HE MAKES THE DEAF HEAR!

Entrance Antiphon
Ps 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

1st Reading Isa 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 145:7-10

RESPONSE: Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R/**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R/**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **R/**

2nd Reading Jam 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my footrest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

Alléluia, alléluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. **Alléluia!**

Gospel Mk 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

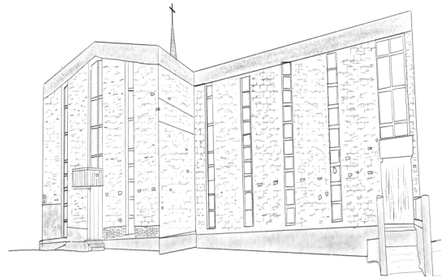
Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

St Mary Star of the Sea & Corpus Christi Parish

Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time
Year B

8th September 2024



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	Saturday 5:00pm Corpus Christi
Children's Liturgy:	**Sundays at 10am Mass (during school term)**
Adoration * Benediction:	**First Friday of the month immediately after 9am Mass**
Baptisms:	**Second and Fourth Sunday of the month at 11am**
Weddings:	**Only by appointment**
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Parish Calendar – Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 8th September 2024
8:30am Mass—Mosman Park
10:00am Mass—Cottesloe
Children's Liturgy
12:00pm Mass—(Spanish) Cottesloe
5:00pm Mass—Cottesloe

Monday, 9th September 2024
9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Tuesday, 10th September 2024
8:15am Mass—Mosman Park
9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Wednesday, 11th September 2024
9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Thursday, 12th September 2024
9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Friday, 13th September 2024
St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
9:00am Mass—Cottesloe

Saturday, 7th September 2024
The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
9:00am Mass—Cottesloe
12:00pm Confessions—Cottesloe
5:00pm Confessions—Mosman Park
5:30pm Vigil Mass—Mosman Park
8:00pm Neocatechumenal Community Mass (Parish Centre Cottesloe)

He has made the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Just as the divine law says that when God created the world *he saw all that he had made and it was very good,* so the gospel, speaking of our redemption and re-creation, affirms: *He has done all things well. A good tree bears good fruit; no good tree can bear bad fruit.* As fire can give out nothing but heat and is incapable of giving out cold; and as the sun gives out nothing but light and is incapable of giving out darkness, so God is incapable of doing anything but good, for he is infinite goodness and light. He is a sun giving out endless light, a fire producing endless warmth. *He has done all things well.* And so today we must wholeheartedly unite with that holy throng in saying: *He has done all things well. He has made the deaf hear and the dumb speak.* Like Balaam's ass, this crowd certainly spoke under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Clearly it was the Holy Spirit who said through its mouth: *He has done all things well;* in other words he is truly God, because making the deaf hear and the dumb speak are things that only God can do. There is a transition here from the particular to the general. This man has worked a miracle that only God could work; therefore he is God, who has done all things well. *He has done all things well.* The law says that all God did was good; the gospel says he has done all things well. Doing a good deed is not quite the same as doing it well. Many do good deeds but fail to do them well. The deeds of hypocrites, for example, are good, but they are done in the wrong spirit, with a perverse and defective intention. Everything God d9es, however, is not only good but is also done well. *The Lord is just in all his ways and holy in all his deeds. With wisdom you have done them all:* that is to say, most wisely and well. So *he has done all things well,* they say. Now if God has done all his good works and done them well for our sake, knowing that we take pleasure in goodness, why I ask do we not endeavor to make all our works good and to do them well, knowing that such works are pleasing to God? If you ask what we should do in order to enjoy the divine blessings for ever, I will tell you in a word. Since the Church is called the bride of Christ and of God, we must do what a good wife does for her husband. Then God will treat us as a good husband treats a dearly loved wife. This is what the Lord says through Hosea: *I will betroth you to myself with justice and integrity, with tenderness and compas-sion; I will betroth you to myself with faithfulness, and you shall know that I am the Lord.* So even in this present life we shall be happy, this world will be an earthly paradise for us; with the Hebrews we shall feast on heavenly manna in the desert of this life, if only we follow Christ's example by striving to do everything well, so that *he has done all things well* may be said of each one of us.

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37
Commentary: Lawrence of Brindisi

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY—8 SEPTEMBER 2024

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:
www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday2024

Conscious that each person is precious in the eyes of the Lord, let us place our prayers before God who is kind and merciful, and rich in compassion.

