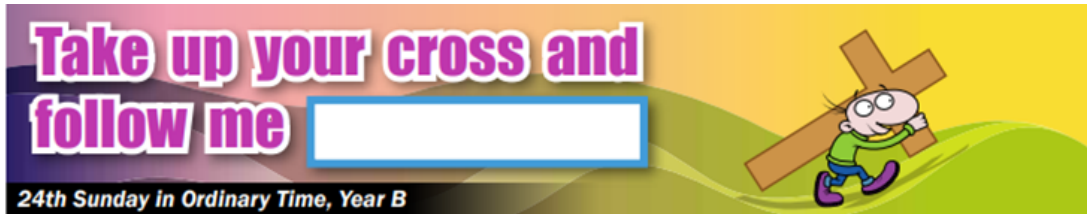
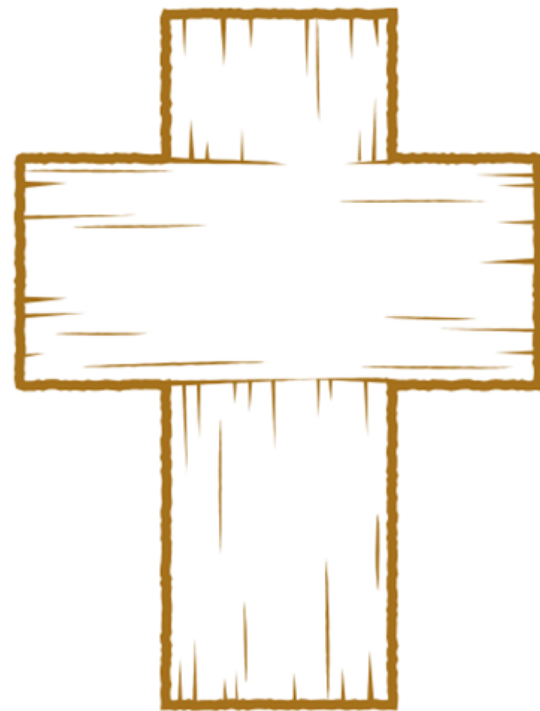


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| Date: | 14th Sept/15th Sept 2024 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | | | |
| Mass Time: | Acolyte | First Reading & Responsorial Psalm | Second Reading & Prayer of the Faithful | Music |
| Vigil: 5:00 PM | Ed Junis | Felix Kobus | Anne Maureen Scarff | No One |
| 8:00 AM | Marek Grus | Jim Gresser | Georgia Cook | |
| 9:30 AM | Phillip Saville | Peta Sparkes | Matt Aldous | Chris Wilson |
| Morning Tea: | Children's Liturgy / Polish Group | | | |
| Date: | 21st Sept/22nd Sept 2024 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | | | |
| Mass Time: | Acolyte | First Reading & Responsorial Psalm | Second Reading & Prayer of the Faithful | Music |
| Vigil: 5:00 PM | Ian Miles | Margaret Smith | Wilhelmina de Raadt | Chris Wilson |
| 8:00 AM | Randall Noney | Ros Comfort | Vicky Walker | |
| 9:30 AM | Richard Merchant | Katherine Mahns | Phil Saville | Streeters |

KID'S CORNER



Write on the cross some of the hard things you need to do if you want to follow Jesus.



COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

"If you want to be my followers you must take up your cross and follow me."

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 E U W T **E** FINISH

Help Jesus tell his disciples about what would soon be happening.

I must go to the city of Jerusalem...
 ...where people will make me suffer and I will be killed.

