

PUT JESUS FIRST

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps118: 137, 124**  
You are just ,O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

**1st Reading Wis 9: 13-18**  
**A reading from the book of Wisdom**

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.

The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**  
**Ps 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17**  
**RESPONSE: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

You turn men back in to 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/**

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/**

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/**

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/**

**2nd Reading PHIL 9-10, 12-17**  
**A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon**

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.

The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Ps 118: 135**  
Alléluia, alléluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alléluia!

**GOSPEL Lk 14:25-33**  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

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 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.'

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

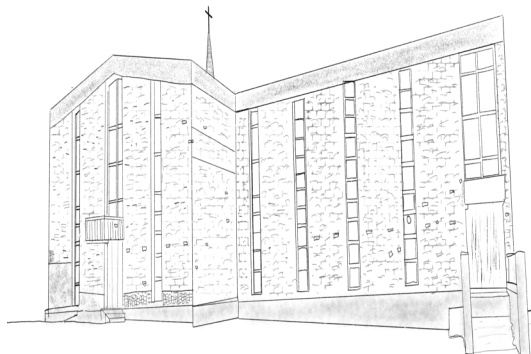


St Mary Star of the Sea & Corpus Christi Parish



Twenty-Third SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Year C

7th September 2025



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**RECONCILIATIONS:** Saturday 12:00pm Star of the Sea  
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

<b>Sunday, 7th September 2025</b> 8:30am Mass—Mosman Park 10:00am Mass—Cottesloe Children's Liturgy 12:00pm Mass—(Spanish) Cottesloe 5:00pm Mass—Cottesloe	<b>Wednesday, 10th September 2025</b> 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe <b>Thursday, 11th September 2025</b> 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe <b>Friday, 12th September 2025</b> 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe	<b>Saturday, 13th September 2025</b> 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)
<b>Tuesday, 9th September 2025</b> 8:15am Mass—Mosman Park 9:00am Mass—Cottesloe		




THE PERSON WHO DOES NOT RENOUNCE HIS POSSESSIONS CANNOT BE MY DISCIPLE

The tradition of the Fathers and the authority of Holy Scripture both affirm that there are three renunciations which every one of us must strive to practice. To these let us turn our attention. First, on the material level, we have to despise all worldly wealth and possessions; secondly, we must reject our former way of life with its vices and attachments, both physical and spiritual; and thirdly, we should withdraw our mind from all that is transitory and visible to contemplate solely what lies in the future and to desire what is unseen. We read that the Lord commanded Abraham to make all three renunciations at once when he said to him: *Leave your country and your kindred and your father's house*. First he said *your country*, meaning worldly wealth and possessions; secondly *your kindred*, that is our former way of living, with its habits and vices which have grown up with us and are as familiar to us as kith and kin; thirdly *your father's house*, in other words every secular memory aroused by what we see. This forgetfulness will be achieved when, dead with Christ to the elemental spirits of this world, we contemplate as the apostle says, *not the things that are seen but those that are unseen, for what is seen is temporal but what is unseen is eternal*. It will be achieved when in our hearts we leave this temporal and visible house and turn the eyes of our mind toward that in which we shall live for ever; when, though living in the world, we cease to follow the spirit of the world in order to fight for the Lord, proclaiming by our holy way of life that, as the apostle says, *our homeland is in heaven*. It avails little to undertake the first of these renunciations, even with wholehearted devotion inspired by faith, unless we carry out the second with the same zeal and fervor. Then having accomplished this as well we shall be able to go on to the third, whereby we leave the house of our former father, of him who fathered us as members of a fallen race, *children of wrath like everyone else*, and turn our inward gaze solely toward heavenly things. We shall attain to the perfection of this third renunciation when our mind, no longer dulled by contact with a pampered body, has been cleansed by the most searching refinement from every worldly sentiment and attitude, and raised by constant meditation on divine things and spiritual contemplation to the realm of the invisible. It will then lose all awareness of the frail body enclosing it or of the place it occupies, so absorbed will it be by things divine and spiritual.