Cottesloe / Mosman Park Parish Calendar

Fri	Sep	13	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	St John Chrysostom
Sat	Sep	14	Feast Day	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Mon	Sep	16	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Sts Cornelius and Cyprian
Fri	Sep	20	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions
Sat	Sep	21	Feast Day	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	St MATTHEW, apostle
Mon	Sep	23	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	St Pius of Pietrelcina
Fri	Sep	27	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	St Vincent de Paul
Mon	Sep	30	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	St Jerome
Tue	Oct	1	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	St Therese of the Child Jesus
Wed	Oct	2	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	The Holy Guardian Angels
Fri	Oct	4	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	St Francis of Assisi
Fri	Oct	4	First Friday	9:30am	Adoration	Cottesloe	First Friday-Adoration and Benediction (9:30am-10:30am)
Sat	Oct	5	Pet Blessing	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Pet's Blessing Mass 9:00am out-doors
Sun	Oct	6	Parish	10:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Welcoming Mass & Morning Tea Cottesloe

You will find a copy of our weekly bulletin on our website at: https://staroftheseachurch.org.au/weekly-bulletin/

Parish News

COME TO ME ALL OF YOU
WHO LABOUR AND ARE OVERBURDENED
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.
Matthew 11:28

WE INVITE YOU!
COME ALONG!

Fr Marcelo Parra & Fr Grzegorz Rapcewicz

CATECHESIS FOR YOUNG AND ADULTS
MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS AT 7:30PM

Starting 19th of August

At the St Mary Star of the Sea parish centre, Cottesloe

Baby sitting and transport provided on request
Email: cottesloe@perthcatholic.org.au
Ph: 9384 2421

Closure of the Parish Hall

The hall renovation is underway and it will be closed until further notice.

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY refers to the birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary by her parents St. Anne and St. Joachim. The Catholic Church celebrates Mary's birthday on September 8th, nine months after the solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception,** celebrated on December 8th. The Feast, like the **Assumption of Mary**, originated in Jerusalem. It began in the fifth century as the Feast of the "Basilica Sanctae Mariae ubi nata est", now called the Basilica of St. Anne. In the seventh century, the feast was celebrated at Rome as the Feast of the Birth of

"ST JOSEPH STATUE"

We welcome parishioners support to our proposed new project at St. Mary Star of the Sea Cottesloe. We are purchasing this statue of St. Joseph to be at the entrance of our church. The St. Joseph statue is being made in Ecuador by the same people who made the Crucifix which is over the Altar and the Crucifix which is in the entrance of our Parish Centre.

ALL DONATIONS ARE WELCOME.
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to the parish fundraising bank account
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Account No: 115134447	**Account No: 558131050**
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WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS (2ND PLATE): COTTESLOE $470.53 MOSMAN PARK $ 345.53

MOSMAN ROSTERS	**This Weekend 7/8 Sep '24**		**Next Weekend 14/15 Sep'24**	
Flowers	M Milicich		R Masarei	N Gourlay
Church Cleaning	A Broadhurst		T Davis	
Readers Sat 5.30am	F Green		N Farias	A Pickard
Readers Sun 8.30am	C Lobo	R Beech	A Santelli	R Masarei

COTTESLOE ROSTERS	**This Weekend 7/8 Sep '24**	**Next Weekend 14/15 Sep'24**
Flowers	C McClure	E Madera
Church Cleaning	L Agnello & F Agnello	M Shea & L Mann
Readers Sun 10am	R Coles & M Coles	M Shea & E O'Loughlin
Readers Sun 5pm	Volunteers	I Yeo
Morning Tea	NO Morning Tea	NO Morning Tea

Safeguarding Prayer

Lord Jesus, Hear our voices as we pray for your care and protection. Strengthen and guide us as we strive to make our Catholic communities a safe place for all. Give us the wisdom and courage to listen with open hearts, see with open eyes, and speak out to ensure children and adults are safe, loved, respected, and cared for. We also pray for those who have been harmed. Give them the courage to seek the truth and to heal. May we all strive to understand our collective responsibility to work together to safeguard our Catholic communities.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen

Our Sick

Please keep those who are sick at home, and in nursing homes and in the general community in your prayers. Let us keep our parishioners who are unable to be with us at Mass:

Dariusz Rapcewicz
Francesca Letizia
Maria Pereira
Maria Blaszczynska
Jill Ivey
Leon & Burchell Jones
Julie Atrache
Daphne Da Rosa
Mrs. Loreto Pell
Tim and Estelle Beckett

Requiescat in Pace

For family members & friends who have recently passed to Eternal Life, and especially for all the departed Souls:

Norma D'Almada Remedios
who passed away on
26th August 2024

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.