

SECOND READING: **Romans 14:7-9**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL : **Matthew 18:21-35**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said, "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me," he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said, "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you

each forgive your brother from your heart.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:
How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

READINGS FOR NEXT

WEEK:

Is 55: 6-9;
Phil 1: 20-24, 27;
Mt 20: 1-16.



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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)
16th / 17th September 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Response: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **Response**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **Response**

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **Response**

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. **Response**

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16 / 17 SEPTEMBER 2023 – TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	T DABBAH	M MORELLI	A STANTON
READER	L SAMONTE	S JAYAMMANE	H VAZ
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	

23 / 24 SEPTEMBER 2023 – TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	R MORFUNI	J RAPER	G MOODLEY
READER	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER FAMILY NEEDED
PROJECTION	VIDURA PERERA		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 4: WONG FAMILY		GRP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
WELCOMERS	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 3: D JAYAMANNE E CONTERNO		
ALTAR FLOWERS:	J KEYSER	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:

**Woo Yun Sum,
 Glynis Aranjo.**

Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially:

**Michael Bebek,
 Joseph Cassar,
 Frank Moniz,
 Marie Santa Maria
 Anthony Saba Chidiac**



Please also pray for those who are sick, especially:

Beth Ellesmere.

Ryde Hospital Chaplaincy Working Group update.

Ryde Hospital Chaplaincy Working Group will be running an Open Day on the 25th September from 9am – 3pm. There will be some information regarding multi faith religions and the upcoming multi faith prayer room that will be accessible in the new hospital.

Confirmation last Sunday.

We give thanks to our Lord for sending the Holy Spirit to our Confirmation candidates last Sunday. Special thanks to **Bishop Danny Meagher** for conferring the sacrament to our candidates, Fr Simon for his teaching sessions and so much more, and to **Justin Salar**, Religious Coordinator of St Therese School, for his untiring work and support. We also thank our **Acolytes, altar servers, our musicians and singers**, our constant support, our Principal **Adam Nolan**, Assistant Principal **Emma Dunne**, teachers of Saint Therese, **Parish catechists**, our **flower volunteers**, our parish secretary **Gayle White**, all the **parishioners** of Saint Therese who prayed constantly for the candidates, **parents** who supported their children in their path of faith and all those who in one way or another helped to make the day special.



Smart Terminals in the Church.

With these machines you can make a donation at any time. No receipts are given and your donation will NOT BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.



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.



**St Therese Feast Day
 1st October.**

In THREE weeks' time our parish will celebrate the feast day of our patron saint with a Family Mass at 10am on Sunday the 1st October.

Following this Mass we will host a "Cuppa". Everyone is welcome to attend and we would love you to bring some things to share for morning tea.



A barista will be on site making coffees and hot chocolates.

Make sure you mark this parish event in your diaries.

St. Therese of Lisieux – 9 Day Novena.

A nine day Novena is an excellent way to prepare for the feast day of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, one of the greatest saints of the modern era.

Saint Therese, also known as the Little Flower, commonly gives roses or flowers as a sign to those who receive miracles by her intercession. With the power of Saint Therese's intercession in mind let us imitate her great and innocent confidence in the loving promises of our God.

You should begin the Novena on Friday the 22nd September. Booklets will be available next week. May this novena to St. Therese of Lisieux help us to follow in her footsteps as she followed in Our Lord's through her little way.

Tuesday 9am morning Mass.

This Tuesday morning we will have some disruptions occurring. Electricians will be working within the church adding in some new power points for our Smart banking terminals.



And our gardener will be working on a trip hazard on the presbytery side of the church where the lawn has built up over many years.



So please take care when entering and leaving the Church next Tuesday morning.

We have requested all the workers onsite to be respectful and quiet during the times of 8.45am and 9.45am.