

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** (continued)

**RESPONSE: Lord it is good to give thanks to you.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

**Response**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

**Response**

**SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10**  
**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

**Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.**

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.**

**Alleluia!**



**GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.**

**The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.**

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of

God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Job 38: 1,8-11; 2 Cor 5: 14-17;  
Mk 4: 35-41.**

**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney.**

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office at [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org) or by calling (02) 9390 5810.

**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.

**Catholic Weekly is on sale.**

- Among Us. Catholics celebrate Corpus Christi.
- Burials breakthrough - Premier orders new negotiation.
  - New School, A new Way.
  - Mantillas make a comeback.
- Book review: *The Church's Best-Kept Secret*.
- James Parker: This is NOT Catholic education.



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### MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10am
MONDAY:	No Mass.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass. Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11am or 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

## 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES (Year B) 12<sup>TH</sup> / 13<sup>TH</sup> June 2021

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!**



**FIRST READING:**

**Ezekiel 17:22-24**

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**  
***I have made the small tree great.***

The Lord says this:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 91:2-3. 13-16**

**RESPONSE: Lord it is good to give thanks to you.**

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **Response.**

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**12 / 13 JUN 2021 – 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
<b>Acolyte</b>	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	M MORELLI
<b>Reader</b>	B CLARK	P TREACY	C LAYOUN
<b>Altar Servers</b>	GROUP 2A: Z O'DONOGHUE & N EL-AZZI	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 6: A CALLAGHAN
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	N HAHN	JUNE ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

**19 / 20 JUN 2021 – 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
<b>Acolyte</b>	T DABBAH	D D'MELLO	G MOODLEY
<b>Reader</b>	N MORFUNI	S JAYAMENNE	H VAZ
<b>Altar Servers</b>	GROUP 3A: S BERNLEITNER & A LOIACONO	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 7: V & A WIDJAYA
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	A NAGANATHAN	JUNE ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

**PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:**

**Request for Mass and Prayers.**

We pray for those who have recently died. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time.

**Hospital and Communion.**

Since the beginning of Covid19 we have not had Eucharistic Ministers visiting people in hospital. And at the moment this ministry has not resumed.



So please be aware of this for your family members who may be in Ryde Hospital. The families should call the presbytery and let Fr Roberto know that they are in hospital, if in need of the sacraments, so he can make the time to visit them. For emergencies Fr Roberto is always available to give the last rites.

**Please support your Parish.**

You can help support the parish by donating through the Planned Giving envelopes? **Please call Gayle during normal parish office hours to organise this.**

A quick rundown on our collections:

FIRST COLLECTION - helps cover the living expenses of your priest's everyday lives.

SECOND COLLECTION - consists of "Loose" money (used for the upkeep of the church, electricity, and wages for our secretary) and "Planned Giving Envelopes" (helps to maintain the church and pay our property insurances and save for future projects).

Planned Giving Envelopes enables people to actively commit to helping the parish in a financial way. Tax deductibility is 30% and a tax receipt is issued annually.

Also, if you currently contributing weekly by cash donations but would like to change to monthly credit card payments, then please also call our parish secretary and she will ensure this happens.

**Save our Graves.**

The operator of Sydney's Catholic cemeteries welcomed a backflip by the NSW government on its decision to dismantle and amalgamate it with four underperforming cemetery trusts.



All were issues that were either not applicable to or were being addressed by the Catholic trust, including through its new cemeteries planned at Varroville and Wallacia.

"It just doesn't make sense to unwind the one trust that is recognised across Australia as the best performing, and the only one in Sydney that has a fully-funded perpetual care fund," Mr Casey told *The Catholic Weekly*.

"I think it's disappointing the minister has cut us out of consultation and has discounted the other two options without explanation."

"There are wonderful people who have served this ministry in many ways and they've lived with a period of uncertainty for long enough."

"It's time to provide the certainty they need so they can continue their great work of respectfully caring for the sacred remains of loved ones and helping support those who are grieving."

