

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 130

RESPONSE: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. **Response.**

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. **Response.**

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. **Response.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
In your minds be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:1-5

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Unless you have the genuineness of little children, you will not enter the kingdom of God.

The disciples came to Jesus and said, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' So he called a little child to him and set the child in front of them. Then he said, 'I tell you solemnly, unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. And so, the one who makes himself as little as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Anyone who welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me.'

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Thus says the Lord:
Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.**

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Is 5: 1-7;
Phil 4: 6-9;
Mt 21: 33-43.



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.

**FEAST DAY OF ST THERESE (Year A)
30th September / 1st October 2023**



FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river.**

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her,
all you who mourned her!
That you may be suckled, filled,
from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight
her glorious breasts.
For thus says the Lord:
Now towards her I send flowing
peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.
At her breast will her nurselings be carried
and fondled in her lap.
Like a son comforted by his mother
will I comfort you.
(And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.)
At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

The Lord led her and taught her, and kept her as the apple of his eye. Like and eagle spreading its wings he took her up and bore her on his shoulders. The Lord alone was her guide.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	THOMAS DABBAH	ANTHONY STATNTON	JOHN RAPER
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	

7 / 8 OCTOBER 2023 – TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY ON ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	THOMAS DABBAH	DAVID ELLIS	MARC MORELLI
READER	BARBARA CLARK	PAUL TREACY	CELINE LAYOUN / MONALISA CORONA
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		VOLUNTEER FAMILY NEEDED
PROJECTION	TONI MORFUNI		
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE, CHRISTIAN HILL & EL-AZZI FAMILY		GRP 6: SIENNA BUIST, OLIVIA JOMA, ANNA MIRABILE, GENEVIEVE MCPHIE
WELCOMERS	ALICE CHAN & PENNY ONG		VOLUNTEER NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 5: PATRICIA HO FRANCESCO HO ANTHONY STANTON		
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 recently died.

Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially:

- Julie Clarke**
- Claire Richmond**
- Doris and Richard Whiting.**



NO WEEKDAY MASSES NEXT WEEK.

Next week Fr Simon and Deacon Aruna will be away on retreat. This is a spiritual time for them to reflect and refresh for the year ahead.

Therefore, there will be no WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES next Tuesday through to Saturday.

All Sunday Masses will be as usual with the Vigil at 6pm and the Sunday Masses at 8am and 10am.

Family Mass and Cuppa.

This weekend our parish will celebrate the Feast Day of St Therese with a Family Mass at 10am followed by a parish "Cuppa". To celebrate we have organised for a barista will be on site making coffees and hot chocolates for you all.

Everyone is welcome to attend and bring some things to share for morning tea.



Parish Council Meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 5th October** at 7pm in the presbytery. If you have any parish suggestions or concerns please speak with Father Simon or any council member: Vern Keyser, Adam Nolan, Barbara Clark, Elizabeth Wheeler, Eric Morelli, George Moodley, Budy Wigjaya, Gavin Landers, Mahesh Naganathan, Aruna Perera and Luen Uymatiao



Ministry Volunteers.

Don't forget to return your volunteer sheets as we really do need to have more people helping and participating with our Sunday Masses.



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.



October 1, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus.

Here are some quotes from the spiritual giant, whose "little way" tells us how to seek holiness, using a grace filled elevator to reach the height of sanctity.

→ The good God does not need years to accomplish His work of love in a soul; one ray from His Heart can, in an instant, make His flower bloom for eternity.

→ In times of aridity, when I am incapable of praying or practicing virtue, I seek little opportunities, mere trifles, to give pleasure to Jesus. For instance, a smile, a pleasant word when inclined to be silent and to show weariness. If I find no opportunities, I at least tell Him again and again that I love Him, that is not difficult and it keeps alive the fire in my heart. Even though this fire of love might seem extinct, I would still throw little straws upon the embers and I am certain that it would rekindle.

→ How sweet is the way of Love! True, one may fall, one may not be always faithful, but Love, knowing how to draw profit from all, very quickly consumes whatsoever may displease Jesus, leaving naught but humble and profound peace in the innermost soul.

→ I applied myself above all to practice quite hidden little acts of virtue; thus I like to fold the mantles forgotten by the Sisters, and sought a thousand opportunities of rendering them service.

→ I ought to seek the company of those Sisters who according to nature please me least. I ought to fulfil in their regard the office of the Good Samaritan. A word, a kindly smile, will often suffice to gladden a wounded and sorrowful heart.

→ I have not the courage to force myself to seek beautiful prayers in books; not knowing which to choose I act a children do who cannot read; I say quite simply to the good God what I want to tell Him, and He always understands me.

