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What Does God Expect of Me?



Readings

10 SEPTEMBER 2023

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20

17 SEPTEMBER 2023

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35



The Catholic Parish of Epping & Carlingford



YEAR A **10 SEPTEMBER 2023 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
17 SEPTEMBER 2023 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We welcome Frs Geoff Bugden, Joey Frez, Marek Woldan and Michael Belonio OSA, who will be celebrating weekend Masses while Fr Aldrin is on annual leave until the 18th September.

Retirement: Dennis Porteous will retire from his position as Parish Secretary on Sept 22nd after 33 years of faithful service to the parish. Dennis will take up a new role with the parish later in the year as OLHC sacristan. There have been many applications for the role of parish secretary and interviews have been held this past week. An announcement about a new parish secretary will be made in the coming days.

Supporting your Parish: Members of the Parish Finance Committee recently reported to the Parish that 20% of our givers provide more than 50% of the donations to the Parish. We're grateful to them, and to everyone who supports the parish financially. This allows us to meet our running costs. But



costs are rising as we all know, and there is more we'd also like to do if we could afford it. Rather than ask those who already give to give more, we now want to broaden the giving base and ask people who are not yet givers to become givers. A commitment of even a small amount per week or month becomes a significant amount over the span of a year. And many people giving will allow us employ staff to support our ministries, improve our facilities and run more programs to reach out with the good news of Jesus.

Are you a giver? Fr Jim will be asking you to commit to the parish this weekend at St Gerard's, and next weekend at OLHC. You can give by credit card, arrange your own EFT donation, or by cash using the commitment form on your pew this weekend. If you're giving by EFT the parish's account is #100 012 613 BSB 062 784, and use your surname & "PG" as the reference.



A special "Thank You" to John-Anthony for his wonderful donation of fluoro lights for St Gerard's.

"When we give to our church, we empower one another to thrive in the ministry of Jesus, allowing everyone to grow. With your contributions, we can provide resources for new parishioner engagement, Bible study materials, and pastoral care, supporting each person's journey of faith and discipleship."

CELEBRATING 40 WONDERFUL YEARS OF ANTIOCH IN OUR PARISH!

UPCOMING EVENT

Celebrating 40 Years of Antioch

Join us for this very special day!

Delicious treats at 3pm on Sunday 24th September.

St Gerard's Parish Hall

Thanksgiving Mass and Bbq after initial gathering. See details below.

SAVE!
THE DATE



In 2023, our parish is celebrating 40 years since the inception of Antioch in our Parish which has left a mark on the lives of countless young individuals. Such an extraordinary milestone would not have been possible without the unwavering support of the entire parish community.

To honour and celebrate this momentous occasion, we cordially invite everyone to join us on **Sunday, 24th September at 3pm** for an afternoon filled with joy and nostalgia concluding with our thanksgiving Youth Mass and BBQ at 5pm to 6.30pm in St Gerard's Church.

All past and present members of Antioch, including "Antiochers," parent supporters, cherished members of "God's Squad", and our parish community to be part of this celebration. Your presence and involvement will add to the richness of the festivities, allowing us to reminisce about

the countless lives touched and transformed by Antioch's ministry.

Please RSVP to the link <https://forms.gle/bnbqqzRHu8KzfrnH8> or QR code on the right or contact Louise and Kirk Koelmeyer, the current Antioch parent supporters, at the following contact numbers: **Louise - 0404 496 554 or Kirk - 0420 874 824** or email louise@therapyforlife.com.au



Agenda is as follows:

3:00 PM - Welcome and Networking in the Parish Hall

- Join us in the Parish Hall as we kick-off the celebration with warm welcomes and heartfelt camaraderie.
- Enjoy afternoon tea with an array of delicious treats.
- Share and relive your cherished memories and stories of how Antioch has impacted your life and the lives of others in the community.
- We will take a moment to recognize and honor the pioneers and pillars of Antioch who have devoted their time, love, and efforts to making this ministry flourish.

4:45 PM - Preparation for Youth Mass

- Make your way to the church as we prepare for the special Youth Mass, a testament to the significance of Antioch in our parish.

