

SECOND READING: **Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere; full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **cf Eph 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 22:1-14**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Is 45: 1, 4-6;

1 Thess 1: 1-5;

Mt 22: 15-21.



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.**

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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 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

14th / 15th October 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps 22

RESPONSE: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

Response.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name, If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

Response.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Response.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Response.

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14 / 15 OCTOBER 2023 – TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	ROBERT MORFUNI	JOHN RAPER	GEORGE MOODLEY
READER	LUEN UYMATIAO / BILL KINDER	SHERRY JAYAMMANE	HELEN VAZ
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY
PROJECTION	ANNA PLEADIN		BUDY WIDJAYA
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 3: BERNLEITNER FAMILY, NIARA PAREKELEM & FREDERICK LI		GRP 7: WIDJAYA FAMILY, ANNABELLE BOGER, LENNOX HO
WELCOMERS	ALICE CHAN & PENNY ONG		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 6: STEPHEN RATH	PATRICIA BRODERICK	ROBERT LEUNG
ALTAR FLOWERS	ANNE-MARIE NAGANATHAN	OCTOBER ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

21 / 22 OCTOBER 2023 – TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	THOMAS DABBAH	DAVE D'MELLO	ANTHONY STANTON
READER	JOY PERERA	YVONNE LEUNG	PAUL MCLACHLAN
OFFERTORY	WONG FAMILY		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
PROJECTION	VIDURA PERERA		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 4: WONG FAMILY		GRP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
WELCOMERS	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 7: PAUL TREACY	SCOTT DIMICHIEL	MAUREEN PEARCE
ALTAR FLOWERS:	JAN KEYSER	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 especially:

Evangeline Lumio Mesa.

Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially:

**Dario Rumiz, Rene Juma Israel, Alex Cecato,
Ester Cecato, Bill Raper, Tot Raper
and Jennifer Moussa.**



First Reconciliation at Denistone.

Our sacramental programme for Reconciliation will begin with a Parent Information Night **THIS WEDNESDAY the 18th October at 7.30pm** at the St. Therese Church.



All parents wishing their child to receive their First Reconciliation need to attend this important meeting. Application forms will be available at this meeting.
Day of **FIRST CONFESSION: Friday 24th November 2023 from 4pm to 6pm at the St Therese Church, Denistone.**

Parish Council Meeting UPDATE.

Important points of discussion at the meeting this week were:

- Hymns will be sung at most 10 am Sunday Masses.
- Planning has begun for the Parish's 75th Anniversary Lunch on Sunday the 19th November.
- Erecting a shade sail for parish Sunday Morning Teas.
- Installation of permanent seats near the church. Actual positioning is still to be decided.
- Update website and establish parish presence on Facebook.



Celebration of our 75th anniversary.

Plans are underway for our parish to celebrate its anniversary as a community. Please add Sunday the 19th November to your diary's. More details to be provided in the coming weeks.



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.



World Mission Sunday 21st & 22nd October.



Tuberculosis, malnutrition and maternal mortality are conditions all too familiar for the people of Timor-Leste. Salesian Sisters, including nurse, Sister Carolina, all want to help achieve better outcomes for her community. You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, and your prayers and generosity are crucial in ensuring this program can continue. This opportunity is a great way to commit to the missionary movement, as He reminds us in Luke 24:13-35, the re of Christ burns within us and encourages us to take action for those in most need. This work simply will not be possible without your support. We hope you will be generous in the coming weeks

Our Parishioner Mellessa Raymond's Art Exhibition.

Mellessa's exhibition is called A L C H E M Y and is on display at Liberty Place, 161 Castlereagh St Sydney and is open every day till 20th of October. All artworks will be auctioned off to raise funds for Brain Cancer & Tumour research and The Brain & Mind research centre in Camperdown who amongst other things research MS, Dementia and Brain injuries (Both very close to her heart and in need of funds.) QR codes are located next to each picture on display giving information on each artwork. Mellessa would love parishioner's to pop in and see her works of art.



Ministry Volunteers.

More volunteers are still needed so don't forget to return your volunteer sheets as soon as possible. Your support to help and participate more fully in our Sunday Masses is needed.

