MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 8th—Sunday 14th September

NO MASS Monday 8th: **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

ROSTERS

6/7 SEPTEMBER Cleaning

8-12 M deSmet/J Maher

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer J Anderson Commentator:: S Ebeier Reader: P Nolan **Eucharistic Ministers** C Brownlie Computer Screen: J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer T van den Broek Commentator C Lowe Reader: M Lowe **Eucharistic Ministers** D Herring L Stevens, Computer Screen T Priest

MORNING TEA: Filipino community

COUNTERS Basevi/Meade

13/14 SEPTEMBER

Cleaning 15-19 B Coffey/M Paine

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: C Brownlie Commentator: P O'Kelly Reader: J Mackay **Eucharistic Ministers** L Mylott Computer Screen M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer First Eucharist Commentator First Eucharist Reader:First Eucharist **Eucharistic Ministers** First Eucharist Computer Screen D

MORNING TEA:

Barroman/Berryman

COUNTERS D & L May

MASSES in AGED CARE FACILITIES

- THE GLEN
- Second Wednesday of each month
- 10.30AM
- THE MANOR
- Third Wednesday of each month
- 2pm
- **MARANATHA**
- Fourth Wednesday of each month
- 2pm

A Very Happy Fathers' Day

On this Fathers' Day, I pray for all the fathers of our parish and community—including my own father in India. In union with St. Joseph, whom God entrusted with His Son, we ask God's generous blessings upon them. We give thanks and praise to God for fathers, both young and old. We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering. We also remember men who are not fathers, but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

Let us honour the fathers and grandfathers who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Thank you to our devoted dads who give us life, provide for us, and teach us to be good citizens. May God bless you.

WELCOME

This weekend, we welcome Damaris Falzon, Adam Hudson and Malcolm Crewe as they begin the RCIA journey. We give thanks for their yes to Christ and pray that the weeks ahead will be filled with grace, courage, and deepened faith as they continue their journey towards Easter. May God bless our future brothers and sisters in Christ, and may their witness remind us all, the beauty of our own baptismal call.

The meetings take place every Thursday at 5:30 p.m., starting from 11 September in the parish meeting room.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2025

Thank you for your generous donations for the Father's Day Appeal which help us continue to care for our retired priests, who have served us over the years. Please keep our retired priests in your prayers, and also pray for new vocations to the priesthood.

A special retiring collection will be held on September 13/14. Envelopes are available and all donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.

You can also contribute by scanning the QR code.

Visitation and HC requested for a housebound lady in Surfbeach, whose husband died recently. Could someone help either on Sunday or during the week? Enquiries: Marie W 0405 028 057

September is Revitalisation month for our local St Vincent de Paul Conference and Shop Volunteers.

What a wonderful service they give in our community—THANK YOU.

Our local Conference supports St Margarette Mahila Conference in Govada, Southern India.

This Conference supports many families who are the poorest in their local faith community, helping them with food, clothing, education and starter projects that assist the family towards independence.

We send \$ donation each quarter to support this Conference and our St Bernard's Conference is invited to make a donation at Christmas to help these families celebrate.

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

REFLECTION by Fr **Michael Tate**

Hate your father

I am told that, in most Middle Eastern languages, there is no word for 'prefer'. Perhaps influenced by extremes of heat and cold, the vocabulary of 'love' and 'hate' is used instead. No one can imagine Jesus 'hating' Joseph, but he clearly gave preference to his mission, even as a precocious 12 year old in the Temple.

In today's Gospel, Jesus was preparing his followers, imminently and over the generations, for persecution. This would include real-life situations of families denouncing a son or daughter, or a brother turning over a brother to the authorities.

Imagine a Chinese Catholic hearing this Gospel this morning, and this afternoon being betrayed by family members for remaining loyal to the successor of St Peter. Jesus exhorts such a follower to prefer this cross over what the family considers politically correct.

We could pause for a moment to pray for all families, torn apart for allegiance to Jesus in His Church, that they may be re-united in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Pope LEO Monthly Prayer Intentions

SEPTEMBER

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



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Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

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,



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LITURGY OF THE WORD **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** Year C

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-

and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened

and men been taught what pleases

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 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 same way, none of you can be my disdo 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, welcome him as you would me.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servand teach me your laws. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

> All who do not renounce their possessions 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, children, 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-

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, 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 advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the ciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY

ORDINARY TIME Year C



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 Jesday 9th September 10-11am BB Library Tuesday 9th September Wednesday 24th Septem

Craft Group 10am Thursdays Church Meeting Room

ADORATION TUESDAYS @ 4pm COFFEE CLUB Thursdays after 9am

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 Al 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