5:00 PM - Youth Mass Led by Fr. Jim McKeon and Fr. Vince Casey

- Come together as one community to celebrate the Eucharist and give thanks for the blessings and grace bestowed upon us through Antioch.

6:00 PM - BBQ after youth Mass

- Join us for a sausage sizzle and mingle
- Bid farewell to friends old and new, knowing that the spirit of Antioch will continue to shine brightly in our parish.

6:30 PM - Conclude the Festivities

- The current Antioch group will have a special meeting to celebrate the milestone

ECUMENISM

Ecumenism #1: With the date for The Voice Referendum now set for Oct 14th it is timely that our neighbours at Epping Uniting Church invite us to a forum on "The Voice" at **7pm on Tuesday**

26 September in the Epping Uniting Church. The speakers will be Julian Leeser, Member for Berowra, Jerome Laxale, Member for Bennelong and Nathan Tyson, Indigenous worker with the NSW ACT Synod of the Uniting Church.

Come to understand what The Voice means before you vote.

Ecumenism #2: West Epping Uniting Church invites us to the Service of Induction for their new minister Rev 'Oto V Faiva on **Saturday 23 September at 2.30pm**. Enquiries: weppinguca@gmail.com Office (Thurs & Fri) 9868 3574

Ecumenism #3: Hymnfest will feature ten well known hymns played by ten organists at St Alban's, Sunday Sept 24th 2pm. St Albans are inviting us as their ecumenical covenant partners to come and help lift of the roof with sacred song. You can also vote for your favourite hymn using the QR code (click or tap).



FOSTERING A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS

On the 2nd September, our Diocese held its 2nd annual seminarian benefit dinner to promote vocations to the priesthood, religious life and married life. Many of our parishioners and world youth day pilgrims attended this spectacular night with a three course dinner, testimonies and music performed by our talented seminarians. It was inspiring to hear how God's call has influenced our seminarians to lead a life of service for God and his church, through the call to priesthood.

We were also reminded to foster a culture of talking about vocations and discernment. This can be simple such as praying for vocations, journeying and encouraging young people to discover their vocation and supporting each other's faith. Pictured below at the event:



Some WYD pilgrims, seminarians and priests



Some of our parishioners. Photo credit: Nina Deacon

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Healing Mass at St Gerard's: Join us for the Healing Mass on **Tuesday 12th September**. We gather in the meeting room for Mass at **10am**. Please stay, if you are able to, for morning tea following Mass.

Do you have a problem with mobility? Are you someone who would like to attend and is in need of transport? **Transport can be arranged.** Please contact **Carole Wilson** at **9869 1036**.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



Confirmation at St Gerard's. Photo credit: Belinda Mirezni



Confirmation at OLHC. Photo credit: Melinda Rixon

Confirmation 2023: Congratulations to the following Candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Saturday 2nd September: Elliot Ackland, Lucas Balingit, Jamie Bayogan, Evie Bressa, Annabella Brett, Sofia Brodowska-Nidelkos, Lauren Buhain, Abigail Burrell, Madeleine Candy, David Carpio, Scarlett Carroll, Leo Carroll, Alicia Chan, Alexis Chan, Nicholas Chia, Sophie Chiha, Elisha Chow, Elise Constantaras, Bridie Corcoran, Sophie Cricchiola, Liam D'Amore, Phoebe de Carvalho, Skyler De Leon, Joaquin Nolan Diaz, Hannah Evans, Sean Evans, Matthew FitzGerald, Elise Jin Gallagher, Edric Gamboa, Lucas Gangemi, Maryann George, Annabelle Gong, Aria Guild, Keoni Hamill, Rian Jarred Hari, Rian Jarrod Hari, Patrick Hays, Greta Heher, Fiona Heijster, Eve Hodges, Angela Huang, Giuliana Ibarra, Estelle Karam, Emily Kha, Ava Ladkany, Liam Le, Makayla Lean, Jillian Lim, Ashley Lok, Alena Lok, Mia Mahoney, Mia Manganaro, Oliver Manton, Jacob Melhem, Sofia Mirezni, Mark Mosende, Hazel Mouncey, Michael Yan Ki Pang, Palakuttige Sanithu Ruvain Perera, Sanushi Nulara Perera, Gabrielle Que, Jude Que, Jack Reilly, Jonah Rhee, Joshua Ripamonti, Benjamin Rixon, Clarissa Saldanha, Raven Santos, Oliver Schmidhofer, Christian Shi, Caitlin Shortill, Isabelle Simone-Albornoz, Jayan Singaram, Nillah Singaram, Anamika Singaram, Lincoln Smith, Cooper Southey, Max Southey, Talia Southey, Curtis Stevens, Oliver Szoloch, Ryan Taufer, Harrison Tay, Patrick Teulan, Annabelle Todhunter, Liem Tran, Eden Turley, Riemil Usi, Richard Wong, Brandon Wong, Austin Wong, Ye Ji Yoon, Gabriel Yoon and also to Ethan Joseph who had been Confirmed as an infant in the Syro-Malabar Rite but participated in and completed our Confirmation programme beautifully. Well done all!

