

**SECOND READING:** 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 12  
**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**  
*We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.*

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good news to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**You have one Father, your Father in heaven;**  
**you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.**  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 23:1-12  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**  
*They do not practise what they preach.*

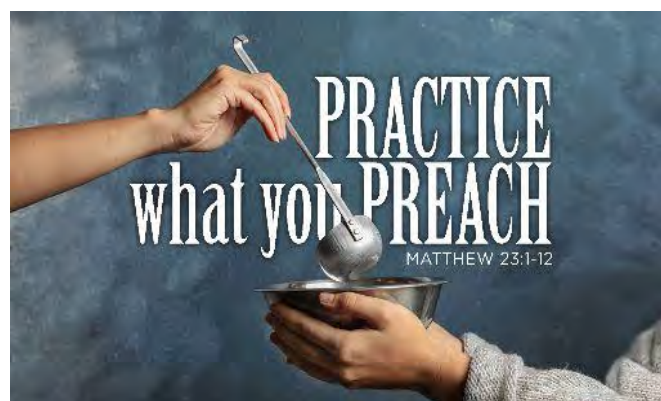
Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**  
**You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.**



**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Wis 6: 12-16;**  
**1 Thess 4: 13-18;**  
**Mt 25: 1-13.**



**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.

**THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)**  
**4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!**  
**Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation.**

**FIRST READING: Malachi 1:14 - 2:2. 8-10**

**A reading from the prophet Malachi**  
*You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.*

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**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.**



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**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	NOVEMBER ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

**11 / 12 NOVEMBER 2023 – THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	THOMAS DABBAH	DAVID ELLIS	JOHN RAPER
READER	BARBARA CLARK	PAUL TREACY	C 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		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 10: V MAMO C MAMO		
ALTAR FLOWERS:	NONIE HAHN	NOVEMBER ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	



- Joseph Koury, Anne Khoury, John Khoury, Elizabeth Stanton
- John Pearce and deceased members of the Pearce Family, Ron Myatt and deceased members of the Myatt Family, Col Conway and deceased members of the Conway Family, Doris And Cyril Oscar.
- Wahram Wartanian, Watoosh Wartarianian, Fouad Sheeka, Artin Wartanian
- Claire Richmond, Deceased members of the Richmond Mulholland Families
- Maria and Laura Santa Maria
- Joy's Parents and Dona's Father
- Deceased members of the Duffy and Brennan Families Fr O'Donovan, John and Eileen Eppel, Fr Nies, Josie Malley, Mrs McNally
- C.P. Valenti, V.M.Mazzaferro
- Woo Tuen Duen, Joan Kit Big Ho, Woo Yo Sum, Hiu Ywen Chew Julianna Mak, Tang Chui Kwai, Tony and Woo Family, Grand Mother and Grand Father
- Braidwood and White Families
- Tai Family, Williams Family, Fr Glen Walsh, and those who

- have no one to pray for.
- Bienvenido and liberty Gray, Belen Tolentino, Peter and Tricia Gray
  - D'Mello Family, D'Souza Family, Carter Family, Lobo Family, Colleen Arentz
  - Josip Savic, Maros Nikola, Ivka, Antan, Franjo, and Mira, Jubico Nezc, St. Paulin, Filipovic Jopipa, Marko and Srecko, Family Brankov, Family Dzoic, Family Staub, Family Jurisic, Family Maros, Ivo Fistic
  - Family Dalfogo, Family Kovac, Family Zurzulovic
  - Family Kikic, Nino Kikic, Neolzod Kikic, Zolrovko Jotic, Family Jotic, Family Kruzicevic
  - Savic Vaskrsije, Nada, Blagoje, Djordje, Mladen, and Jubica. Irma Mamic, Anita Atej, Stanovic Branco, Stoja, Momir, Dragoyub, Bogoyub, Rade, and Radenka and all Souls in Purgatory
  - Robert and Joyce Kee, Baby Kee, Leong Shen Yui. Chee Ming Leung, Fr Glen Walsh
  - Nicola Francesco, Caterina Morfuni, Clemente Maraste,
  - Teresa Dominello, Rosa Lentile
  - Deceased relatives and friends of the Clarke and Maine Families
  - Ted Cotter, and Deceased relatives and friends of the Cotter and O'Shea Families
  - George and Elizabeth Nobin, Moodley Family
  - Margaret Hogan, Hubert hogan, Deceased members of Hogan and Mott Families

*The list of names will continue next week!*

**PARISH NOTICES:**

**Funeral notice.**

Many of you within the parish will know Fr John Alt who use to come and say Masses here. Fr John died on Friday morning the 27<sup>th</sup> October and is funeral will be at St Michael's Church, Maxim St, Meadowbank at 10:30am on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

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

On the 19<sup>th</sup> November our parish will celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Christmas Carols**

On Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm we will once again host our wonderful evening of Christmas Carols. So please mark your diaries with this date to come and share in the peaceful spirit of Christmas. And please tell your friends!

**Family Mass and Cuppa THIS weekend.**

St Therese School families will be supporting the rostered volunteers with some of the Mass ministries at the 10am Mass.

Following this Mass, we will host our usual "CUPPA".

Everyone is very welcome to stay back for a coffee with parish friends.



**First Reconciliation at Denistone.**

The THIRD session of the programme is THIS Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> 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.**



**Parish Council Meeting - update.**

- Farewell to School Principal Adam Nolan after ten years at St Therese School.
- Planning for 75th Anniversary Lunch.
- More Eucharistic Ministers required for Ryde Hospital.
- Vinnies West Ryde Christmas appeal on December 3 and 10.
- St Therese carols to be held on December 14 at 7pm followed by supper.
- Investigating sails to provide shade at church entrance.

**Holy Land Update from The Franciscan Fathers.**

Please pray for peace in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank, prayer is the best answer and take a copy of a letter received from the Fathers from the foyer.

*Ask for peace for Jerusalem:  
may those who love you live in safety;  
let there be peace in your walls,  
safety in your palaces.*

*For my brothers and my friends, I will say:*

*Upon you be peace!  
By the house of the Lord our God,  
I will ask good for you.*

**Gluten reduced hosts.**

We now have some hosts that have reduced gluten. Please speak with Fr Simon before Mass if you wish to receive them at Communion.

**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.

**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.