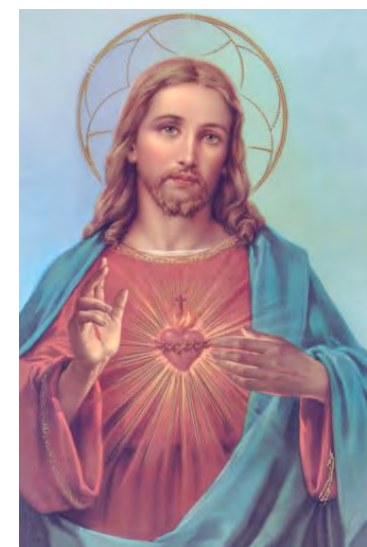
Currently more than 16,000 people had signed a petition asking Premier Gladys Berejiklian to reverse the decision to place the Catholic trust into administration and amalgamate it with the other four trusts into a government one named OneCrown.

[www.catholicweekly.com.au/nsw-cemeteries-breakthrough-welcomed/?utm\\_source=rss&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=nsw-cemeteries-breakthrough-welcomed](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au/nsw-cemeteries-breakthrough-welcomed/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=nsw-cemeteries-breakthrough-welcomed)

**The Devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** by St Pope John Paul II

"Heart of Jesus, fount of life and holiness, have mercy on us." (*Litany*)

Thus, we invoke Jesus in the Litany. Everything that God wanted to tell us about himself and about his love he placed in the heart of Jesus, and by means of that heart he has told us everything. We find ourselves before an inscrutable mystery. In Jesus' Heart we read the eternal divine plan of the world's salvation. It is a plan of love...Brothers and sisters, meditating on God's love, revealed in the heart of his Son, requires a consistent response on our part. We have not been called only to contemplate the mystery of Christ's love, but take part in it. Christ says: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (Jn 14:15) He thus places before us a great calling and at the same time a condition: if you want to love me, keep my commandments, keep God's holy law, walk in the way that I have shown you. God's will is that we keep the commandments, that is, the law of God given to Israel on Mount Sinai through Moses. Given to all people everywhere. We know the commandments...let us repeat them now, as they are found in the Book of Exodus, to confirm and renew what we remember:



"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God give you.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife." (cf. Ex 20: 2-17)

This is the foundation of the morality given to man by the Creator: The Decalogue...the Creator who at the same time is the supreme law-giver, has inscribed on the human heart the whole order of truth. This order determines what is good, provides a foundation for the moral order and constitutes the basis of the dignity of man created in God's image... Let us contemplate the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is the source of life, since by means of it victory over death was achieved. It is also the source of holiness, since in it sin - the enemy of man's spiritual development - is defeated. The Heart of the Lord Jesus is the starting-point of the holiness of each one of us. From the Heart of the Lord Jesus let us learn the love of God and understanding of the mystery of sin- mysterium iniquitatis. Let us make acts of reparation to the Divine Heart for the sins committed by us and by our fellow men. Let us make reparation for rejecting God's goodness and love... Heart of Jesus, burning flame of love, Heart of Jesus, fount of life and holiness, Heart of Jesus, expiation for our sins - have mercy on us. Amen.

**Covid19 update.**

- **Don't be complacent about signing in using the QR codes or writing in the attendance book!**
- There is no limit on how many people can attend Masses, weddings, funerals and other religious services subject to observing the 2m2 rule.  
**OUR CHURCH LIMIT is 140 people.**
- Avoid congestion before or after Mass.



**OTHER NOTICES.**

**Alive in the Spirit: Being The Community Christ Calls Us to Be.** A National Virtual Conference to Enliven Catholic Communities from 8 to 10 July 2021 will feature over 30 on-demand workshops with prominent national and international guest speakers, exploring areas such as best practice for RCIA, planning for mission and renewal and supporting pastoral care. For more information, visit the conference website: [www.aliveinthespirit.com.au](http://www.aliveinthespirit.com.au).