

**READINGS AT MASS**

**FIRST READING Wis 12:13,16-19**

There is no God, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 85**

*Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord, for you are great and do marvelous deeds, you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. **R.**

**2ND READING ROMANS 8:26-27**

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well

what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mat 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-43**

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."'

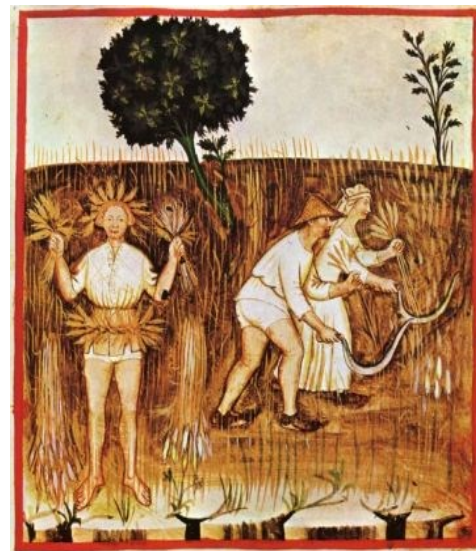
He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'





# ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA PARISH



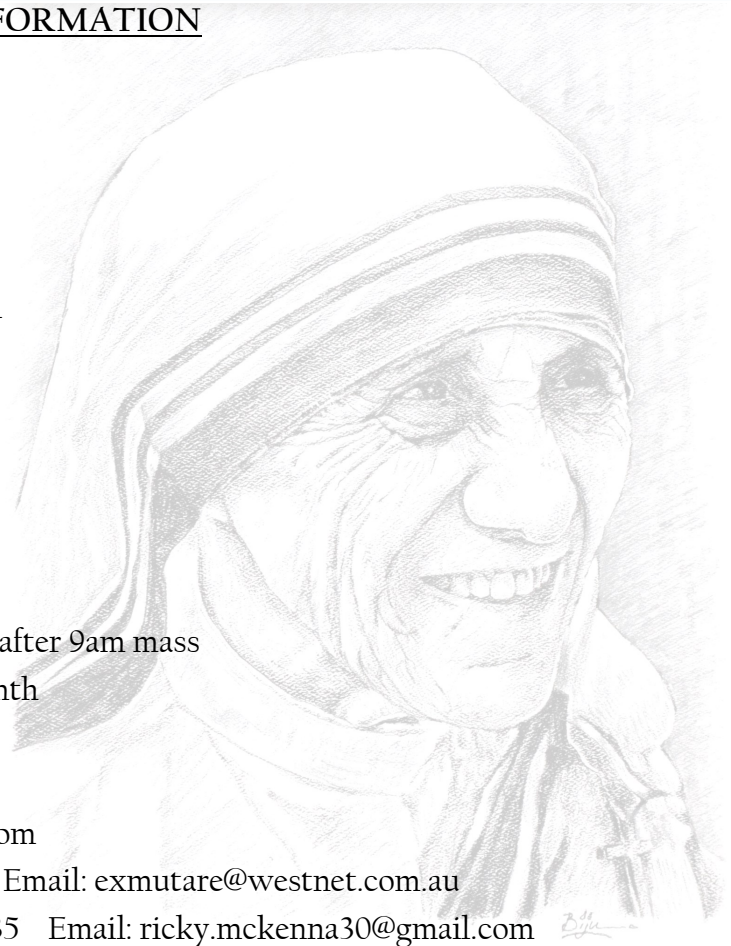
## 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A—23RD JULY 2023

### OUR PARISH VISION:

*We are a Parish community embracing our Catholic faith and cherishing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Enriched by our diversity, we reach out to others and welcome all into our Parish. In the spirit of Mother Teresa and through our living and praying together, we want to grow strong in faith, hope and in our love for God and one another.*

### PARISH INFORMATION

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## Parish Calendar—Sixteenth week in Ordinary Time

### Sun, 23rd July

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30am Mass

5pm Mass

### Tue, 25th July

**St James, Apostle**

9am Mass

### Wed, 26th July

9am Mass

### Thu, 27th July

9am Mass

### Fri, 28th July

9am Mass

### Sat, 29th July

5:30pm Confessions

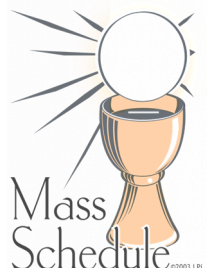
6pm Mass

### Sun, 30th July

**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30am Mass

5pm Mass



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# UNDERSTANDING THE WORD OF GOD

This parable compares the kingdom of heaven to a farmer who sows good seed but whose slaves find weeds in the field. The master lets the process of life and growth take place. But after the crowds are gone and the disciples question Jesus, his explanation gives the story a double meaning and the threat of judgment.

The sower is the Son of Man. The field is the world. The good seeds are children of the kingdom; the weeds are children of the evil one. The harvest is the end of the age. The weeds will be bundled and burned. The parable turns into a scary allegory of end times. Ultimately God will sort out who is worthy of the kingdom. Perhaps there will be some real surprises at the final curtain call!

