

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8:9. 11-13

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

***If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.***

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** cf 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 11:25-30

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**  
***I am gentle and humble of heart.***

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no

one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.**

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Is 55: 10-11;**

**Rom 8: 18-23;**

**Mt 13: 1-23.**

**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.**

**Mobile phones at Mass.**

To maintain a spirit of reverence and solemnity, please turn off and refrain from using all mobile telephones and other electronic devices during Mass.

## THE Catholic Weekly

- Lisbon, here we come! Pilgrims prepare for World Youth Day 2023
- Cross taken down from Calvary as hospital acquisition D-Day arrives
- Professor Patrick McArdle: Calvary Takeover shows narrowing space for faith
- Grit, family and faith puts Sienna back on court
- Classical education seminar keeps small fires burning
- The Covenant review: war flick shows the power of promises



## 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:	9.30am 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.

### FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.**

**FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-10**

**A reading from the prophet Zechariah**  
***See how humbly your king comes to you!***

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!  
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!  
See now, your king comes to you;  
he is victorious, he is triumphant,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.  
He will banish chariots from Ephraim  
and horses from Jerusalem;  
the bow of war will be banished.  
He will proclaim peace for the nations.  
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,  
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14**

**RESPONSE: I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.**

I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.

**Response.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

**Response.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God.

**Response.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down.

**Response.**

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**8 / 9 JULY 2023 – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	R MORFUNI	A STANTON	J KWONG
READER	B CLARK	P TREACY	C LAYOUN
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY NEEDED
PROJECTION	TONI MORFUNI		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE, CHRISTIAN HILL & EL-AZZI FAMILY		GRP 6: SIENNA BUIST, OLIVIA JOMA, ANNA MIRABILE, GENEVIEVE MCPHIE
WELCOMERS	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 3: D JAYAMANNE E CONTERNO		
ALTAR FLOWERS	N HAHN	JULY ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

**15 / 16 JULY 2023 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	T DABBAH	D ELLIS	M MORELLI
READER	L SAMONTE	S JAYAMMANE	H VAZ
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY NEEDED
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 4: R WHITE G WHITE		
ALTAR FLOWERS	A NAGANATHAN	JULY ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

**PARISH NEWS & NOTICES**

**Request for Mass and Prayers.**

We pray for those who have recently died especially Leena Dias (*Fr Norvin's mother*). Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries and those we wish to remember. Please pray for those who are sick especially Julian Santa Maria.



**Farewell for Fr Roberto.**

**FAREWELL GIFT:** Once again this weekend we will be collecting for Fr Roberto's gift. Please add your money to the basket near the back door or in front of the altar. If you haven't had the opportunity to contribute, this is your last chance to do so.

**FAREWELL LUNCH** at 12.30pm on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> July in the St Therese School grounds. We would love you all to bring a plate of food to share with the community. A clipboard is in the front foyer, so take the time to let us know what food you will be bringing. We will be buying a large farewell cake that will be used for dessert, so we do have a preference for people to bring savoury foods to share. **Make sure you dress for the weather as we will be outside at the school.**



**FR ROBERTO'S LAST WEEKEND OF PARISH MASSES WILL BE ON THE 15<sup>TH</sup> / 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY with the final celebratory Mass on Sunday at 10am.**

**Holy Fathers Appeal.**

Thank you for your donations last week for the Holy Fathers Appeal. This money will assist communities impacted by conflict, earthquakes, famine and other disasters. We thank all those who donated for their generosity to help Pope Francis bring hope, faith, and the spirit of Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world.



**Welcome to a new Catholic.**

At St Catherines Nursing Home on Wednesday this week, Fr Roberto welcomed Kenny Tang into full communion with the Catholic Church. Kenny is the husband of Bernadette who helps teach catechism at Denistone East Public School. Bernadette is thankful to God and Our Lady for answering her prayers that her husband has become a catholic. We congratulate Kenny, Berndette and their family.



**Planned Giving Envelopes.**

Every year we give you all many opportunities to help support the parish by donating to the church at every weekend Mass.



Through the FIRST COLLECTION you help cover the living expenses of your priest's everyday life.

Whilst the SECOND COLLECTION is comprised of "Loose" money and "Planned Giving Envelopes". The "Loose" money is used for the upkeep of the presbytery, electricity, flowers for the altar and wages for our secretary.

The money received through our "Planned Giving Envelopes" help to maintain the church and to pay our insurance premiums.

We are a small parish community, and we encourage everyone to contribute in any small way possible. You can claim 30% of your donations made through our Planned Giving Envelopes, and a tax receipt is issued annually.

For anyone wishing to donate to the Planned Giving we encourage you to do so through your credit card. 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.



**For those who still donate through the actual envelopes your new set for the new financial year will be available in the coming weeks along with your tax receipts. Thank you for your generous contributions this year.**

**Prayer and Reflection Group.**

Come and join our Tuesday evening "Prayer and Reflection Group" held 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.



**Parish Council Meeting - update.**

- Plans for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish.
- Discussed Safeguarding issues within the parish.
- Plans to welcome Fr Simon with a welcome morning tea on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July after the 10am Mass.
- Maintenance issues – City of Ryde have confirmed that our stormwater pit and new pipe to Blaxland Road are working well.

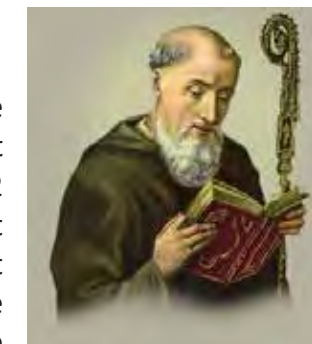
**Fr Simon Apablaza is coming to Denistone.**

Fr Simon will be replacing Fr Roberto. Fr Simon originally comes from Chile, was ordained in Australia and has been working for the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes. He will be the Administrator of the parish.



**St Benedict**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of July will be the memorial of St Benedict who founded 12 communities of monks at Subiaco in Italy. Benedict travelled to Monte Cassino where he established a monastery and wrote 'The Rule'. It is a simple set of guidelines for how the life of a monk should be lived and has become one of the most influential works in all of Western Christendom. Following the golden rule of Ora et Labora (pray and work) the monks devote 8 hours to prayer, 8 hours to sleep and 8 hours to manual work, sacred reading and works of charity every day.



The medal of St Benedict is a famous one and contains an inscription of exorcism against Satan, a prayer for strength in time of temptation, for peace and among the nations and the world, a prayer that the cross be our light and guide, a prayer of firm rejection of all that is evil and petition that we may walk in God's way with the Gospel as our guide. Benedict is the patron saint of Europe.