

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

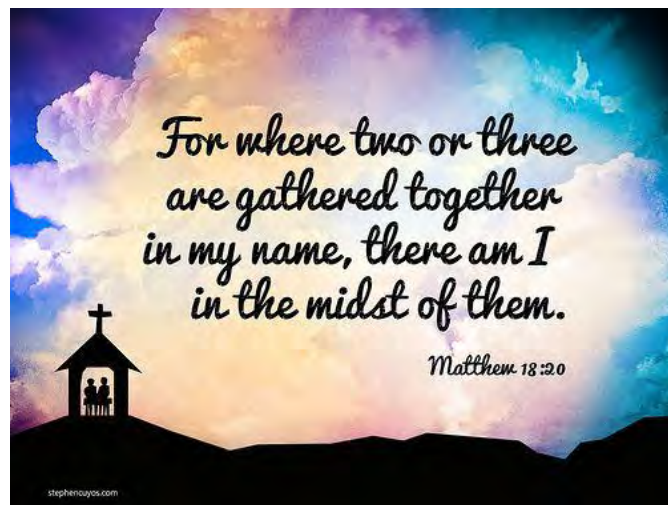
'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Sirach 27: 30-28:7;

Rom 14: 7-9;

Mt 18: 21-35.



THE Catholic Weekly

IS ON SALE NOW FROM THE FRONT FOYER.

Safeguarding Sunday Prayer.

Gracious God,
you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been abused, neglected or exploited and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.
Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.
Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.
We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.
Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.
We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

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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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)
9th / 10th September 2023**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

The Word of the Lord.

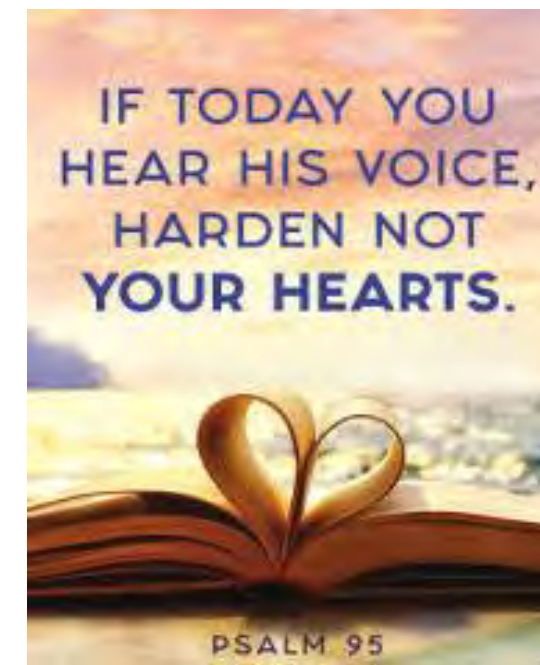
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 94:1-2. 6-9

**RESPONSE: O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Response.



Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **Response.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Response.

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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	

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OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY NEEDED
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 2: T DABBAH	C DABBAH	
ALTAR FLOWERS:	A NAGANATHAN	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:

- Maroun Youssef,**
- Joseph Cassar,**
- Mary & Joseph Rayan,**
- Marie Santa Maria,**
- Ken McLachlan,**
- Cheryl McLachlan.**



Please also pray for those who are sick, especially:

Beth Ellesmere.

For continued good health especially:

Claire Pagcaliwagan and Betty Wells

For a successful operation & recovery, especially:

Jadranka Laštro



Confirmation at St Therese.

This Sunday 7 candidates from within our parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and 3 will receive a blessing. We welcome their sponsors, families and friends this Sunday. May they all have a wonderful day!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Hanna Chiu** **Christian Hill**
- Adam Hughes** **Riley Jones**
- Isla Lee** **Dylan Ta**
- & Kiaj Ystela Tamani**

BLESSINGS & CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Alyssia Baraz** **Nathaniel El-Azzi**
- & Ruby Joseph**

Smart Terminals in the Church.

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Safeguarding Sunday, 10th September 2023

This weekend the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney and our Parish celebrates Safeguarding Sunday.

To help us reflect on how we can listen to the voices of Children and Young people within our community, the Safeguarding Office has developed resources for:

- Children - *Someone will listen to you.* A poster is on our noticeboard.
- Adults at Risk within our community. This resource helps Adults, who may be at risk, to identify what abuse looks like for an adult as well as who they can contact for support. A pamphlet is in the front foyer.

These resources can be accessed on the Safeguarding website:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/>



I encourage you all to take the time to reflect on how we can all participate in the shared responsibility of caring for and protecting our Children and Adults at Risk within our community and life.

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.**

Parish Council Meeting - update.

- Plans for a Morning Tea on October 1 for St Therese Feast Day.
- Preparing for the St Therese's 75th Anniversary celebration in November.
- Parish involvement on the 25 September at Ryde Hospital for the Multi Faith Prayer Room.
- Helen Vaz spoke with council members about the importance of Safeguarding Sunday.

Meeting update for Readers.

Our meeting on Wednesday the 14th September at 7pm will be held **IN THE CHURCH.**

