

**SECOND READING:** 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**

***We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.***

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Phil 2:15-16

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Shine on the world like bright stars;**  
**you are offering it the word of life.**  
**Alleluia!**

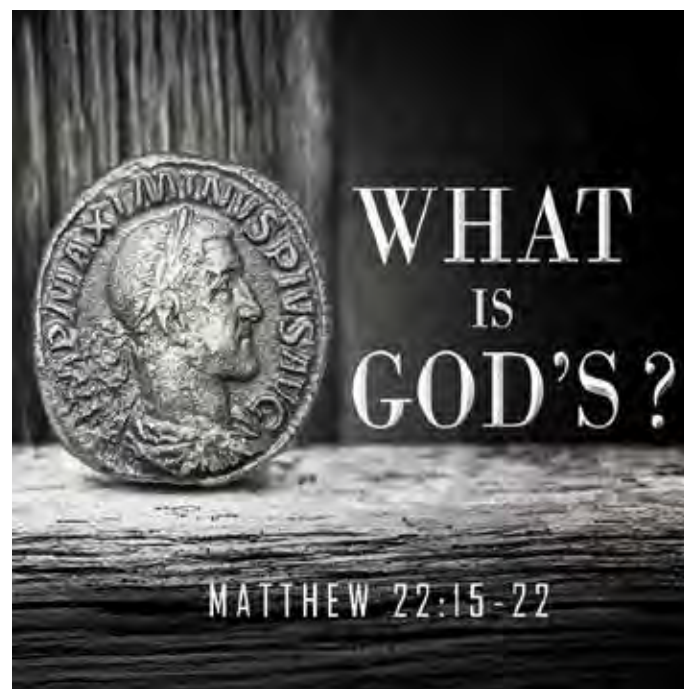
**GOSPEL :** Matthew 22:15-21

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

***Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.***

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

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



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**  
**Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.**

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

***Ex 22: 20-26;***  
***1 Thess 1: 5-10;***  
***Mt 22: 34-40.***



**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 NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)  
21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.**

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**  
***I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.***

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10

**RESPONSE: Give the Lord glory and honour.**

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **Response.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **Response.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **Response.**

Worship the Lord in his temple, O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **Response.**

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**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 / ST THERSE SCHOOL
OFFERTORY	WONG FAMILY		ST THERSE SCHOOL
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	

**28 / 29 OCTOBER 2023 – THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	ROBERTO MORFUNI	DAVID ELLIS	JOHN RAPER
READER	VIDURA PERERA / HARINI JAYAMANNE	ELIZABETH WHEELER	REBECCA DEARING
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
PROJECTION	JENNY MCLEOD		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA		GRP 5: JAMES DEARING & ADAM CALLAGHAN
WELCOMERS	TINA CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 8: FRANK KURNIAWAN	ANNE-MARIE NAGANATHAN	DANIEL TAN
ALTAR FLOWERS:	NONIE HAHN	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 died recently especially: **Marie Robertson, Ted Peters.**



We also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries.

**First Reconciliation at Denistone.**

The **FIRST** session of the programme is **THIS Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.** It will be held upstairs in the school at St Therese School.



Day of **FIRST CONFESSION: Friday 24th November 2023 at 7pm in the St Therese Church, Denistone.**

**Reconciliation Program.**

This weekend any parishioner could be approached by a Reconciliation candidate and their parents. The child will give you a card and ask you to pray for them during the coming weeks as they prepare for their First Reconciliation.

**Baptism this weekend.**

This Sunday we will welcome into our faith community Hadi Bachir. We congratulate his parents Moe and Jacinta and their families.



**All Saints Day.**

On Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> November the parish will celebrate All Saints Day at the usual Wednesday morning Mass at 9am, where we will praise all the saints both past, present and future.



**All Souls Day Mass.**

Then on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> November the parish will offer ONE Mass for the faithfully departed at 9am.

**Celebration of our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**

Plans are underway for our parish to celebrate its anniversary as a community. Please add Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> November to your diary's. More details to be provided soon.



**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.

**Attention All Catechists!**

A reminder to our catechists that our usual term meeting will be held **THIS Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> October at 10.45am** at the presbytery.



**Hospital Volunteers are needed.**

We are looking for volunteers to visit Ryde Hospital on Sunday mornings to give communion to those Catholics who are in hospital. Please use the updated Ministries sheet that is in the foyer to let us know that you can help out.

**Little Black Book of Scams.**

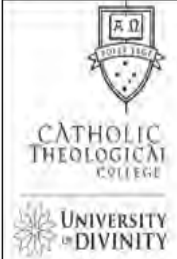
The Australian Government has put together a guide that many of you may find useful to help you spot, avoid and protect yourself against scams. A copy of the booklet is located in the front foyer. So, check it out and see if you want your own copy. If so call or email Gayle in the parish office and she will help you to get one.



This week Catholic Mission offers you the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope located on the pews of the church. Your gift will also help may other similar Church run mission programs around the world.



Catholic Theological College  
**Online Information Session for 2024**  
 Monday 30 October  
 at 7.30pm (AEDT)  
 Register via our website:  
[ctc.edu.au/information-session](http://ctc.edu.au/information-session)  
 For more information contact:  
 Dr Maureen Saclot  
[ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/](http://ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/)