

SECOND READING: Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the

woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

**Is 22: 19-23;
Rom 11: 33-36;
Mt 16: 13-20.**



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 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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A) 19th / 20th August 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8

RESPONSE: O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

Response.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

Response.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

Response.

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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	

26 / 27 AUGUST 2023 – TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	R MORFUNI	M MORELLI	VOLUNTEER
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 10: V MAMO	C MAMO	
ALTAR FLOWERS:	J KEYSER	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.

Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially:

Ruza and Duro Prica.

Please also pray for those who are sick, especially:

Beth Ellesmere and Mijana Prica



Baptism this weekend.

This Sunday we will welcome into our faith community Celine Lee Migliorini.

We congratulate her parents Danilo & Nancy and their families.



Charitable Works Fund Pastoral Appeal.

Will be held **THIS** weekend.

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. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.



Confirmation at St Therese.

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

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

- **CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL** on Saturday 9th September at 4pm in the Church.
- **CONFIRMATION** will be on Sunday the 10th 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.



Planned Giving Envelopes and your tax receipts.

There are still a few Planned Giving Envelope boxes to be collected from the front foyer.



Feast of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Last week we celebrated the Assumption of our Lady, a great solemnity which reminded us that our heavenly Mother was taken to God's Kingdom in body and soul.

This coming Tuesday the 22nd August we celebrate the Queenship of Mary. This memorial reminds us that Mary does not only have a place in heaven, but it reminds us of her role in God's kingdom. She is the Queen in heaven. She has been crowned as queen of heaven and earth.

This feast was established by Pope Pius XII in 1954. And this feast has roots in the Scriptures. The Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that her son Jesus would receive the throne of David and rule forever. And because she is the mother of Christ, her queenship is a share in Jesus' kingship.

So don't forget that our Heavenly mother and queen is close to all of us - her disciples. Keep coming to her, continue your devotions to our Lady and intensify our efforts to pray more.

And remember that we are not alone, she is close to you and to me and to everyone.

Rejoice and praise our beautiful Queen!