

**SECOND READING:** Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23  
**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

***Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.***

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Matthew 8:17

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**He bore our sickness,**  
**and endured our suffering.**  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** Mark 1:29-39

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**  
***He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.***

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there

too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.**

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Lev 13: 1-2,44-46;**  
**1 Cor 10: 31-11:1; Mk 1: 40-45.**

**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.  
 BIBLICAL REFLECTIONS: Tuesday evening at 7.30pm at the St Therese School Hall.  
 Baptism: Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.  
 Marriage: By appointment.  
 Anointing of the sick: Please give names to Father Simon Apablaza.

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.**

**FIRST READING:** Job 7:1-4. 6-7

**A reading from the prophet Job**  
***I am filled with sorrow all day long.***

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,  
 his time no better than hired drudgery?  
 Like the slave, sighing for the shade,  
 or the workman with no thought but his wages,  
 months of delusion I have assigned to me,  
 nothing for my own but nights of grief.  
 Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'  
 Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'  
 Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.  
 Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,  
 and vanished, leaving no hope behind.  
 Remember that my life is but a breath,  
 and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The Word of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Ps 146:1-6**

**RESPONSE: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

Praise the Lord for he is good;  
 sing to our God for he is loving;  
 to him our praise is due.

**Response.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
 and brings back Israel's exiles,  
 he heals the broken-hearted,  
 he binds up all their wounds.  
 he fixes the number of the stars;  
 he calls each one by its name.

**Response.**

Our Lord is great and almighty;  
 his wisdom can never be measured.  
 The Lord raises the lowly;  
 he humbles the wicked to the dust.

**Response.**



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**3 / 4 FEBRUARY 2024 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	THOMAS DABBAH	ANTHONY STANTON	MARC MORELLI
READER	VIDURA PERERA / HARINI JAYAMANNE	ELIZABETH WHEELER	REBECCA DEARING
OFFERTORY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY		VOLUNTEERS FAMILY
PROJECTION			PAUL TREACY
ALTAR SERVERS	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA		GRP 5: JAMES DEARING & ADAM CALLAGHAN
WELCOMERS	VOLUNTEER NEEDED		VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
COUNTERS	GROUP 1: THOMAS DABBAH QAISER DABBAH PATRICIA BRODERICK		
ALTAR FLOWERS	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	FEBRUARY ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

**10 / 11 FEBRUARY 2024 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
ACOLYTE	ROBERT MORFUNI	DAVID ELLIS	JOHN RAPER
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 2: DINAL JAYAMANNE ELIZABETH CONTERNO ANTHONY STANTON		
ALTAR FLOWERS: NONIE HAHN	FEBRUARY 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: **Joseph Leotta.**

We also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries.



**Catechist Sunday.**

Catechist Sunday is an annual event when we acknowledge the importance of the Church's teaching ministry and honour catechists and teachers who serve within their parish communities. This weekend gives our parish an opportunity to thank our 12 catechists and encourage them for the year ahead as they resume teaching every Tuesday during the school terms.

We publicly thank our catechists for their hard work and dedication and congratulate them on the important work that they are doing.



**Lent 2024.**

As usual Lent begins with Ash Wednesday.

**Ash Wednesday is on the 14<sup>th</sup> February.**

Masses will be held here at Denistone at:  
**9am and 7pm.**



**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.

**Parish Council update – February meeting.**

At the meeting the Council members discussed plans for Lent, Easter Masses and the Easter Vigil supper.

**Stations of the Cross.**

Will begin on **Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> February** and will run throughout Lent, every Friday evening at 7pm. Come, meditate and pray on the Passion of our Lord to prepare well for Easter.



**Cuppa this weekend.**

All Parishioners are welcome to stay back for the parish "Cuppa" after the 10am Mass.



**Do you want to become and Acolyte.**

Would you like to assist with liturgical celebrations, especially the Eucharistic Liturgy? If so, then please talk to Fr Simon immediately as the parish has organised a training course to begin on the 21<sup>st</sup> February.

**Course for existing Eucharistic Ministers.**

Refresher training for all existing EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION will be held at St Therese on:

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 6:30pm-9:30pm in the School Hall.

**To register please go to:**

//liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/ministry-training-formation/

**and complete the online registration.**

**Course for Acolytes.**

Training for **ACOLYTES** (*new and experienced*) will be held at St Therese on:

Wednesdays 21<sup>st</sup> February, 28<sup>th</sup> February, 6<sup>th</sup> March and 13<sup>th</sup> March, at 6:30pm-9:30pm in the School Hall.

Attendance at ALL FOUR SESSIONS is essential.

**To register please go to:**

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**Adult Sacramental Program.**

Do you want to become a Catholic or receive the sacraments you may have missed in your life?

Aruna will be running a program, and this is to let you have thinking time before you join.

We aim to start around the end of February. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr Simon if you want more information.

**Lenten programme.**

This LENT, come and be inspired by the Word of God at our Group discussion evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Our sessions will begin on:

**Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 & Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7pm**

in the St Therese School Hall. These sessions will run throughout Lent. To reserve a seat or write your name on the clipboard at the front of the church.