We would very much like to thank the parish school principals, teachers, catechists, parents and carers who have helped these children prepare for their Confirmation. A special thank-you to Antony Burnet-Smith, one of our youth leaders, for taking the youth candidates through their preparation sessions collaborating with Fr Jim, also to our sacristans, altar society, junior and adult servers, musicians and singers, and those who helped look after the PowerPoint presentation. Their time and efforts have been vitally important in helping make the Confirmation celebrations memorable!

Family Kidz Mass is on Sept 17th! At OLHC, the Year 3/4 class will provide the ministries at the 8:30am Mass. There will be a bake sale after morning Masses at OLHC! At St Gerard's, all Year 2s are invited to participate. Email me for more details!

Lynn Siau - Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au

Coordinator of Children's Ministries, Sacramental Programme & Communications

COMMUNICATIONS



Article submission deadline: If you would like to submit an article from your ministry for inclusion in the next edition of our parish bulletin, please send it to Lynn.Siau@bbcatholic.org.au before **10am on Wednesday 20th September 2023**. Kindly understand I am unable to accommodate late submissions. Please send in a Word document. Photos or graphics are acceptable in PNG or JPEG format. Please note that PDFs will have to be reformatted and the clarity of your notice will be compromised. Do provide an email address, a contact name and number in your article. Thank you.

Other ways to connect:



FACEBOOK



INSTAGRAM



GRACE RADIO

eBulletin: If you know someone who would like to receive the electronic version of the bulletin, please forward this link for them to fill in via a desktop, the form on our website: bbcatholic.org.au/epping-carlingford/news-events/parish-newsletter

YOUTH MINISTRIES



Cana (Year 6-9) is on **8th and 15th September** at St Gerard's Hall **7:30-9pm**. Come along to see your friends, have fun and deepen your faith!



Antioch (Year 10/16 year olds-23 year olds) - Antioch will meet on **10th September** for more World Youth Day testimonies and sharing.

No meeting on 17th Sept - instead our Antiochers will attend and support the Liverpool Antioch closing. For all, meet at the church at 6:15pm, we will carpool there and return to St Gerard's at 10/10:15pm.

Contact the parent support if you have any questions: Kirk Koelmeyer (0420 874 824) or Louise Koelmeyer (0404 496 554).



Emmaus young adults (23-30 year olds) - Our young adults group will next meet on the **12th, 19th and 26th September, 7-8:30pm**.

We will be joining with the parish on the 4 week Altaration series, so come along to the parish hall for free dinner, videos and share groups.

HSC STUDENT BLESSING
8TH OCT, SUNDAY
5PM YOUTH MASS
@ ST GERARD'S

RECEIVE A SPECIAL BLESSING, MEET OTHER YEAR 12 STUDENTS AND RECEIVE A YUMMY HSC PACK FROM OUR ANTIOCH YOUTH GROUP

PLEASE CONTACT THE YOUTH MINISTER, JOANNA MAK FOR ANY QUESTIONS
E: JOANNA.MAK@BBCATHOLIC.ORG.AU OR M: 0404 710 588



IGNITE CONFERENCE IS BACK IN SYDNEY: held in Waitara precinct 28th Sep-1st Oct in the Term 3 school holidays.

