

SECOND READING: **Romans 9:1-5**
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **Ps 129:5**
Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.
Alleluia

GOSPEL: **Matthew 14:22-33**
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Is 56: 1, 6-7;
Rom 11: 13-15, 29-32;
Mt 15: 21-28.



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

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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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
12th / 13th August 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:
Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.



FIRST READING: **1 Kings 19:9. 11-13**

A reading from the first book of the Kings
Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.
 When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the

rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: **Ps 84:9-14**
RESPONSE: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **Response.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **Response.**

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **Response.**

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12 / 13 AUGUST 2023 – NINETEENTH SUNDAY ON ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	T DABBAH	A STANTON	M MORELLI
READER	B CLARK	P TREACY	VOLUNTEER
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY NEEDED
PROJECTION	TONI MORFUNI		B WIDJAYA
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		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 8: F KURNIAWAN	A NAGANATHAN	D TAN
ALTAR FLOWERS	N HAHN	AUGUST ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

19 / 20 AUGUST 2023 – TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	R MORFUNI	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 9: C DABBAH	T DABBAH	A STANTON
ALTAR FLOWERS:	A NAGANATHAN		AUGUST ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG

APOSTLES CREED.

I believe God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into Hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Amen.

GLORIA.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

PARISH NOTICES:

Mass intentions Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially:

Kitty Marren.

Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially:

Francesco Hyeraci, Rita and Joseph Abi-Saab.

Please pray for the Souls of:

Maria del Refugio and Lee Wong.



Confirmation at St Therese.

• **Parent & Candidate Sessions of Instruction:**

Sessions continue on WEDNESDAY'S the 16th, 23rd, 30th August and 6th October in St Therese School commencing at 7pm.

• **CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL** on Saturday 9th September at 4pm in the Church.

• **CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated on Sunday the 10th September at 11.30am.

All these important dates should be in your diaries.



Volunteers Needed.

READERS - We are looking for more parishioners who would like to help as Readers as Fr Simon would like us to have TWO READERS at each Sunday Mass.

This ministry is to read the First Reading, Psalms, OR the Second Reading and Prayers of the Faithful. This is a ministry open to everyone and there are no surprises because we will give you a copy of "Break Open the Word" so that you can practice beforehand. There will be parish training for those wishing to volunteer. You can also be rostered on at the Mass you normally attend. Your commitment is to go on a roster.



PROJECTION OPERATOR – We need a regular operator for our 10am Mass on the Second Sunday of each month. Thorough training and setup are provided.

WELCOMERS - Our welcoming group is a vital ministry that does what it says - Welcomes! This group creates a sense of welcome and inclusion by greeting and handing out our Parish Bulletin. A friendly face and a desire to make everyone feel included is all you need for this ministry. Your commitment is to go on a roster.

If you would like to join any of these ministries, let us know by ringing the Parish Office or by speaking with Fr Simon after Mass.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 15th August 2023

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY IS A DAY OF HOLY OBLIGATION.

Masses will be at: **9am and 7.30pm**

On this wonderful day dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary we rejoice with the whole Church as we remember the day when the Mother of the Lord entered into the Glory of Heaven after completing the course of her earthly life. This glorious mystery speaks to us about the day when our Mother, through special privilege from God, was assumed in body and soul into the presence of God; she entered into the Kingdom of her Son, not only in her soul like all other prophets and saints and all blessed people who lived a virtuous lives, but she also was the first one who also entered with her body as well. And this brings hope to all of us.



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Planned Giving Envelopes / your Tax Receipts.

- Donations to the Planned Giving through the envelopes: your new envelopes and tax receipts for 2022 / 2023 are in the front foyer clearly marked with your name.
- Parishioners who donate to the Planned Giving via their Credit Cards have already received their tax receipts via email
- Donations to CWF and Catholic Mission only: your receipts have been posted to you.
- For all those parishioners, who **opted not to claim a tax refund**, you will receive a letter that advises you how much you have donated over the past year.



Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal.

Our next appeal will be held NEXT weekend on the 19th / 20th August. Your support of this appeal is important in raising the vital funds necessary to keep the programs of the 6 agencies which benefit from the appeal running. The CWF has been helping our Sydney community for over 60 years, helping thousands of lives every year. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

