

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him.

We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL : Matthew 25:1-13
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are there pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31;
1 Thess 5: 1-6;
Mt 25: 14-30.



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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

11th / 12th November 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

FIRST READING: Wisdom 6:12-16

A reading from the book of Wisdom
Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **Response.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **Response.**

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **Response.**

On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

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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	

18 / 19 NOVEMBER 2023 – THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	ROBERT MORFUNI	MARC MORELLI	GEORGE MOODLEY / JOHN RAPER
READER	LUEN UYMATIAO / BILL KINDER	SHERRY JAYAMMANE	HELEN VAZ / HANNY WIDJAYA
OFFERTORY	DABBAH FAMILY		SCOTT & SONYA DIMICHIEL
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 11: PATRICIA HO	BERNADETTE TANG	ANTHONY STANTON
ALTAR FLOWERS:	ANNE MARIE NAGANATHAN	NOVEMBER ALTAR LINEN: JOSEFINA DELAVEGA	

NOVEMBER INTENTIONS

- Thomas Lee, Lilian and Bill Lee, Eileen Glasscock, Annie Yeowell, Elizabeth and Ross Rowe, Patricia and Leo Stack, Elizabeth Power
- John McNamara, William Hannon, Mary Hannon, and all the Hannon Family
- Solihin Widjaja, Nurdin Widjaja
- Deceased Members of the Dabah Family, Helen Batshon, Hyham Moufrage, Migual Damas, Deceased members of the Nour Family, Nicola Nour, All who died in Gaza and Israel
- Ian and Manda Vistica, Filip, Doma, and Mijo Bebek, Franjo Markotic, Frank Sacco
- John Joseph Chan Hee Khee, Monica Ann Tai See Nee, Theresa Wendy Chan Tai Hua, Helen Lai Khyun Moi, Voon Man Kui, Voon Tze Fong, All the deceased relatives and friends
- Lalla, Arthur and Pauline Bocking, Olga, Anthony and Carmen Mamo, Malcolm Bocking
- Gregorio, Cathereine, and Rosario Uymatiao; Joaquin, Florentine, and Mihuel Sumera, Joan Samonte, Gregorio Tumbali, Lucia Tumbali
- Keyser Family, Gill Family, Hawke Family, Oates Family, Wilkinson Family, Swan Family, Horne Family
- John Chan, Monica Tai, Ong Kah Peng, Qoh Chai Gook, All the deceased relative and friends, Wendy Chan Lai Hua, Fortunata Monteverdi, Ron Tah Khee Yong
- Blaze Janeu and His departed family and friends
- The Raymond Family's, the Pompey Family's
- Kam

- Nicola and Kata Jurisic and Ancestors, Gryo and Andja Maros and Ancestors, Savic Vaskrsije Nada and Ancestors, all souls in purgatory
- Sergio Fanny and Peter Cugola, Angelo Piera and Planio Strappayon
And deceased members of their family, Denis Secco, Michael Cesasini, Ralph Cantalujo, Rosangela Cantalujo, Joseph Seotta, Nina Armanini
- Matijasko Franjo Dragica, Juraj and Franjo, Pavec Kata and Luca
- Braovic Ivan, Ana, Luca and Kata, Family Josipa and Ive, Smajo Family Ael Braovic
- Deceased members of the Clarke Family, the Whiting Family, The Pegon Family, Pauline Jones, Berna Buchanan
- Joan Cahill, Jack Scanaleponi, Fathers Alt, O'Donovan, Kayrooz, Rohanna, Morabito, Moriarty, Spaccavento, Leotta, Dibello, Rizzo, Families and relatives and past parishioners of St Therese.
- Kaminski
- Salvatore & Teresa, Francesco Cavaleri, Giorgio Agostino, Giuseppa and Francesco Papallo, Jolanda Cavalesi, Maria Caterina Scali, Fred and Giuseppe, marcellino and all members of the Family
- John Winifride Higham, Deceased members of the Higham and Callaghan Families, Marge and John Dwyer, Less Bradley

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 27th October and is funeral will be at St Michael's Church, Maxim St, Meadowbank at 10:30am on Thursday 16th November.

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.

Christmas Carols

The date of our Carols has been changed to Friday the 15th December at 7pm. So please update your diaries with this date to come and share in the peaceful spirit of Christmas. And please tell your friends!

First Reconciliation at Denistone.

The FOURTH session of the programme is **THIS Wednesday the 15th 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.

New volunteers.

Many thanks for the new volunteers within the different ministries. Certain volunteer roles are required to have Working With Children Checks, sign of Code of Conduct and attend Safeguarding training.



All these checks and forms help us all to work together for the safety and wellbeing of the vulnerable people within our community.

We will contact our volunteers via email in the coming week to advise you individually. If you already have your WWC you could email the details to the parish office ASAP.

Table for free.

The presbytery meeting room table has been removed from the presbytery and replaced. If anyone needs a table let us know. It does require some work as the top was damaged a year ago.

Farewell Mr Adam Nolan, Principal.

The school and parish will farewell Adam on Wednesday the 13th December with a Mass at 9am followed by a morning tea in the St Therese School Hall. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Daily Mass books for 2024.

These books are now available from the sacristy. As in previous years the books can be purchased by individuals for \$25 each, if you wish to take your book home with you. Otherwise, the remaining books will be left in the church for daily use by everyone.

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.

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 still need 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.