

**SECOND READING:** Romans 8:28-30

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**  
*He predestined us to become true images of his Son.*  
We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13: 44-52  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**  
*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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

**“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like...”**



**-Matthew 13:45**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**  
**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.**

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Dan 7: 9-10,13-14;**  
**2 Pet 1:16-19;**  
**Mt 17: 1-9.**



**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.

**Catholic Weekly**

- Sydney WYD pilgrims journey to birthplace of Christ
- St Joseph’s Palliative Care Hospital to close
- Sisters of Charity come together at Surry Hills
  - Wedding day blessing for Tyburn nuns
  - Monica Doumit: Big W boycott a victory for common sense
- Reviews: Barbie, Oppenheimer and the end of the world



**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 from 9.40am – 10.15am every Friday after Mass.  
RECONCILIATION: Friday during Exposition and 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.

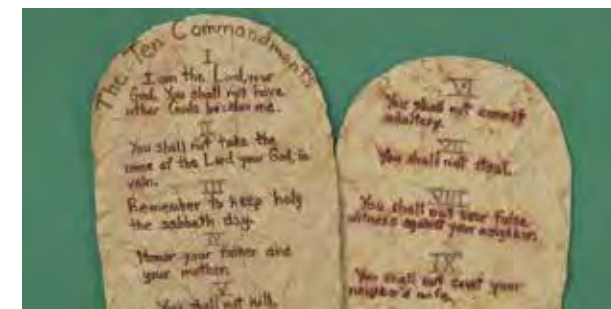
**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**  
**God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.**

**FIRST READING:** 1 Kings 3:5. 7-12  
**A reading from the first book of the Kings**  
*You have asked for wisdom.*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 118:57.72. 76-77. 127-130  
**RESPONSE:** Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **Response.**

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **Response.**

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **Response.**

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **Response.**

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**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	

**5 / 6 AUGUST 2023 – THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	J KWONG
READER	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING / FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
PROJECTION	AMJAD SHEEKA		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA		GRP 5: JAMES DEARING & ADAM CALLAGHAN
WELCOMERS	S CHAMISA		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
COUNTERS	GROUP 7: P TREACY S DIMICHIEL M PEARCE		
ALTAR FLOWERS	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	AUGUST ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

**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.



**Confirmation at St Therese.**

- **Parent Information Night:** Will be held on WEDNESDAY the 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 7.30pm at the St. Therese Church. Please DO NOT BRING your children with you.
- **Candidate & Parent attend Presentation Mass:** At All Masses on the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> August.
- **Parent & Candidate Sessions of Instruction:** Will be held on WEDNESDAY'S the 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> August and 6<sup>th</sup> October in St Therese Church commencing at 7pm.
- **CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL** on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm in the Church.
- **CONFIRMATION** will be on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30am.



So please add all these important dates to your diaries.

**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.



**Attention All Catechists!**

A reminder to our catechists that our next MEETING will be after class on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am.



**Parish Council Meeting.**

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August** at 7pm in the presbytery. If you have any parish suggestions or concerns please speak with Father Simon or any council member.



**Family Mass and Cuppa NEXT weekend.**

St Therese School families from Stage 1 & 3 will be supporting the rostered volunteers with some of the Mass ministries at the 10am Mass. Following this Mass, we will host our usual "CUPPA". Everyone is very welcome to stay back for a coffee with parish friends.



**Baptism this weekend.**

This Sunday we will welcome into our faith community Zain Kikic. We congratulate his parents Dino & Telisha and their families.



**Denistone Catholic Women's League Meeting.**

The next meeting will be held on Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> August at 10am. Newcomers are always welcome.



**Reconciliation.**

All parishioners will have an extra opportunity to attend Reconciliation as Fr Simon is making it available after Mass on Friday mornings during Exposition.



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**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](mailto:talentacquisition@syd.catholic.edu.au).