Ignite is an annual conference for young people and teenagers (primary school up to young adults). You have an opportunity to meet other young Catholics, listen to faith filled talks, attend workshops catered to different ages and interests. It is all the best parts of World Youth Day but right here on our doorstep. This year's theme is 'Wonder'. It's about God doing wonders for us, and wonder/awe is a spiritual gift given to us. This is the link for more details, the daily schedule and to register - <https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney>. Please email Joanna.Mak@bbcatholic.org.au now for a potential discount.

World Youth Day Testimony Corner

Joanna Mak's Reflections

Lisbon World Youth Day (WYD) was my second time attending WYD and it was spiritually one of the best things I have done. It's like attending a wonderful retreat but on a global scale and I now have a new family with my pilgrim friends who I journeyed together.

My first WYD was Poland in 2016 and this opened my eyes. I saw the Catholic Church on a world wide scale, with over a million joyful young Catholics, all saying Mass in their own languages, all united in our faith in Jesus. Seeing young people embrace their Catholic faith and identity with such joy and passion inspired me to deepen my own faith and have that same joy for God.

My top WYD moment was the Saturday night Adoration with 1.5 million other people on an open dirt field with Pope Francis. The reverence and silence during Adoration and seeing everyone kneel was profoundly faith-filled. The silence also helped me to listen to God. I reflected that while I was on an amazing pilgrimage, my ultimate pilgrimage and final destination is heaven, and only following God can satisfy my desires. As St Augustine said **'You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until it rests in you'**.

One of my top encounters with God was visiting Fatima in Portugal. As a child I learnt about Mary appearing at Fatima to the three children- Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta and the children's faith greatly inspired me to pray the rosary. We had the privilege of walking the Stations of the Cross and visiting the sites where the Virgin Mary and the Angel of Portugal appeared to the three children, and we prayed for peace and unity. It was deeply prayerful and Stations of the Cross now take on a deeper meaning for me. Bishop Anthony spoke about the need for human suffering as it makes us humble and empathetic to the needs of others (such as the poor, those in war and conflict) while the world tells us to avoid suffering at all costs. Because of Jesus' suffering especially in his final moments, Jesus carries our burdens and is always with us, even in our suffering.

While WYD has officially finished, I hope to bring the joy of the Gospel back home and to our parish community.

~ Joanna Mak

SOCIAL JUSTICE - OUR PARISH SUPPORT

Social Justice: We've run out of copies of this year's Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement called **Listen, Learn and Love**. You can read it online at socialjustice.catholic.org.au



Our parishioners' donations for Father's Day Appeal

We thank all our parishioners for their ongoing support and prayers.

May Hadaya, Manager at Jesuit Refugee Service, and her team expressed their delight at the items you donated for the Fathers Day Appeal. Especially the socks!

DADS CLUB ST VINNIES BREAD RUN THURSDAY NIGHT

Assistance needed: For many years Dads Club has volunteered with the St Gerards Conference of St Vinnies each Thursday night with delivering bread from Bakers Delight to families in the Carlingford & Dundas area.

With more addresses now requesting delivery & some volunteers needing to step away, more help is needed.

If you're able to assist one Thursday night each school term please contact **John Williams - 0416 064 460**.

BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

DEVICES FOR REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM

SINCE 2021, JRS AUSTRALIA HAS SUPPORTED OVER 50 REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM IN ACCESSING COMPUTER DEVICES, IPADS, AND MOBILE PHONES!

THESE DEVICES DIRECTLY HELP REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM ACCESS EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES. IT ALSO CONNECTS THEM WITH TRUSTED SOURCES OF INFORMATION, ONLINE SERVICES AND IS KEY WAY TO HELP KEEP IN TOUCH WITH LOVED ONES BOTH IN AUSTRALIA AND ABROAD.

WE ARE REQUESTING DEVICES INCLUDING LAPTOPS, COMPUTERS, DESKTOPS, AND CHROMEBOOKS TO CONTINUE HELPING OUR COMMUNITY.

