

**01 October 2023**  
**Twenty Sixth Sunday of**  
**Ordinary Time**

**Entrance Antiphon**

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy .

**First Reading** from the prophet Ezekiel 18:25-28

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord .

**Second Reading** letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Holy Gospel** according to Matthew 21:28-32

**Communion Antiphon**

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

*We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners & custodians of the land on which we stand, the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people. May we too be good stewards of this land.*



Thérèse was a Carmelite nun, who lived a cloistered life of obscurity in the convent of Lisieux, France. Life in a Carmelite convent is indeed uneventful and consists mainly of prayer and hard domestic work. Thérèse said she came to the Carmel convent “to save souls and pray for priests.” And shortly before she died, she wrote: “I want to spend my heaven doing good on earth.”

Thérèse was canonized in 1925. On October 19, 1997, St Pope John Paul II proclaimed her a Doctor of the Church, the third woman to be so recognized in light of her holiness and the influence of her teaching on spirituality in the Church.

Thérèse has much to teach our age of the image, the appearance, the “self.” We have become a very self-conscious people, Thérèse, like so many saints, sought to serve others, to do something outside herself, to forget herself in quiet acts of love.

*“Then, overcome by joy, I cried, 'Jesus, my love. At last I have found my vocation. My vocation is love. In the heart of the Church, my mother, I will be love, and then I will be all things.’— St. Thérèse*

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# Mass times

## Sunday Mass times

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm

## Weekday Mass times

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
Friday & Saturday Mass at 9am

Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 11am  
**Adoration Prayer** every Saturday  
at 9:30-10:30am after 9am Mass

### Healing Mass:

First Saturday: 9am

### Alliance of 2 Hearts:

First Friday at 7.30pm

**Maori Mass:** First Sunday at 2pm

**Samoan Mass:** First Sunday  
of even months at midday

### Filipino Mass:

Third Sunday at 11.15am

### Divine Mercy Devotion:

Third Sunday at 3pm

# Prayer intentions

***For the sick & homebound:*** Baby Matthew , Terry Maroun, Myka Mangos, Kevin Cloran, Karen Browne, Amanda & John Meredith, Reg Gardner, Sr Heather Burke, Marie & Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Francisco Carmona, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys.  
*May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain & affliction.*

***For our recently dearly departed:*** Sennie Masian,

***Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:*** John McDermott,  
*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.*



# Bulletin Notices

**On Friendship in the light of St. Therese & St. Teresa;** Oct 7, 2023 • 10am - 4pm;  
Presented by Lorraine Murphy, OCDS; "The Circle of Love" - We will explore  
friendship with Jesus in the light of our Carmelite Saints and Dorothy Day.  
At Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville; COST: \$30 (Please BYO Lunch)

**A women's opportunity to experience a Cursillo three-day weekend;** A Cursillo weekend will be held at Carmel House, Varroville from Thursday evening 5 October to Sunday afternoon 8 October 2023. To view brochure and find out more, please email [cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com](mailto:cursillo3dayweekend@hotmail.com) or ring Geraldine Dayball on 0421 329 365.

**Made Free: Creative Retreat, 20-22 October 2023** Join the MGL Sisters in a weekend retreat that explores a range of creative prayer experiences. Recapture the freedom you were made for, let go of what is burdening you, and let God fill you again with life. Venue: Carmel House, 345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW  
Bookings: <http://www.trybooking.com/CFBRD> (by 6 October)  
Contact: Judy - [mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com](mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com)

**On The Journey, 1 October Podcast this week:** Fr Mike Delaney asks where do we stand today in our response to God's call to be a disciple in the vineyard? Mother Hilda on harnessing the energies of love. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Trish McCarthy, and Deacon Josh Clayton. The Journey podcast available at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au).

**Marriage Enrichment Weekend** An opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 27-29 October 2023 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, a stunning and tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or Email: [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au)

**Morocco Earthquake Appeal** Please support Caritas Australia's Morocco Earthquake Appeal. Morocco has been struck by a devastating 6.8 magnitude earthquake, which has caused thousands of deaths. Your support is needed now. Donate online: [www.caritas.org.au/morocco](http://www.caritas.org.au/morocco)

**Compass: Catholic Family Camping Weekend 27 – 29 Oct 2023** The weekend is designed to unite families of every age, including couples with or without children, single parents with their children, and grandparents, all to celebrate the incredible gift of family life. Mark your calendars now for a wonderful chance to bring families from all over the Diocese together in a laid-back setting to connect and enjoy shared meals, games, music, prayer, and Mass together. To avoid missing out on this incredible opportunity, contact us now to secure your spot. Cost: \$30 per adult or \$70 per family (regardless of size) For more details and to register: [www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au)

## Holy Gospel according to Luke 21:28-32

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

## Gospel Reflection by Nick Brodie

In today's parable where a son said yes but did nothing, Jesus offers a striking indictment of empty lip-service. In our age, one of the Church's most insistent calls has been for people to work for the protection of the vineyard of the earth. Speaking of climate change, deforestation and chemical pollution, Pope Saint John Paul II declared in 1990 'that the ecological crisis is a moral issue' and called on all people to 'recognise their obligation to contribute to the restoration of a healthy environment'. In 2009 Pope Benedict XVI insisted that 'technologically advanced societies can and must lower their domestic energy consumption'. In 2015 Pope Francis called on all of humanity 'to recognise the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this warming' of the world's climate which we are currently facing. Successive Popes have therefore called us all to work for the protection of our planet and its people. But it is up to every Christian to ensure that these words are not just empty rhetoric.

