

SECOND READING: Hebrews 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.



**READINGS
FOR NEXT WEEK:**

Is 66: 18-21;
Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13;
Lk 13: 22-30.



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- Five more for the vineyard.
- Scott Hahn. Don't lose heart. Get going!
- Seventy years married
- Women in the church
- Movie review: *DB Cooper: Where Are You?*
- Who's a priest? You are!

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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10.00 am.
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 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

13th / 14th August 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three

men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 39:2-4. 18

RESPONSE: Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.

Response.

He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay.

He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm.

Response.

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.

Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord.

Response.

As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me.

You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay!

Response.

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13 / 14 AUGUST 2022 – 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	A STANTON	G MOODLEY
Reader	B CLARK	P TREACY	C LAYOUN
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection			
Altar Servers	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE & NOAH EL-AZZI	JOSH MULROE	GROUP 6: ADAM CALLAGHAN
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 2: L SEETO T DABBAH C DABBAH		
Altar Flowers	N HAHN	AUGUST ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

20 / 21 AUGUST 2022 – 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM – FAMILY MASS
Acolyte	T DABBAH	D D'MELLO	M MORELLI
Reader	L SAMONTE	VOUNTEER NEEDED	H VAZ
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection			
Altar Servers	GROUP 3: SOPHIA BERNLEITNER & AMARA LOIACONO & NIARA PAREKELEM	JOSH MULROE	GROUP 7: VINCENT & ALYSSA WIDJAYA
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 3: D JAYAMANNE E CONTERNO	M GLEESON	
Altar Flowers	A NAGANATHAN	AUGUST ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially Brian Robinson and Deacon Langford Vincent. Please also remember to pray for those within our parish who are sick especially Beth Ellesmere.

Confirmation at St Therese.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM SESSIONS continue this week on Wednesday the 17th August in the Early Learning Centre (upstairs) at 7pm

This weekend the candidates will bring a picture of their chosen saint which will be displayed on the altar during Mass.

Ordination at St Mary's Cathedral last weekend 6th August 2022.

"After suffering years of lockdowns and church closures, and with the responsibility of hosting the recent Plenary Council now fulfilled, the ordination of five priests felt like coming home for the Archdiocese of Sydney."

At least 120 priests gathered at the Cathedral to welcome the five ordinands: friends from seminary years, mentors from pastoral placements, lecturers and spiritual fathers. The clergy of the Archdiocese welcomed their new brothers with joy and gratitude during the three-hour service.



The newly-ordained priests are Frs Gandy, Saliba, Anderson, Joseph and Simmons.

Except from The Catholic Weekly By Adam Wesselinoff, August 10, 2022

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary.



Mass will be held here at St Therese this Monday for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary at 9.30am.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Catholic Church sees proof of the Assumption in the Scriptures. We see in all of passages, Mary's perfect union with Jesus's destiny as the Saviour. This perfect union is evident from the birth of Jesus to after His death, as seen in: Mary's miraculous conception of Jesus announced by the Angel, Mary's accelerating his hour during His first miracle at Cana, Mary's witness to her Son's crucifixion, standing there at the foot of the cross and Mary's presence and prayers at Pentecost after Jesus's Ascension. For these reasons, the Catholic Church explains that Mary's union with Jesus requires a continuation after death, meaning that as Jesus entered Heaven with his body and soul, so did His mother.

966 "Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians:

"In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death."

(Byzantine liturgy) FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Today too, the dragon exists in new and different ways. It exists in the form of materialistic ideologies that tell us it is absurd to think of God; it is absurd to observe God's commandments: they are a leftover from a time past... Even now, this dragon appears invincible, but it is still true today that God is stronger than the dragon, that it is love which conquers rather than selfishness...The message of my life was: I am the handmaid of God, my life has been a gift of myself to God and my neighbour. And this life of service now arrives in real life. May you too have trust and have the courage to live like this, countering all the threats of the dragon."

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

"It was fitting that she, who had kept her virginity in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death. It was fitting that she, who had carried the Creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles...it was fitting that God's Mother should possess what belongs to her Son, and that she should be honoured by every creature as the Mother and the Handmaid of God."

St. John Damascene

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