

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

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

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert

him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

**Malachi 1: 14 – 2: 2, 8-10;
1 Thess 2: 7-9, 13;
Mt 23: 1-12.**



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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A) 28th / 29th October 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

FIRST READING: Exodus 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

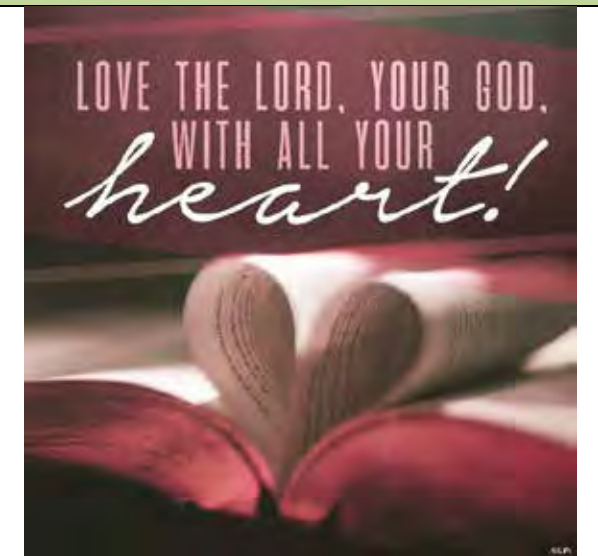
The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51

RESPONSE: I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you. Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise:

when I call I am saved from my foes. **Response.**

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me.

He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **Response.**

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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	

4 / 5 NOVEMBER 2023 – THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	ROBERT MORFUNI	ANTHONY STANTON	MARC MORELLI
READER	VIDURA PERERA / HARINI JAYAMANNE	ELIZABETH WHEELER	REBECCA DEARING / FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEERS
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		FAMILY MASS VOLUNTEER FAMILY
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	GROUP 9: QAISER DABBAH	THOMAS DABBAH	ANTHONY STANTON
ALTAR FLOWERS:	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA		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, Richard Mainey.**



We also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries.

First Reconciliation at Denistone.

The SECOND session of the programme is THIS **Wednesday** the **1st November** 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.

Baptism this weekend.

This Sunday we will welcome into our faith community Evie Rutherford. We congratulate her parents Alexandra and Alan and their families.



All Saints Day.

On Wednesday the 1st 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 2nd November the parish will offer ONE Mass for the faithfully departed at 9am.

Denistone Catholic Women's League Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Friday the 3rd November at 10am. Newcomers are always welcome.



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.

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.

Celebration of our 75th anniversary.

On the 19th November our parish will celebrate our 75th anniversary by sharing lunch at 12.30pm within the St Therese School grounds.



The parish will host a community lunch for everyone, and we would love you all to bring a plate of food to share with the community. A clipboard is in the front foyer, so take the time to let us know what food you will be bringing.

We will be buying a large celebratory cake that will be used for dessert, so we do have a preference for people to bring savoury foods to share.

As usual we will need volunteers to help with the set-up, please write your name of the appropriate clipboard to let us know you can help.



Catechist Teachers urgently needed.

Catechist teachers and helpers are urgently needed.

Are you able to help? Please contact the presbytery and find out more information. Only half an hour during school terms is needed and training is provided.



Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools. Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2024.

Find out more about the work catechists do here at <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/> or call the presbytery next week.



Envelopes for this worthy appeal are on the pews this weekend.

Please be generous as 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.