

**SECOND READING:** Hebrews 12:5-7. 11-13

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**  
*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.**  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 13:22-30

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**  
*From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from the east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will

be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.**

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29;**

**Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24;**

**Lk 14: 1, 7-14.**



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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.

## TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C) 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022

### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.**



**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 66:18-21

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

***They will gather all of your people from all nations.***

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations

of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 116

**RESPONSE:** Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
acclaim him all you peoples!

**Response.**

Strong is his love for us;  
he is faithful for ever.

**Response.**

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**20 / 21 AUGUST 2022 – 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	D D'MELLO	M MORELLI
Reader	L SAMONTE	S JAYAMANNE	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	

**27 / 28 AUGUST 2022 – 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM – FAMILY MASS
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	G MOODLEY
Reader	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection			
Altar Servers	GROUP 4: WONG FAMILY	JOSH MULROE	GROUP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 4: R WHITE G WHITE		
Altar Flowers	J KEYSER	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 Marianne Cooper. Please also remember to pray for those within our parish who are sick especially Beth Ellesmere.

**Would You Like To Help The Parish With A Monthly Donation?**

If you currently do not contribute to our envelopes and now wish to help support the parish please contact the Parish Office to arrange YOUR set of Planned Giving envelopes or take a copy of the credit card authority form from the front foyer.



**Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal NEXT weekend.**

The CWF supports a whole range of charities and ministries, including the Good Shepherd Seminary, CatholicCare, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired, Aboriginal Catholic Ministries and university, hospital and prison chaplaincies. The CWF ensures all their charities and ministries work hard at ensuring the most vulnerable in our communities receive the support they need. The devastation of the last two years has especially taken its toll on the unemployed, the homeless, those with mental health concerns and broken families. Please be generous NEXT weekend.



**Music this weekend.**

This weekend at the 6pm Vigil, Randika and Krishmalie Perera will sing during the Mass. Then on Sunday at the 10am Mass Sudham Perera and a new organist will play during Mass. We proudly welcome these musicians back to our volunteer ministry.

This will become a regular 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday roster.



**Confirmation at St Therese.**

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM SESSIONS continue this week on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> August in the Early Learning Centre (*upstairs*) at 7pm

**Reminders:**

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL: Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup> August in the Church at 4pm for candidates & their parent.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 11.30 am Mass.



THIS WEEKEND at all Masses the candidates, using the promise below, will affirm to the community and before God, their willingness to be Confirmed and express their faith in the Lord and their desire to be full members of the Catholic Church.

**SOLEMN PROMISE FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:**

Brothers and sisters,

I am happy and willing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

After my Confirmation, I promise to stay close to God in prayer and to remain in God's family.

I promise to do my best to be present at Mass every Sunday and keep the day of the Lord holy.

I will bear Christ's light and I will do all I can to spread God's love.

I promise to serve others in the church, when I can, and follow the example of the Lord and the saints, using the gifts the Lord wishes to give me.

I will do my best to work for peace and justice and help the needy in the world. All with the help of the Holy spirit.

Amen.

**Plumbing works continues.**

Early this week we began doing some plumbing works to rectify old and broken stormwater pipes and install a new pit in the grounds of the church.

Regretfully this work has identified some other plumbing issues that needed to be fixed too. Two branches of underground pipework which links to our church gutters was discovered to be severely crushed. This means that two of our downpipes haven't been working during these past months of heavy rains. Naturally once these problems were discovered we must fix them to ensure the safety and integrity of our church. All this plumbing work will cost around \$15,000.

So please be patient and try not to go near the cordoned off area until it has been made good after the work is completed.



**Prayer cards available.**

Some beautiful prayer cards are available from the front foyer. It depicts St Joseph, Mary and Jesus. The original artwork can be found by the 8<sup>th</sup> historical window in St Mary's Cathedral. It is the beautiful work of artist Sally Ryan.

In the time when the spiritual vitality of family life is needed more than ever, may this image and prayer, support the life of your family and loved ones.

