

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 13:24-43**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed dandelion all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the dandelion appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the dandelion come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the dandelion you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the dandelion and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the
foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the dandelion in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the dandelion, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the dandelion is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a
memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those
who fear him.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

1 Kg 3: 5, 7-12;
Rom 8: 28-30;
Mt 13: 44-52.



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.



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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 Simon Apablaza.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22nd / 23rd July 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your
name, O Lord, for it is good.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom
In the place of sin, you give repentance.
There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16

RESPONSE: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.

Response.

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.

Response.

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me.

Response.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could
never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

22 / 23 JULY 2023 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	G MOODLEY
READER	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER FAMILY NEEDED
PROJECTION	VIDURA PERERA		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 4: WONG FAMILY		GRP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
WELCOMERS	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 5: P HO F HO A STANTON		
ALTAR FLOWERS	J KEYSER	JULY ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

29 / 30 JULY 2023 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	T DABBAH	D ELLIS	A STANTON
READER	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY NEEDED
PROJECTION	JENNY MCLEOD		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 4: WONG FAMILY		GRP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
WELCOMERS	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 6: S RATH P BRODERICK R LEUNG		
ALTAR FLOWERS	N HAHN	JULY ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES.

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries and those we wish to remember especially Peg Myatt.



Welcome Fr Simon.

Fr Simon began working at St Therese on Thursday with his first morning Mass at 9am. He is very happy and excited to be here at Denistone and is most certainly looking forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks and months ahead. So make sure you take the time to stop and introduce yourselves after each Mass and please understand that it will take Fr Simon some time for him to begin to know your names.



Morning tea after 10 am Mass.

This Sunday after the 10am Mass please stay back and have a "Welcome Cuppa" for Fr Simon to Denistone. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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.



Catholic Weekly

- World Youth Day pilgrims go with haste!
- Natalia Matar hears God's call for WYD
- Sound of Freedom review: Caviezel is the master of expression
- Welcome, maestro! New director of music for St Mary's Cathedral
- Faith on the racetrack: jockey Jack Waterhouse's near-death conversion
- Fr Gerald Gleeson on George Weigel, synodality and Vatican II

Thank you from Father Roberto

Dear Parishioners,
This is just a small note of thanks from me to you all. As I said before, you all have a place in my heart, and I will remember you all in my prayers. Especially that you receive plenty of blessings in difficult times. You give so much to the community and beyond, and you have so much to keep offering. Keep up the great work.

I say it again, I was very blessed to spend 13 years at St Therese, Denistone, a parish looked after by the Little Flower, little Therese. She is so gentle and loving, but she looks after us all. And I am sure she will continue to look after you. Just continue to become like a little child and trust in the Lord more and more each day. It doesn't matter if the world is falling apart, keep your faith in the loving God as a child feels safe and secure in their father or mother's arms.



I was truly surprised and overwhelmed by the way you farewelled me. I am so grateful and I will never forget it! You outdid yourselves! For me it was such a truly emotional day. It felt similar to my ordination day with a tinge of sadness.

Thank you to the Parish Council and the Committee who worked hard to put everything together. Thank you for the things you did at my last Mass and all the beautiful cards with such encouraging and moving messages. It was wonderful to learn that you felt supported and helped by me at different times in your lives. Thanks be to God who does all this work through his servants. Thank you for your generous gifts! I felt the providence of God looking after me through your love expressed in this useful way. You practically paid for my holidays! This will certainly help me very much. Thank you to all who brought an incredible array of delicious food, and to all who worked putting things together. My mother sends her thanks to you all too. She was very honored with the flowers you gave her. She decided to leave them at the feet of our Lady. Thanking God for everything and praying for you all.

The words of Jesus that come to my mind are: "I call you friends." He said this to his apostles. These words come to my mind too, because I feel that I have found so many friends in Denistone. I hope that I will have the opportunity to catch up with you sometimes. And perhaps come back to the parish on special occasions. Welcome Father Simon as you welcomed me. Look after each other, and remember the Lord is always with us till the end.

Thank you very much and hasta la vista amigos!
The peace of Christ be with you all! Fr Roberto

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.

Offering Envelopes



Through the FIRST COLLECTION you help cover the living expenses of your priest's everyday life and those within the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Whilst the SECOND COLLECTION is comprised of "Loose" money and "Planned Giving Envelopes". The "Loose" is used to pay our energy bills, flowers for the altar, wages etc.

The money received through our "Planned Giving Envelopes" enables us to plan high-cost maintenance repairs for 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.

OTHER NOTICES.

CLASSROOM MUSIC TEACHERS WANTED: Sydney Catholic Schools (SCS) is looking for specialist Instrumental tutors in Brass, Woodwind and Strings and Classroom Music Teachers to work in our primary and secondary schools, from one to five days per week.

Tutors will commence in Term 1, 2024 and to start applying, you can view the live advert on our Sydney Catholic Schools website [here](#). All Classroom Music Teacher positions will be advertised from Monday, 24 July.

Could we also ask you kindly post the attached flyer on your bulletin boards to assist us in spreading the word.

For further information, please contact the SCS' Recruitment team at: talentacquisition@syd.catholic.edu.au.