

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures - from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience - but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you,

he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-19;

2 Tim 4: 6-8, 16-18;

Lk 18: 9-14

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office: If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney please call the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812 or **speak with our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer Helen Vaz through the Parish Office.**

View the Archdiocese of Sydney website.

The Archdiocese Policies, Protocols and guidelines are public documents and are available on their Archdiocese website.

What's in the Catholic Weekly

- Archbishop Nona: "They took everything". Now ISIS could live among us
- Cancelling Christians: The Andrew Thorburn Affair
 - Dr Miriam Rose: A voice for reconciliation
 - Married men ordained
- *Archbishop delivers* first Newman lecture
 - Pedalling priest

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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 NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)
15th / 16th October 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus
As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm until sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 120

RESPONSE: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **Response.**

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **Response.**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **Response.**

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **Response.**

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15 / 16 OCTOBER 2022 – 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	G MOODLEY
Reader	L SAMONTE	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	A PLEADIN		
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 11: P. HO B TANG	A. STANTON	
Altar Flowers	A NAGANATHAN	OCTOBER ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

22 / 23 OCTOBER 2022 – 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM – FAMILY MASS
Acolyte	T DABBAH	D ELLIS	M MORELLI
Reader	J PERERA	Y LEUNG	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	V PERERA		
Altar Servers	GROUP 4: WONG FAMILY	JOSH MULROE	GROUP 8: ELIE & ALYSSIA BARAZ
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 1: B. CLARK	A. STANTON	P. BRODERICK
Altar Flowers	J KEYSER	OCTOBER ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Lina Scolaro and Terese Mule. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries Fr John O'Donovan (*former Parish Priest*), Claire Richmond, Maurice Raymond, Doris and Lou Whiting.



Applications For Reconciliation for children in Year 2.

Please come and collect an application for your child's Reconciliation after Mass. This form needs to be completed and returned to the presbytery (8 Inkerman Road, Denistone) ASAP along with the contribution fee.



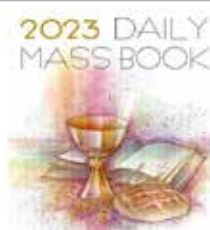
I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that the **Parent Information Evening** will be held on the **19th October 2022 in St Therese Church.**

Daily Mass books.

Every year we purchase new daily Mass books for those who regularly attend weekday Masses.

We have placed our order for the 2023 books.

If you wish to buy you own individual copy, please tell Fr Roberto or Gayle. The books will cost \$25.00 each. Thanks.



Altar Servers Party.

We are very grateful to all the children who have persevered and been so helpful and faithful. Therefore we are planning a thank you party for the Altar Servers on **Saturday the 19th November at 11am at Top Ryde Timezone.**

Thomas Dabbah and his Mum, Fadwa, will supervise the children along with any parents who wish to stay and help.



The cost for each child will be \$10 only as the parish will subsidize the rest of the costs.

Our Lady of Fatima and The Miracle of the Sun.

During this month of October, we celebrate the Month of the Rosary when we are all invited to pray the Rosary as it is one of the most powerful prayers we have in our church; and it has been recommended from our mother Mary herself, in the apparition of Fatima.



During the week, on the 13th of October, we remembered the story of a wonderful miracle that happened in Portugal in 1917. This confirmed the truth of the message revealed there. On that day, an estimated 70,000 were in attendance at the site. On that day Our Lady identified herself as Our Lady of the Rosary and she also urged repentance of sins among other things. At the end, the miracle of the sun took place. While everyone gazed upward, they saw the sun emerging from behind the clouds with a silvery colour. (It was raining heavily before). Suddenly, the sun began moving in the sky, some saw the sun zooming toward Earth in a zigzag motion and they thought it might collide with our planet. Some reported brilliant colours spin out of the sun. It lasted for a few minutes, and people from as far as 5km saw the miracle. At the end the earth was completely dry and all the people's clothes which were wet also got dried instantly. It was a beautiful manifestation of the presence of God in the site. Hope that many will heed the message of our Lady and pray the Rosary as our Lord himself said we should in this weekend's liturgy.



Volunteers are always needed.

If any of you have been thinking of helping in some small way by joining any of our ministries please speak with Fr Roberto after Mass or call the office on a weekday, so you can discover more information regarding the ministry that is of interest to you.



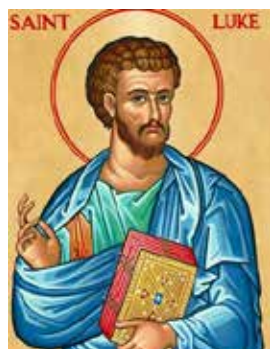
Parish Luncheon this weekend.

This weekend we are looking forward to the first luncheon in 3 years! And it is wonderful that 85 people are attending the Parish Luncheon at the Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club. See you at lunch and enjoy your day with parish friends, always being mindful of everyone's safety.



St Luke the Evangelist – Feast Day 18th October.

Luke the Evangelist (is one of the Four Evangelists—the four traditionally ascribed authors of the canonical gospels. The Early Church Fathers ascribed to him authorship of both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles, which would mean Luke contributed over a quarter of the text of the New Testament, more than any other author. Prominent figures in early Christianity such as Jerome and Eusebius later reaffirmed his authorship, although a lack of conclusive evidence as to the identity of the author of the works has led to discussion in scholarly circles, both secular and religious.



The New Testament mentions Luke briefly a few times, and the Epistle to the Colossians [Col 4:14] refers to him as a physician (from Greek for 'one who heals'); thus he is thought to have been both a physician and a disciple of Paul.

Since the early years of the faith, Christians have regarded him as a saint. He is believed to have been a martyr, reportedly having been hanged from an olive tree and he is venerated as Saint Luke the Evangelist, patron saint of artists, physicians, bachelors, surgeons, students and butchers.

