

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 same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.’

**Communion Antiphon** **Cf Psalm 41:2-3**  
Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

**Vote!**  
A parishioner had dozed off to sleep during Mass. “Will all who want to go to Heaven stand up now.” All stood, except the sleeping parishioner.’ After they sat, the priest continued, “Well, will all who want to go to the other place please stand?” Somebody suddenly dropped a hymnal, and the sleeping man jumped to his feet and stood sheepishly facing the preacher.  
The sleeper mumbled confused, “Well, Father, I don’t know what we’re voting for, but it looks like you and I are the only ones for it.”

*World’s Greatest Collection of Church Jokes, compiled by Paul Miller*



**Prayer for the Year of Hope Jubilee 2025**  
*(Year of Jubilee of Hope officially opens on 24 December at 7pm)*

*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*

**Light a candle for Gaza**

God of light,  
You meet us in the darkest places.  
Every year, when we light our Easter candle, we pray ‘may the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our minds and hearts.’  
We pray today that all people may work with you to dispel the darkness of violence and war.  
May this fragile light be a sign of our hope for the people of Gaza.  
May they find healing and lasting peace.  
Amen.

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**Prayer to Saint Joseph on Father’s Day**  
*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to all fathers,  
show yourself a father  
and guide them in the path of life.  
Obtain for them grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend them from every evil. Amen.*

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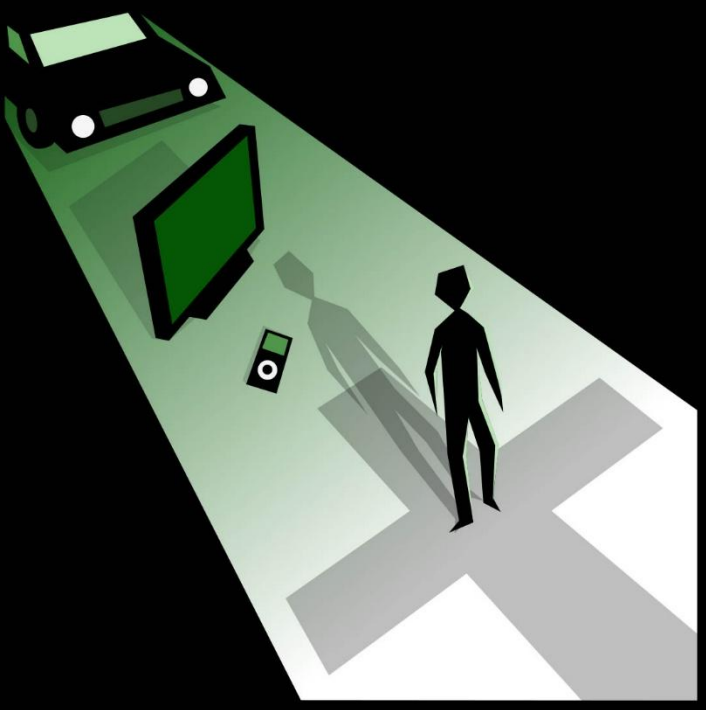
**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C** **7 September 2025**

**Entrance Antiphon** **Psalm 118:137, 124**  
You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**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 Wisdom 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.

**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. **R/**  
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. **R/**  
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. **R/**  
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/**

**Second Reading** **Philemon 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, welcome him as you would me.

**Gospel Acclamation** **Psalm 118:135**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let your face shine on your servant, and 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 disciple.  
‘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





Parish Administrator—Reverend Father Christopher Higgins  
(available Tuesday to Sunday)  
Parish Permanent Deacon – Reverend Mister Alfredo Bouroncle  
Parish Secretary—Bernadette Hickey  
(Office hours—Tuesday 8-3pm & Thursday 8-5pm)



*Our Parish respectfully acknowledges the Gadigal people of Eora nation  
as traditional caretakers of the land.*

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**MASSES AND SACRAMENTS**

<b>Masses</b>	Thursday 11 September – 9:15am Saturday—5:00pm – (6:30pm – Portuguese) Sunday—9:30am – (12:00 noon - Indonesian)
<b>Confessions</b>	Saturday 4:15—4:45pm <i>or</i> by appointment
<b>Adoration &amp; Benediction</b>	Mon 3:00 – 3:50pm, Tues to Fri 8:00 – 9:00am & Sun 9:00—9:25am
<b>Baptisms</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays)	By appointment—about 1 month's notice required
<b>Marriages</b>	By appointment—about 6 months' notice required

**COLLECTIONS for weekends from 23/24 & 30/31 August 2025**

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
<b>\$688.00</b>	<b>\$661.75</b>	<b>\$160.00</b>	<b>\$105.80</b>
(supports the priest's expenses)	(for running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	(part of 2nd collection)

**Masses for:** Fr Chris Riley & Fr Bob Stevens (RIP), Caroline Boulos, Jack's daughter, Alexis (ear infection).

**A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:** Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. (Archdiocesan permanent notice)  
*Safeguarding Children information can be found in folder at the back of the church.*



**Together we can keep the faith alive - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)**

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith? Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction. This weekend we welcome to our parish an ACN speaker who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.



