

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 8th—Sunday 14th September

Monday 8th:	NO MASS
Tuesday 9th:	Mass 5pm
Wednesday 10th:	Mass 9am
Thursday 11th:	Mass 9am
Friday 12th:	Mass 9am
Saturday 13th:	Mass 5pm
Reconciliation 3.30-4.30	
Sunday 14th:	Mass 9am

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Over September 1-14 and \$ donations to the Poor Box, which is found on the door o our Church Piety Store in the foyer, will go directly to our TWIN

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Wido Melis, Suzanne Hughes, Ena Noronha, Eva Cabardo Arado, Sem Anthony Cabardo, Judy Spruce, Zora Domitrovic, Rod Sanders, Colin Platt, Indy Roth, Pope Francis, Kelvin Jones, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Geoffrey Bopping, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Joe Quigley, Margaret Silversides, Patricia Totterdell, David Cowley, Joanne Rogers, Gerald Lewis, Josephine Beckhaus, Cyril Noyeaux, Frank Simic, Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O'Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell,

Amen.

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WORD
Twenty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
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First Reading *Wisdom 9:13-18*

A reading from the book of
Wisdom

*Who can comprehend the will
of God?*

What man can know the intentions of
God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down
the soul,
and this tent of clay weighs down the
teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out
what is on earth,
laborious to know what lies within our
reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the
heavens?

As for your intention, who could have
learnt it, had you not granted Wis-
dom

and sent your holy spirit from above?
Thus have the paths of those on earth
been straightened
and men been taught what pleases
you,
and saved, by Wisdom.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

**(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have
been our refuge.**

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and
gone,
no more than a watch in the night.

2. You sweep men away like a
dream,
like grass which springs up in the
morning.
In the morning it springs up and
flowers:
by evening it withers and fades.

3. Make us know the shortness of our
life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for
ever?
Show pity to your servants.

4. In the morning, fill us with your
love; we shall exult and rejoice
all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon
us: give success to the work of
our hands.
**(R.) In every age, O Lord, you
have been our refuge.**

Second Reading

Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to
Philemon

*Receive him, not as a slave
anymore, but as a very dear
brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now
and, what is more, still a
prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am
appealing to you for a child of mine,
whose father I became while wearing
these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am
sending him back to you, and with him
– I could say – a part of my own self. I
should have liked to keep him with me;
he could have been a substitute for
you, to help me while I am in the
chains that the Good News has
brought me. However, I did not want to
do anything without your consent; it
would have been

forcing your act of kindness, which
should be spontaneous. I know you
have been deprived of Onesimus for a
time, but it was

only so that you could have him back
for ever, not as a slave any more, but
something much better than a slave, a
dear brother;

especially dear to me, but how much
more to you, as a blood-brother as
well as a brother in the Lord. So if all
that we have in
common means anything to you, wel-
come him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Psalms 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your serv-
ant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 14:25-33*

A reading from the holy Gospel ac-
cording to Luke

*All who do not renounce their posses-
sions cannot be my disciples.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on
his way and he turned and spoke to
them. 'If any man comes to me without
hating his father, mother, wife, chil-
dren, brothers, sisters, yes and his
own life too, he cannot be my disciple.
Anyone who does not carry his cross
and come after me cannot be my dis-
ciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, in-
tending to build a tower, would not first
sit down and work out the cost to see
if he had enough to complete it? Oth-
erwise, if he laid the foundation and
then found himself unable to finish the
work, the onlookers would all start
making fun of him and saying, "Here is
a man who started to build and was
unable to finish." Or again, what king
marching to war against another king
would not first sit down and consider
whether with ten thousand men he
could stand up to the other who ad-
vanced against him with twenty thou-
sand? If not, then while the other king
was still a long way off, he would send
envoys to sue for peace. So in the
same way, none of you can be my dis-
ciple unless he gives up all his pos-
sessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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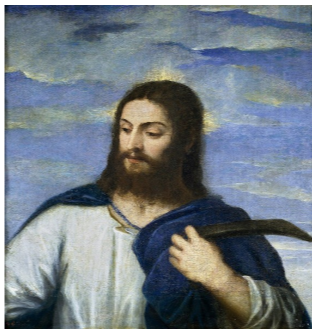


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TWENTY THIRD
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CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
Second & Fourth Mondays 1pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays
after Mass

"Good News" Wednesdays after
Mass to discuss reading for the
following Sunday. CMR

RCIA Thursdays 5.30pm
Church Meeting Room

Parish Sacramental Program 2025
First Eucharist
Family Catch-Up Evening
Thursday 11th September 5pm
Church
Celebration Mass
Sunday 14th September 9am

Wrap with Love
Tuesday 9th September
10-11am BB Library
Wednesday 24th September 1-3pm
CMR

Craft Group 10am Thursdays Church
Meeting Room

ADORATION TUESDAYS @ 4pm
COFFEE CLUB Thursdays after 9am
Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove

We acknowledge the
traditional custodians
of the land, the
Walbunja people of the
Yuin Nation.

We pay our respects to
their elders, past,
present and
emerging.

DISCIPLESHIP

There's a knock at the door. You respond, and here is a small group, looking serious but friendly. What is this, you wonder, just before one of them asks if you read the Bible. Not from cover to cover, you think as you blurt out, "Well, bits of it." And you try to remember last week's (or any) Gospel passage.

NB. This is an imaginary scenario, not based on any particular religious approach.

They quote you Luke 14:26 (from today's Gospel) and announce they are forming a new religion based on this text. They explain God requires you to hate family members: "See, Jesus says unless you hate your relatives, you cannot be my disciple. We will be the '*Real Disciples Church*'."

Back to reality; and we may be a bit shocked by this Gospel verse. Then we recall being told that the word translated here as "hate" does not mean "to reject" or "have strong negative feelings about". Luke uses the word in the Biblical comparative sense, meaning "to love less" in the context of preference.

On the other hand the word "love" is used hundreds of times in the New Testament (even AI doesn't have an exact number because of the different kinds of love and their translations). Jesus' real message is very clear and doesn't depend on just one verse. So no 'Jihad Jesus' that our imaginary doorknockers may have proposed. No, the core message of the gospels (particularly with Luke's *Good Samaritan*, *Prodigal Son* parables), is love.

Of course, easier said than done. And today's gospel suggests that prioritising and serious thinking is part of that process.

Crowds were following Jesus, kind of like Facebook followers, curious maybe, hoping something might be in it for them.

At this stage he is on his way to Jerusalem, to his passion and the cross. He is confronting these followers, letting them know what it entails to be a real disciple.

Unlike the clever salesman who highlights how his deal meets all your needs but doesn't show you the fine print, Jesus reminds us again about the cost, what we have to give up, about the cross. Those travelling with Jesus were invited, not just to be onlookers, but to be disciples. Were any of the crowd ready for the absolute commitment that Jesus asked? Are we?

Then we would truly be **a real disciple**.

John Mackay