

SECOND READING: Romans 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:36 - 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Jer 20: 10-13;
Rom 5: 12-15;
Mt 10 : 26-33.

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.**

THE Catholic Weekly

- Walk with Christ 2023: Well over 10,000 hit the streets of Sydney for Corpus Christi (p1, 12-14)
- Archbishop Fisher on Corpus Christi: Why we still need public proclamations of faith (p8-9)
- King's Birthday honours: Catholics honoured for service to our nation (p4)
- Grandmother slain by taser Clare Nowland laid to rest (p5)
- Melbourne Eucharistic "miracle" may be more mundane (p7)
 - Monica Doumit in the USA (p11)

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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10.00 am.
MONDAY:	9.30am 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.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th / 18th June 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!



FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus
You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him

from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 99: 2-3, 5

RESPONSE: We are his people: the sheep of his flock

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **RESPONSE.**

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **RESPONSE.**

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **RESPONSE.**

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17 / 18 JUNE 2023 – ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	T DABBAH	D D'MELLO	J KWONG
READER	L SAMONTE	S JAYAMMANE	H VAZ
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY
PROJECTION	ANNA PLEADIN		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 3: BERNLEITNER FAMILY, NIARA PAREKELEM & FREDERICK LI		GRP 7: WIDJAYA FAMILY, ANNABELLE BOGER, LENNOX HO
WELCOMERS	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 11: P. HO B TANG A. STANTON		
ALTAR FLOWERS	A NAGANATHAN	JUNE ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

24 / 25 JUNE 2023 – TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	G MOODLEY
READER	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY NEEDED
PROJECTION	VIDURA PERERA		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 4: WONG FAMILY		GRP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
WELCOMERS	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 1: B. CLARK A. STANTON P. BRODERICK		
ALTAR FLOWERS	J KEYSER	JUNE ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Barbara Bencina, Margaret Cooper and John De Souza. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries. Please pray for those who are sick and struggling with an illness especially Julian Santa Maria and Michael Hahn. Julian is now back home and wants to thank you all for your prayers.



Farewell for Fr Roberto.

We now have the date for Fr Roberto's departure from our parish.

Fr Roberto's last parish Mass will be on Sunday the 16th July at the 10am Mass.

Currently we are in the midst of planning Fr Roberto's farewell and will have more details next week as we all would like to give him a wonderful sendoff from Denistone after his many years of dedication to our community.



Prayer and Reflection Group.

This Tuesday 20th June there won't be a meeting as the current participants of this group are taking Fr Roberto out for dinner.

The group will continue the following week, Tuesday the 27th June in the school hall at 7.30pm. The group alternates each week between Liturgy of the Word and Lectio Divina. Everyone is welcome to attend any week you are free with no obligation to come each and every week.



Like to help the Parish with a Monthly Donation?

Would you like to help support the parish with a monthly donation? If so, please contact the Parish Office to arrange for a credit card authority form to be emailed to you OR we can organise a set of Planned Giving envelopes.



Walk with Christ Procession.

Last Sunday a number of parishioners walked in the "Walk with Christ" procession. It was a perfect day for such a walk.

The Catholic Weekly reports,

"more than ten thousand Catholics, drawn from every corner of the world, And they did come to render worship to the Lord on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, in greater numbers again than last year, carrying banners, icons and flags from their parishes into the heart of Sydney to give their "yes" to Christ in the presence of the whole city. Pushing children in prams and family members in wheelchairs, carrying kids on shoulders and trundling along behind walking frames."



Eucharistic Ministers for Nursing Home.

More Eucharistic Ministers / Acolytes are needed to administer Communion to the residents at San Antonio Nursing Home.



Some of our parishioners have generously been looking after the residents consistently for a couple of years, but now needs your support and help to continue this beautiful ministry to the elderly within our parish. Please speak with Fr Roberto after any of the Masses or call the parish office.



Parish Councillors will be commissioned.

At all Masses this weekend Fr Roberto will commission the new Parish Council. At the same time, the NEW



councillors, **George Moodley, Eric Morelli, Mahesh Naganathan, Luen Uymatiao and Budy Widjaya,** will receive their Parish Councillors badges.

Wedding this weekend.

On Saturday Fr Roberto married Jema Samonte and Gabriel Fernandez Igal here at St Therese. Jema, the bride, is the sister of sister of Luen Uymatiao who is a reader and member of our Parish Council.



Congratulations to the happy couple, wishing many blessings upon them and their families.

Safeguarding Children training certificates.

The 27 people who attended our "Safeguarding Children Refresher Training" will receive their attendance certificates after Mass this weekend. If you attended any of the sessions please make sure to pick up your certificate from Helen Vaz or Fr Roberto after any of the Masses.



Sacred Heart of Jesus

On Friday we celebrated the FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS. This image of Jesus is one of the most popular images used in churches and homes. It is the image of God's love revealed in the pierced heart of His Son. It is the symbol of a love that conquers sin and transcends death, the symbol of the One who loved us to the end.12



"Jesus knew and loved us each and all during his life, his agony and his Passion, and gave himself up for each one of us"

478 Catechism of the Catholic Church

OTHER NOTICES

PURPOSE NIGHTS | BLACK AND WHITE NIGHT on June 27th. **Dress code:** Black & White Clothing! Open to students across Sydney in Yrs 9-12. **DETAILS:** Tuesday 27th June, 5.30 PM to 9PM. **Venue:** St Christopher's, Holsworthy 205 Heathcote Rd, Holsworthy. Registrations are essential. Please scan the tile to register for this event.



PURPOSE CAMP 2023: Purpose Camp is for highschoolers in years 9 to 12 [UNDER 18s ONLY] led by Sydney Catholic Youth from across the Archdiocese of Sydney. **DETAILS: Date and Time:** Tuesday 27th June, 5.30 PM to 9PM. **Venue:** St Christopher's, Holsworthy 205 Heathcote Rd, Holsworthy. Please scan the tile to register for this event.