**Acolyte John Vu & wife, Ha** We thank John for his years of service on the altar. Due to family & health reasons, John & Ha have farewelled our parish, as they now live in Belmore.

**Aid to the Church in Need Mass Stipends** There are many priests around the world who live on stipends and would appreciate your Mass intentions sent to them. Your donation & intention can be sent to ACN who will redirect it. Please find envelopes for this purpose at the back of the church.

**Priests' Retirement Fund / Father's Day Appeal** Envelopes can be found on the pews.

**ENMORE mid-week MASSES** Thursday 11 September 9:15am | Tuesday 16 September 9:15am (whole school Mercy Mass) | Wednesday 24 September 9:15am | Thursday 2 October 9:15am

**Volunteer Drivers Needed – Gift of Bread** Gift of Bread is seeking volunteer drivers to help rescue and deliver surplus bread to a network of over 250 charities that support people in need across Sydney. Flexible shifts available. To get involved, please contact: Marcel De Maria Tel. 0499 804 488

**Gaza Genocide** See noticeboard for letter from Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University

**Sisters of Charity Heritage Centre** We invite you to explore the history of our ministries and share in the story of Australia's first religious sisters. Open Tuesday to Thursday, 10.00am-3.00pm or by appointment. Free entry and parking available. Bookings recommended. A: 1 Rockwall Cres, Potts Point. W: [socheritagecentre.org.au](http://socheritagecentre.org.au). E: [heritagecentre@rscoffice.com](mailto:heritagecentre@rscoffice.com) P: 02 9138 0835

**Divine Mercy September schedule** See noticeboard

**Small Group Guided Tours St Mary's Cathedral Sydney, Monday 15 Sep 2025** See noticeboard

**Be Not Afraid, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Catholic Men's Conference. Saturday 20 September**, St Mary's Cathedral. To register: [trybooking.com/dareb](http://trybooking.com/dareb) See noticeboard for flyer.

**Feast of St Padre Pio | Triduum Novena & Mass: Thurs 18 & Fri 19 Sep 7pm & Sat 20 Sep 5:30pm** | Solemn Procession with relic & Mass: **Sun 21 Sep 10am**. See noticeboard for flyer

**The Archbishop** is seeking positive, practical and faithful ideas on how we can make our Church in Sydney more vibrant through three, repeated longings for more prayerful liturgies, more Christ-centred communities and to be more mission-oriented. Register to attend any of the three consultations:

St Mary's Cathedral Tuesday, 14 October 2025 | 6–9 PM Register at: [trybooking.com/DAVZE](http://trybooking.com/DAVZE)

All Saints, Liverpool Thursday, 16 October 2025 | 6–9 PM Register at: [trybooking.com/DAVZF](http://trybooking.com/DAVZF)

Join us as we pray, discern and act with the Holy Spirit to make our Church in Sydney more vibrant. Give us your ideas!

**National Alpha Catholic Conference: The Way of Hope.** Hosted by Alpha Australia, in partnership with the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, will seek to encourage and equip all the faithful - laity, clergy, and religious - to respond to the Great Commission to "Go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19), given by Jesus Christ to all the baptised. This conference is for everyone - not just those involved with Alpha or interested in Alpha. A conference ticket includes plenary sessions, breakout sessions, Mass and Adoration, morning tea and lunch on both days, and dinner on Friday evening. Early bird price available for a short time. Register today to avoid missing out! **Date: 31 October - 1 November 2025** Venue: Liverpool Catholic Club, Prestons, NSW Early Bird Cost: \$225 - until 15 September. Regular Cost: \$250 - from 16 September

**Christopher West's Theology of the Body: Head and Heart Immersion Course From 18–23 January 2026**, world-renowned speaker Christopher West will lead the TOB 1: Head and Heart Immersion retreat at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, bringing St John Paul II's Theology of the Body to life. This 5-day experience includes daily Mass, Adoration, and 30 hours of engaging teaching. Don't miss this rare opportunity to be transformed and healed in mind and heart. Places are limited — register at [trybooking.com/XXXX](http://trybooking.com/XXXX). DETAILS: Date: Sunday 18 January - Friday 23 January 2026 Time: 3 pm Sunday to 1 pm Friday Venue: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale, NSW Who: Adults only event (18+) For more information and to register, visit <https://tobi.sydneycatholic.org/tob-1-immersion-course/> For enquiries, contact [TOBI@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:TOBI@sydneycatholic.org).