

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** (Continued)

**RESPONSE:** Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.

**Response.**

**SECOND READING:** Romans 11:33-36

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**  
*From him, through him, and in him are all things.*

How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom  
and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his  
motives or understand his methods! Who could ever  
know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his  
counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend  
him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him  
and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;**  
**the gates of hell will not hold out against it.**

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 16:13-20

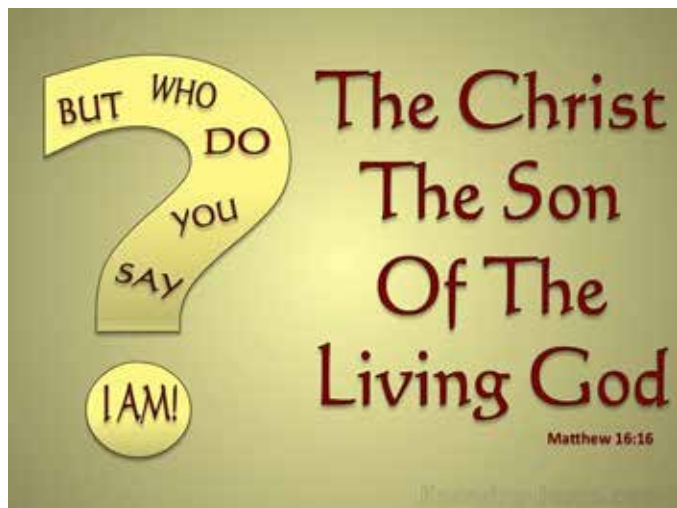
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**  
*You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom  
of heaven.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he  
put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the  
Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the  
Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the  
prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then  
Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the  
Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah,  
you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood  
that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I  
now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build  
my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never  
hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom  
of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be  
considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on  
earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone  
that he was the Christ.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O  
Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine  
to cheer the heart.**

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Jer 20: 7-9;**  
**Rom 12: 1-2;**  
**Mt 16: 21-27.**



**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**  
**IS ON SALE NOW FROM THE**  
**FRONT FOYER.**

**Would You Like to Help the Parish with a  
Monthly Donation?**

If you currently do not  
contribute to our envelopes  
and now wish to help support  
the parish, please contact the  
Parish Office, either by phone or email, to arrange  
this ASAP.



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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.

### TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A) 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant  
who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for I cry to you all the day long.**



**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 22:19-23

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

*I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.*

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the  
palace:

I dismiss you from your office,  
I remove you from your post,  
and the same day I call on my servant  
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.  
I invest him with your robe,  
gird him with your sash,  
entrust him with your authority;  
and he shall be a father  
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David  
on his shoulder;  
should he open,  
no one shall close,  
should he close,  
no one shall open.  
I drive him like a peg  
into a firm place;  
he will become a throne of glory  
for his father's house.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8

**RESPONSE:** Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake  
the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you,  
I will adore before your holy temple. **Response.**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **Response.**

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**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	

**2 / 3 SEPTEMBER 2023 – TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	T DABBAH	D D'MELLO	J RAPER
READER	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING / FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEER FAMILY
PROJECTION	AMJAD SHEEKA		P TREACY
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA		GRP 5: JAMES DEARING & ADAM CALLAGHAN
WELCOMERS	S CHAMISA		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
COUNTERS	GROUP 11: P. HO B TANG	A. STANTON	
ALTAR FLOWERS:	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	SEPTEMBER ALTAR LINEN: MAUREEN PEARCE	

**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:

**Clement Gougerot**

Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially:

**Timotea Suarez, Addy Myatt and Maria Santa Maria.**

Please also pray for those who are sick, especially:

**Beth Ellesmere and Jamelie Morabito**



**Charitable Works Fund Pastoral Appeal.**

Many thanks to those who generously donated last weekend. We collected \$1,256.80. But if you missed the opportunity to make a contribution then please do so by using some envelopes located in the front foyer.



**Confirmation at St Therese.**

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

Sessions continue on WEDNESDAY'S the 30<sup>th</sup> August and 6<sup>th</sup> October in St Therese Church commencing at 7pm.

- **CONFIRMATION** will be on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> September at 11.30am.

So please add all these important dates to your diaries.



**Family Mass and Cuppa NEXT weekend.**

Family Mass NEXT weekend at 10am.

This Mass will then be followed with a parish "CUPPA" where will also be celebrating Father's Day. Everyone is most welcome to stay back and have a "cuppa" with parish friends.



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

The next meeting will be held on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> September at 10am. Newcomers are always welcome.



**Biblical Spirituality.**

Come and join our Tuesday evening 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.



**Social Justice Sunday**

The celebration of Social Justice Sunday is a long tradition in the Catholic Church in Australia. For almost every year since 1940, our bishops have joined together to issue a major social justice statement at this time.

Catholic Social Justice teaches us that all people are made in the image of God and so possess an equal and inalienable worth. Because of this essential dignity, each person has a right to all that is needed to allow him or her to live their full potential as intended by God.

A copy of the 2023/2024 Bishops Statement is available from the front foyer.



**SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**

Heavenly Father, we pray for the poorest and most vulnerable. Let us not just speak of justice, but let us act in just ways. May the oppressed and needy feel justice and equality and experience a world without hunger and poverty. AMEN.

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St Michael's Parish, Meadowbank.**

You are invited to join in the celebration with a 3 week series of talks on "Angels and Demons" – with Dr Robert Tilley in St Michael's Church on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. No booking to attend is required.

**Priests Retirement Fund Appeal.**

This worthy appeal will be held NEXT weekend as it helps our priests to live with dignity after serving the parish communities living their vocational lives. So come prepared to be generous



**Planned Giving Envelopes and your tax receipts.**

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