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33  
Commentary: John Cassian

NO MORNING TEA TODAY DUE TO FATHER’S DAY CELEBRATIONS



**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 the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**O Mother of the Living**, we celebrate your Nativity with joyful hearts and humble spirits. As you were born without sin, your birth was a radiant sign of God's great mercy and love. On this blessed day, we recall your purity, your gentle obedience, and your unwavering trust in the Divine Plan, which brought forth the Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O gracious Mary**, our most tender Mother, we ask your intercession in our lives. Help us to follow your example of humility, faith, and constant prayer. Through your loving guidance, may we grow in virtue and become true disciples of Christ, sharing his light with the world.

**You who are the keeper of divine mysteries**, inspire us to honour the Incarnation with reverence and joy. Remind us daily of the gift of your Son, whose coming has transformed our lives with hope, salvation, and grace. Let our hearts reflect the beauty of your spirit, shining forth in acts of kindness and service.

**O Blessed Virgin**, in this time of celebration, grant us the strength to persevere in our journey towards holiness. May your tender care shield us from all harm and lead us ever closer to the infinite love of God.

We ask all this through the intercession of your Son, our Saviour, and in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

COTTESLOE / MOSMAN PARK PARISH CALENDAR									
Mon	Sep	8	Feast Day	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
Sat	Sep	13	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor		
Sun	Sep	14	Feast Day	10:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS		
Mon	Sep	15	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Our Lady of Sorrows		
Tue	Sep	16	Memorial	8:15am	Mass	Mosman Park	Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr & Cyprian, bishop, maartyr		
Tue	Sep	16	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr & Cyprian, bishop, maartyr		
Sat	Sep	20	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, priest & Paul Chong Hasang & companions, martyrs		
Tue	Sep	23	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, priest		
Sat	Sep	27	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint Vincent de Paul, priest		
Mon	Sep	29	Feast Day	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels		
Tue	Sep	30	Memorial	9:00am	Mass	Cottesloe	Saint Jerome, doctor		

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PARISH NEWS

**Happy Father's Day**

Father's Day is here and it's time to give thanks to all the great men in our lives who have helped shape who we have become. A father plays one of the most important roles for many of us. From God and Joseph to Abraham and Jacob, the Bible provides us with many great examples of fathers. Today and every day, we honour all the fathers of our parish and lift them up in prayer.

**PRAYER FOR FATHERS**


God our Father, through the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks and praise for all fathers in the world. We pray for them so that they may find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.


We ask you for an ever-increasing faithful and generous love of fathers to their respective wives and children. We ask you not only for their physical and material well-being, but also that they be authentic Christian fathers seeking holiness in the middle of the world so as to attain happiness here on earth and in heaven.

We pray for those whose children are lost, sick or are suffering; may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men, especially the priests and monks, who exercise their paternity in a spiritual way and guide others with fatherly concern and advice.

Help our men embrace their qualities of what it means to be Godly men. We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Bless them and may they rest in peace. **Amen.**






Whom do you seek?  
**HE IS RISEN!**  
Come and see! Mk 16:6

In this Jubilee Year 2025,  
Fr Marcelo and Fr Grzegorz  
invite you to  
**come and listen!**

CATECHESIS for YOUNG and ADULTS

Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 pm  
Starting on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>  
at St Mary Star of the Sea Parish Centre,  
COTTESLOE

 Baby sitting and transport provided on request.

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<b>WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS (2ND PLATE): COTTESLOE \$898.98 MOSMAN PARK \$551.48</b>	

MOSMAN ROSTERS	This Weekend 6/7 Sep '25		Next Weekend 13/14 Sep '25	
Flowers	A Tedesco	A Broadhurst	J Stratton	
Church Cleaning	A Broadhurst		T Davis	
Readers Sat 5.30am	A Pickard		M Davis	
Readers Sun 8.30am	J Stratton	N Kalnejais	C Wearn	B Wearn
COTTESLOE ROSTERS	This Weekend 6/7 Sep '25		Next Weekend 13/14 Sep '25	
Flowers	E Madara & S Marerwa (+Wedding)		G Roberts	
Church Cleaning	L & F Agnello		M Shea & L Mann	
Readers Sun 10am	A Marerwa & K Lewis		R Coles & M Coles	
Readers Sun 5pm	Volunteers Needed		Volunteers Needed	
Morning Tea	No Morning Tea		No Morning Tea	

Intentions for 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.

**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 Blaszczyńska  
Leon & Burchell Jones  
Julie Atrache  
Mrs. Loreto Pell  
Tim and Estelle Beckett  
Marie and Ivo Milichich



Requiescat in Pace

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

**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. Amen.”**