Draw Jesus entering the city on the donkey

Draw Jesus suffering on the cross

Write what Jesus tells the disciples next

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Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am and 9:30 am
Weekday Mass: Monday - Saturday 9:30 am
Adoration: Monday - Saturday from 8:15 am - 9:15 am
First Friday Adoration: Every first Friday of the month 7:00 pm
Reconciliation: Saturday after 9:30 am Mass and 4:00-5:00 pm before the Vigil Mass
Children's Liturgy: 3rd Sunday of every month, 9:30 am
Baptisms: 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month - 11:00 am and by appointment
Weddings: By appointment
Funerals: Please Contact the Parish Office



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We respect the Darug people and their elders both past and present, as the traditional custodians of this land on which we celebrate the Eucharist.

Pope Francis Angelus Address: 16 September 2018:
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Good morning! Today's Gospel passage (cf. Mk 8:27-35) turns to the question that permeates the whole Gospel of Mark: who is Jesus? But this time Jesus himself poses it to his disciples, helping them to gradually address the question of his identity. Before asking them, the Twelve, directly, Jesus wants to hear from them what the people think about him, and he is well aware that the disciples are very sensitive to the Teacher's renown! Therefore, he asks: "Who do men say that I am?" (v. 27). It comes to light that Jesus is considered by the people as a great prophet. But, in reality, he is not interested in the opinions and gossip of the people. He also does not agree that his disciples should answer the questions with pre-packaged formulas, quoting well-known individuals from Sacred Scripture, because a faith that is reduced to formulas is a short-sighted faith.

The Lord wants his disciples of yesterday and today to establish a personal relationship with him, and thus to embrace him at the centre of their life. For this reason he spurs them to face themselves honestly, and he asks: "But who do you say that I am?" (v. 29). Today, Jesus addresses this very direct and confidential question to each of us: "You, who do you say that I am? All of you, who do you say that I am? Who am I for you?". Each person is called to respond, in his or her heart, allowing each one to be illuminated by the light that the Father gives us in order to know his Son Jesus. And it can also happen to us, as it did to Peter, that we passionately affirm: "You are the Christ". However, when Jesus tells us clearly what he told the disciples, that is, that his mission is fulfilled not on the wide road to success, but on the arduous path of the suffering, humiliated, rejected and crucified Servant, then it can also happen that we, like Peter, might protest and rebel because this contrasts with our expectations, with worldly expectations. In those moments, we too deserve Jesus' healthy rebuke: "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men" (v. 33).

Brothers and sisters, the profession of faith in Jesus Christ cannot stop at words, but calls to be authenticated by practical choices and gestures, by a life characterised by God's love; it calls for a great life, a life with an abundance of love for neighbour. Jesus tells us that to follow him, to be his disciples, we must deny ourselves (cf. v. 34), that is, the demands of our own selfish pride, and take up our own cross. Then he gives everyone a fundamental rule. And what is this rule? "For whoever would save his life will lose it" (v. 35). Often in life, for many reasons, we go astray, looking for happiness only in things, or in people whom we treat as things. But we find happiness only when love, true love, encounters us, surprises us, changes us. Love changes everything! And love can also change us, each one of us. The witnesses of Saints proves it.

May the Virgin Mary, who lived her faith by faithfully following her Son Jesus, help us too to walk on his path, generously spending our life for him and for our brothers and sisters.



Entrance Antiphon Cf Sirach 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 114:1-6, 8-9. R. v.9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. (R.)
2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)
4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. (R.)

Second Reading James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Galatians 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him, 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon Cf Psalm 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



Sick: Alan Brown, John Fisher, John Hunia, Eva Fitzgerald, Philip Coggan, James Connor, Richard Ford, Odette Harb, Precious Tamayo, Julie Somerville, Fr Bob Bossini, Dane San Pedro, Marama Watson, Margaret Munro, and all **Private Intentions.** Due to the strict privacy laws, names of the deceased and sick can only be included in the Bulletin with the express permission of the immediate family. Thank you.

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NEWS

FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING OUR PARISH AND ITS WORKS:

Please support our Parish and its projects.

- **Direct Debit:** Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

- **Direct Deposit:** Details are as follows:
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Bank Account Number: 00000560
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FIRST COLLECTION: This goes to the Board of Management. The fund supports the living expenses of the priests within our Diocese.

