

**SECOND READING: Philipians 1:20-24. 27**  
**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philipians**  
**For me to live is Christ.**

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Open our hearts, O Lord,**

**to listen to the words of your Son.**

**Alleluia!**



**GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16**  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**  
**Why are you jealous because I am generous?**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into

my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.**

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Ezek 18: 25-28;**

**Phil 2: 1-11;**

**Mt 21:28-32**



**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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)**

**23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.**



**FIRST READING:**

**Isaiah 55:6-9**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

***My thoughts are not your thoughts.***

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on

him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18**

**RESPONSE: The Lord is near to all who call him.**

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured.

**Response.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

**Response.**

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

**Response.**

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**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	PAUL MCLACHLAN
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	

**30 SEPTEMBER / 1 OCTOBER 2023 – TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	TO BE ADVISED	TO BE ADVISED	TO BE ADVISED
READER	VIDURA PERERA / HARINI JAYAMANNE	ELIZABETH WHEELER	REBECCA DEARING / FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
PROJECTION	AMJAD SHEEKA		PAUL TREACY
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA		GRP 5: JAMES DEARING & ADAM CALLAGHAN
WELCOMERS	TINA CHAMISA		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
COUNTERS	T DABBAH AND Q DABBAH will be filling in for GROUP 4: R & G WHITE		
ALTAR FLOWERS:	SUE SAMUEL	OCTOBER ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

**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:

**William Thomas,  
 Margaret Hogan,  
 Jivana Savic,  
 Clemente Maraste,  
 Nicolea Morfuni,  
 Teresa Dominello.**



**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. Prayer cards are in the front foyer. 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.

**Feast Day Novena Prayer for Peace.**

(This prayer is used by the Carmelites during the Feast Day Novena)

St. Therese, Flower of fervor and love,  
 please intercede for us.  
 Fill our hearts with your pure love of God.  
 As we approach and celebrate your feast day,  
 make us more aware of the goodness of God and how well He tends His garden.  
 Instill in us your little way of doing ordinary things with extra-ordinary love.  
 Give us the heart of a child who wonders at life and embraces everything with loving enthusiasm.  
 Teach us your delight in God's ways so that divine charity may blossom in our hearts.  
 (Bring your petitions to mind in silence)  
 Little Flower of Jesus, bring our petitions before God, our Father.

With your confidence,  
 we come before Jesus as God's children,  
 because you are our heavenly friend.  
 As we celebrate the Feast Day of your homecoming in heaven,  
 continue to shower roses and grace upon us.

**Amen.**



**St Therese Feast Day  
 1<sup>st</sup> October.**

NEXT weekend our parish will celebrate the feast day of our patron saint with a Family Mass at 10am on Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> October.



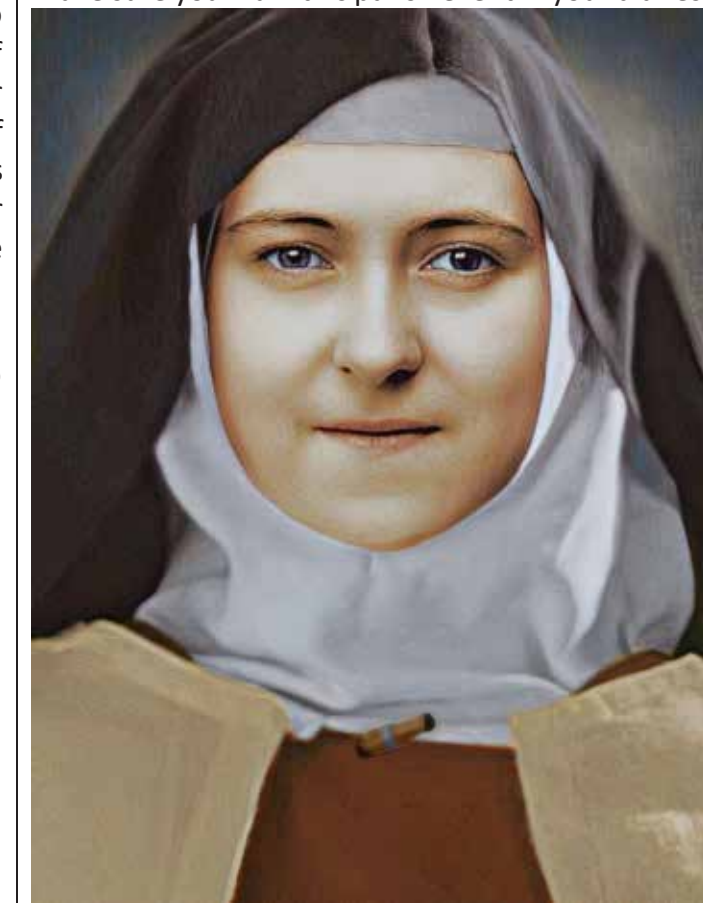
Following this Mass we will host a "Cuppa".



Everyone is welcome to attend and 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.



**OTHER NOTICES:**

**MASS AND BLESSING OF THE SICK** at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Rosary at 2.30pm, Mass and blessing of the Sick 3pm will be celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers.

**VIRTUOUS MAN: MEN'S SILENT RETREAT:** The Sydney Vocations Centre is holding organising a **Silent Retreat for Men from 20-22 October 2023 at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park.** The retreat will allow participants to come away and grow in love for our Lord and kindle their desire to give Him glory by their way of living. For more information and to register, please visit <https://vocationcentre.org.au/events/mens-silent-retreat-2023/>.