AS WELL AS AIMING TO BRIDGE THIS DIGITAL DIVIDE, THE JRS AUSTRALIA EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM PROVIDES TRAINING, WORK READINESS SUPPORT, AND ACCESS TO TRAINING AND WORK EXPERIENCE FOR REFUGEES AND PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM.

How you can help

We are able to accept:

- Laptops up to 5 years old
- Macbooks up to 7 years old

We kindly ask you to wipe your machine and remove any passwords so we can provide it to the people we are working with even faster. Please make sure to include the charging cable and any other required accessories as necessary for the device.

Collection
Please post devices to:
10-12 Victoria Road
Parramatta NSW 2150

Contact
Tamana Mirzada
Employment Program Manager
tamana.mirzada@jrs.org.au

Can't donate anything but still want to help?

If you like to offer training courses, employment opportunities, or would like to speak about how you or your organisation can assist we would love to hear from you!

To learn more about our employment work visit:
<https://aus.jrs.net/en/employment-assistance/>

The logo for Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) is located in the bottom right corner. It features a stylized graphic of three human figures in white, with the letters 'JRS' in a large, bold, white font to their right. Below the 'JRS' text, the words 'JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE' are written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

OTHER NEWS & NOTICES

Safeguarding Sunday 10 September 2023

The Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday on the second Sunday of September – September 10 this year. The day seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people, especially children and other people who are at risk. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly. By promoting this day, it can make Safeguarding sound everyday and accessible for people in the church. By building awareness, more community members will get involved in supporting children's/youth ministries and contribute to building a culture of safety.

Celebrations this Week

Ordinary Time Week 23

- 12 September Tues: *The Most Holy Name of Mary*
- 13 September Wed: St John Chrysostom
- 14 September Thurs: **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
- 15 September Fri: Our Lady of Sorrows
- 16 September Sat: Sts Cornelius and Cyprian

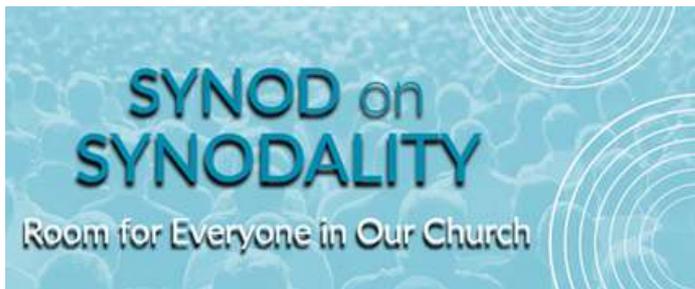
Ordinary Time Week 24

- 19 September Tues: *St Januarius*
- 20 September Wed: Sts Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang and companions
- 21 September Thurs: **St Matthew**
- 23 September Sat: St Pius of Pietrelcina



Annual leave: Fr Aldrin is on annual leave until Sept 18th. Fr Jim will be on annual leave Sept 18 to 23.

Congratulations to Reg & Desiree Mathias who celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with us at the **St Gerard's vigil Mass on Sept 9th.**



You are invited to a Webinar:

Anticipating the First Synod Session - October 2023 with Bishop Shane Mackinlay on **Thursday 14 September 2023 at 7:00pm** AEST.

To register and receive the link to this free Zoom webinar, enter <https://garratt1.wufoo.com/forms/rfva> into your search engine and follow the prompts. You must do this well before the webinar commences.

The focus of the Synod on Synodality – **Room for Everyone in Our Church** convocation will be a discussion on issues such as the status of women, LGBTQI+ and remarried people. Leading the discussion is one of the Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference representatives at the Synod, Shane Mackinlay, Bishop of Sandhurst (Vic) who will reflect on his hopes and expectations for the October meeting and the implications for the Church in Australia. Moderating the webinar is award-winning journalist Genevieve Jacobs.

We hope you can join us as we, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, build this new way of being Church responsibly and compassionately.



Spring reminds us of fresh flowers!