SECOND COLLECTION: This goes to our Parish of St Thomas Aquinas—directly funding operational costs, pastoral activities and various programs that enrich our community.

MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES are also available which can be used to express your ongoing generosity and support. Thank you.



STA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is on Wednesday 18th September at 7pm. If parishioners would like to send any items for the agenda, please email this through to: springwoodparishpc@gmail.com

ORDERS FOR DAILY MASS BOOKS AND ORDO'S ARE BEING TAKEN NOW FOR 2025: Payment **must be received** when ordering via credit card or direct transfer to our account. Final day to order is on Wednesday, 25th September 2024.

2025 Daily Mass Book - contains all texts for Sunday & weekday Mass at \$28.60 each
Ordo 2025 - a reference for liturgy planning at \$18.15 each

THE DIOCESAN HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES COMMUNITY

warmly invite you to the formation session: Loving your Neighbour in the Sick and Dying at St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Springwood on the 21st Sept 2024 from 11am-1pm, followed by lunch. People involved in the Pastoral Care of the Sick, Aged Care, Lay Chaplains, Healthcare Professionals as well as students interested in pursuing a career in healthcare are particularly encouraged to attend this formation meeting. Enquiries to: michael.tan@parracatholic.org



BAPTISMS: We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following children who were recently baptised here...

Lucia Jean Burfitt & Sloan Brooks Morson

ST PADRE PIO FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS: All are invited to join Glenmore Park Parish for the parochial feast of St Padre Pio. The parish will be celebrating a 3 day Triduum: Thurs 19th Sept – 7pm Novena to St Padre Pio and Mass; Fri 20th Sept – 7pm Novena to St Padre Pio and Mass; Sat 21st Sept – 5.30pm Novena to St Padre Pio & Vigil Mass. With the feast day celebrations on Sun 22nd Sept from 10am. For enquiries, contact the parish office on 02 4789 2232.

JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE FOOD DRIVE: Springwood Parish is having a food drive on the 21st/22nd Sept to support refugees and asylum seekers in Western Sydney through the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS). If you are able to donate please bring to any of the Masses over the weekend of 21/22 Sept 2024.

| FOOD ITEMS: | ESSENTIALS: |
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| • Basmati Rice (1kg & 5kg) | • Nappies (large sizes) |
| • Cooking Oil | • Toothpaste & Toothbrushes |
| • Long Life milk | • Shampoo & Conditioner |
| • Tinned Tuna in Oil (185g & 425g) | • Sanitary Pads & Napkins |
| • Canned Red Kidney Beans (400g) | • Razors & Shaving Foam |
| • Lentils (400g) | • Deodorant (Male & Female) |
| • Canned Coconut Milk & Condensed Milk (400ml) | • Soap |
| • Biscuits & Muesli Bars | • Laundry Detergent |
| • Dry Chickpeas, Red & Yellow Split Lentils (1kg & 375g) | • Dishwashing Detergent |

Gift Vouchers also enable families to choose the items they need most.

The tragedy that occurred in Faulconbridge earlier this week has affected many in our community. Our thoughts are with you all during this time.

Dear Lord, whose ways are beyond understanding, listen to the prayers of your faithful people: that those weighed down by grief at the loss of these two beautiful boys may find reassurance in your infinite goodness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Lifeline 13 11 14 or www.lifeline.org.au
Headspace (Supporting young people) 1800 650 890 or www.headspace.org.au
NSW Mental Health Line 1800 011 511;
Beyond Blue 1300 224 636; Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467

THE SEASON OF CREATION: We can make a difference this week if we compost our food waste and make a conscious effort to reduce food wastage in the future.

STA LADIES FELLOWSHIP: Annual Lunch at Springwood Golf club is on Fri 20th Sept at 12pm. For bookings contact Colleen Kime 0407 125 427 / Jo McKenzie on 0412 185 210.