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm

and also on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm.

All sessions will be held in the church. This training needs to be refreshed every 3 years. Our last parish training was in 2019. That is why this is essential that people take the time to show up.

Please write your name and email address on the clipboards noting which session you will attend.

**Month of May - Month of Mary.**

Pray the rosary during May, praying for your needs and peace in this dark and violent world.



**Flowers for the Church.**

We need more volunteers to help with this wonderful ministry. So please consider if you can help out once a month. A great idea is to do it with a friend and use it as a catch-up time for you both. We ask the rostered volunteers to buy the flowers they are to arrange and then give the receipts to Gayle in the Parish office. All monies will be fully reimbursed.



**Attention All Catechists!**

A reminder to our catechists that our next MEETING will be after class NEXT Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> May at 10.45am.



**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 this weekend. Following Mass everyone is welcome to stay back and enjoy a "Cuppa".



**Parish Council Nominations.**

This weekend is your last chance to support your parish and nominate yourself or a friend to the council.



**Please nominate someone this weekend!**