Sunday's gospel also compares the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed and leaven. A mustard

seed is very small in comparison to the size of a grown plant! The growth living power of God's kingdom that has its own time and great promise. Leaven becomes invisible in bread dough, but its presence transforms the wheat flour into dough, larger and airier. The parable calls us to imagine God's power as leaven that functions invisibly, bringing about God's reign. Life takes time; God's reign will take time. In the end, God's wisdom is not human wisdom. Some apparent weeds may be flowers. The smallest of seeds may yet grow into a plant that provides hospitality for many creatures. Leaven may be slowly transforming the world even though human eyes cannot see it working. Such are the mysteries of the reign of God in the human heart and in all creation.

**What leaven do you hope you are in your community of faith? What small effort do you hope grows much bigger?**

## Feast of the Week

### Saint James, Apostle 25 July



He was the brother of St John and, like him, a fisherman. He was one of the witnesses of the Transfiguration and one of those who slept through most of the Agony in the Garden. He was the first of the apostles to be martyred, being beheaded by King Herod Agrippa I, to please the Jewish opponents of Christianity.

Saint James is the patron saint of Pilgrims and of Spain. In every country there are churches of St James and known, well-trodden pilgrim routes. In England, pilgrim routes lead from all parts of the country to the major ports that were used on the pilgrimage. This network of routes is a vital witness to the fact that the Middle Ages were not the static stay-at-home time that we often think them to be: everyone must have known someone, or known someone who knew someone, who had made the pilgrimage.

## Rosters—Weekend - 29th & 30th July 2023

<p><b>READERS</b></p> <p><b>Sat 6pm:</b> Willi Massini &amp; Kathleen Anderson  <b>Sun 9:30am</b> Helen Tippett &amp; William Kalande  <b>Sun 5pm:</b> Vanessa Moretti</p> <p><b>ACOLYTES:</b></p> <p><b>Sat 6pm:</b> Ferdinand Prajogi  <b>Sun 9 30am:</b> David Autagavaia  <b>Sun 5pm:</b> Paul Dwyer</p>	<p><b>JNR SERVERS</b></p> <p><b>Sat 6pm:</b> Ava Woodgate, Louise &amp; Emily Murphy  <b>Sun 9:30am</b> Marcus Cruz &amp; Stig Kalande  <b>Sun 5pm:</b> Carlos Autagavaia &amp; Izabella Moretti</p> <p><b>COUNTERS:</b> Frances &amp; Stuart Gray</p>
<p><b>COLLECTIONS 15th * 16th JULY 2023</b></p> <p><b>1st COLLECTION:</b> \$ 826.35  <b>2nd COLLECTION:</b> \$ 1,768.85</p>	<p>If you would like to continue with your weekly donation, you can set your account for weekly direct deposits:</p> <p><b>Baldivis Parish</b>  <b>BSB 086 006 Account : 181363512</b></p>



# Parish News



## ATTENTION POWER POINT TRAINING

Members from the Music Team will be providing Power Point Training after ALL the Masses next weekend 29th & 30th July.

**Anyone** who would like to help with **PowerPoint** at any of the weekend Masses is welcome to attend. **The training is easy and takes less than 15 minutes.**

## GRANDPARENTS DAY—23rd July 2023

*“If you are lucky enough to still have grandparents, visit them, cherish them and celebrate them while you can.”*

Grandparents, with their gentle presence and heartfelt advice, hold a special place in our hearts. They are a family’s greatest treasure and the family’s strong foundation. They can pass on important family traditions and life stories that a grandchild will not only relish when young but will grow to appreciate even more over time.

Grandparents have a magical ability to create a safe and nurturing space where their grandchildren feel cherished and accepted. In their embrace, grandchildren find comfort and understanding as they offer a listening ear, a shoulder to cry on and a wealth of wisdom from a lifetime of experiences. Loving grandparents celebrate the smallest achievements and shower their grandchildren with endless pride and encouragement. They instill a sense of belonging and self-worth, which builds confidence and resilience.

*“Dear God, bless our cherished grandparents with love, health and happiness. Thank you for the wisdom, care and unconditional love they bring into our lives. May our time together be filled with joy and*

## INVITATION BY SISTER KATHLEEN SOSJ ST JOSEPH’S CHAPEL, SAFETY BAY

An invitation to you all to take part in a 2 hour sharing of the meaning of the Pope’s statement.

**Where:** St Joseph’s Chapel , 27 Penguin Rd, Safety Bay.

**Leader of the discussion:** Sr Mary Cresp RSJ from Adelaide.

**When:** Saturday August 5th - Explore the *Pope’s many statements about how we ‘listen to the future’*

Monday August 7th— An open session for questions and a *Tribute to St Mary MacKillop.*

**Time:** 10.30am to 12.30pm. On both days.

**RSVP:** Sister Kath [Kathleen.dawe@sosj.org.au](mailto:Kathleen.dawe@sosj.org.au)

**Mobile:** 0409 296 909. (*Refreshment: Soup and a bread roll*)



## ENROLMENTS IN THE WEARING OF THE BROWN SCAPULAR

**all Masses next weekend**

Please see Sillia Autagavaia after Mass, so that you may be enrolled to receive your **Brown Scapular**

## YOUTH MASS AT SAINT TERESA, BALDIVIS SUNDAY EVENING MASS AT 5.00PM

We will be having a Youth Mass **every 3rd Sunday of the month** at the 5.00pm Mass. We encourage young people to contribute by offering to do the **PowerPoint**, the **Reading of the Word**, and also to **Join a Choir, or Sing Solo**. It can be a lot of fun, and it is a wonderful way to join in prayer.

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