At OLHC church we need volunteers to help in the rewarding and creative ministry of the Altar arranging flowers for Mass and feast days. You will receive lots of support and will only be rostered every few weeks. For further information please contact **Lynne 0407 138 992.**

**OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
FUNDRAISING**

BAKE SALE

Cookies, Cakes & Cupcakes

Sunday 17th September 2023 after 8:30am

**After morning Epping masses
at OLHC Church**



LOVE SYDNEY - WALK FOR LIFE

Join us as we walk for life to bring an end to abortion

Saturday 23rd of September 2023

2:00PM-4:00PM

Hyde Park

near Archibald Fountain

PLEASE WEAR A WHITE SHIRT

Join us for a peaceful family friendly event with speakers in the park followed by a flat surface walk.

NO megaphones or personal signs, Love Sydney will provide official signs for the walk. Please obey the marshals & police and walk peacefully with love.

Free Tickets at [trybooking/CKIFO](https://trybooking.com/CKIFO)

Please follow the event guidelines.

LET THEM LIVE!

LOVE SYDNEY lovesydney.org.au



Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Come and join us on **27-29 October 2023**

at **Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW**

a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.

Book online at www.wwme.org.au or

contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 for

details. You can also email: nswbookings@wwme.org.au

Responsorial Psalm Response

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10 Sep 2023

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10 Sep 2023

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

WEEKEND MASSES

Epping	5:00pm Vigil, 8:30am (Family/Children), 10:15am and 6:00pm (Youth)
Carlingford	6:00pm Vigil, 7:45am, 9:30am (Family/Children) and 5:00pm (Youth)

WEEKDAY MASSES

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	
EPPING	No Mass	*	5:00pm	*	*	9:15am	
CARLINGFORD	9:30am	No Mass	9:30am	9:30am	9:30am	No Mass	

EXPOSITION OF THE EUCHARIST: Epping Wednesday 5:30-6:30pm and Saturday 9:45-10:15am,
Carlingford Thursday 10-10:30am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Epping Wednesday 5:30-6:30pm and Saturday 9:45-10:15am,
Carlingford Thursday 10-10:30am and Saturday 5:15-5:45pm, **OR BY APPOINTMENT at either church**

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS: BY APPOINTMENT

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OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS' PRIMARY SCHOOL: PH: 9868 3322 **Email:** olhc@dbb.catholic.edu.au



Healing Mass: this month on 12th Sept, 10am at St Gerard's Meeting Room, Carlingford

***Tuesday, Thursday & Friday Mass at OLHC on hold till further notice.**

Please pray for.....

For those who are sick and suffering:

- Cohen Hadden (family of Pat & Margaret McArdle)
- Graham Yeates
- Dennis Porteous (our Parish Secretary)
- Eric Yeung (brother of Goretti Yeung)
- Ethan Seng Mestanza (grandson of Mario and Graciela Mestanza)

- Paul Grassi
- Kevin Saul (Marie Saul's nephew)
- Maureen Carlon (Marie Saul's sister)
- Beryl and John Day
- Mary Chernov (sister of Trish Harrison)
- Peter McArdle (brother of Pat McArdle)
- Grace Spyrou (aunt of Kevin Siau)



Thank you for your prayers for all our brothers and sisters who are on our prayer list. They are strengthened by our united prayers for them. Our parish also has a Prayer Ministry group on Facebook. There are occasional prayer requests that come through the office via email or directly posted on this private group.

Please feel free to join this private group if you would like to pray for someone or for your own intentions:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2660800900909668> or via QR code on the right.



Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of Everlasting life. Grant that life to:

Recently deceased - Spencer Chan, Chris Meadows, Margaret Floyd, John Bond, Elaine Hunt, Tony D'Almeida

Farewell: The funeral for John Bond will be celebrated at 11am on Tuesday Sept 12th at St Gerard's Church

Anniversaries - Jennifer Blacker, Tsang Wai Yee, Ray Book, Agnes Chia, Albert Chia, Edith Almeida

Also for - Ivan Almeida, Peter Boo Jong Lee

Responsorial Psalm Response

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17 Sep 2023

Ps 102:1-4, 9-12

The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Gospel Acclamation

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 17 Sep 2023

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.