

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

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**RESPONSE: My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.**

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

**Response.**

For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.

**Response.**

**SECOND READING:**

**Romans 12:1-2**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.**

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Ephesians 1:17-18**

**Alleluia, alleluia.  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart,  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.  
Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL:**

**Matthew 16:21-27**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.**

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my

sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.**

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Ezek 33: 7-9;  
Rom 13: 8-10;  
Mt 18: 15-20.**



**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.

**TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)  
2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.**

**FIRST READING:**

**Jeremiah 20:7-9**

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah  
The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.**

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;  
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.  
I am a daily laughing-stock,  
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'  
The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.  
I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.'  
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,  
I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Ps 63:1-5**

**RESPONSE: My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.

**Response.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.

**Response.**

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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		NATE AND ELIE EL-AZZI STELLA AND MAURICE CALLAGHAN
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	

9 / 10 SEPTEMBER 2023 – TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	R MORFUNI	J RAPER	G MOODLEY
READER	B CLARK	P TREACY	C LAYOUN
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		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 1: B. CLARK A. STANTON P. BRODERICK		
ALTAR FLOWERS:	N HAHN	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.  
Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially:  
**Georgette Layoun, Violeta Corona and Nicola Morfuni.**  
Please also pray for those who are sick, especially:  
**Beth Ellesmere.**



We would like to congratulate all the fathers in our community on this their special day. Thank you for all the contributions you make to our community and your Christian witness. We pray that you continue to grow in holiness and be as strong in faith as the great saints in the scriptures. Have a great day with your family and loved ones and be safe!

**Confirmation at St Therese.**

- **Parent & Candidate Sessions of Instruction:** Last session this WEDNESDAY the 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.



**Parish Council Meeting.**  
Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September** at 7pm in the presbytery. If you have any parish suggestions or concerns please speak with Father Simon or any council member: Vern Keyser, Adam Nolan, Barbara Clark, Elizabeth Wheeler, Eric Morelli, George Moodley, Budy Wigjaya, Gavin Landers, Mahesh Naganathan, Aruna Perera and Luen Uymatiao.



**Family Mass and Cuppa THIS weekend.**  
Family Mass THIS weekend at 10am **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.



**Priests Retirement Fund Appeal.**  
This worthy appeal will be held THIS 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.



**Volunteers Needed.**  
**READERS** – We still need more volunteers to help as Readers as Fr Simon would like us to have TWO READERS at each Sunday Mass. The FIRST READER will read the First Reading and Responsorial Psalm. Whilst the SECOND READER will read 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.  
**PROJECTION OPERATOR** – Regular operators are needed. Thorough training and setup are provided.  
**WELCOMERS** - Our welcoming group is a vital ministry that does what it says - Welcome! 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.



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

**St Michael's Parish, Meadowbank.**  
The series of talks on "Angels and Demons" – with Dr Robert Tilley in St Michael's Church continues on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. No booking to attend is required.