

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

7th / 8th September, 2024



Isaiah 35:4-7

Isaiah exhorts the people not to fear. There will be a great reversal that comes about through the Lord's presence. Both the people and the desert land will be transformed.

James 2:1-5

James is stressing the fact that there is a contradiction between favoritism and faith. To be faithful means not to show partiality to others because of their high status or wealth.

Mark 7:31-37

Jesus shows his compassion for the deaf and speech impaired man. He does not regard him as an outcast. Jesus has compassion for all those who have been exiled from society.

Next week:

24th Sunday

Ordinary Year B

Isaiah 50:5-9

James 2:14-18

Mark 8:27-35

Universal Prayers, Year B

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B

1. That we may bring God's word of life to all those who live in silence and despair. We pray to the Lord.
2. That our congregation may grow in the ability to listen to the community around us. We pray to the Lord.
3. That our larger community may rally to the side of those who are sick and lonely. We pray to the Lord.
4. That we may lighten that load of those who struggle with the burdens of poverty and unpaid bills. We pray to the Lord.
5. That we may open our arms to the grieving who have felt the sting of death. We pray to the Lord.
6. That we may take up the cross of Christ in service to one another. We pray to the Lord.
7. That all our children may be safe in families, schools and church, and have a voice that is heard. May they grow into faithful and loving adults who know that they are deeply loved. We pray to the Lord.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7 th	Ray Moss
Sunday 8 th	Julian Miller
	Special Intention
Tuesday 10 th	Elizabeth O'Neil
Wednesday 11 th	Patrick Hillsdon
Thursday 12 th	Helen Hagley
Friday 13 th	Patrick Hillsdon

Weekday Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday	Mass	8.00am
Wednesday	Mass	8.00am
Thursday	Mass	8.00am
Friday	Mass	8.00am

Confessions

Wednesday 11th September 5.00pm

Ignite Conference 2024 Rise Up! (Sydney) 26-29 September 2024

A conference for everyone, from leaders to first-time believers. This is the Church gathered and alive on mission. This is God's people united with one heart. Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship.

Join with young people from our Diocese and over 2000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church. The Diocese of Wollongong is taking a group 30 young people to the conference at a subsidised cost.

There are a few spots left, if you would like to join us, know someone who would, or would like to sponsor someone to attend, please contact

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The CHOSEN

The Chosen is a 'free to view', series, now in its fourth season, that beautifully and creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers.

The shows are of the highest quality, and it continues to receive acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to <https://watch.thechosen.tv/> to watch on your own, or better still with family and friends!

Men's Group

The next Men's Group Meeting will be held:

Wednesday 11th September

Time- 7:00pm

In the Parish Hall

Creating spiritual and social friendships with other Catholic Men.

Electronic Planned Giving

An electronic regular gift provides many benefits. You will find it a secure, convenient and efficient way to regularly support your parish, while also reducing our administration costs. It will also help us to confidently forecast and plan, as we know that we can rely on your support. You can increase, decrease, discontinue or restart your monthly gift at any time.

Please visit

<https://www.dow.org.au/giving2/parishgiving/> to learn of the four simple ways you can support our parish electronically.

Conversations

The next Conversations will be held on:

Thursday 26th September

Time: 10:30am

In the Parish Hall

Guest speaker:
Malcolm Stephens CB

Diary Dates

What's On	Date	Time	Where
Women at the Mill	Wednesday 11th September	9.30am	Parish Hall
Men's Group	Wednesday 11th September	7:00pm	Parish Hall
MMP Cenacle (Rosary and reading)	Thursday 12th September	7:00pm	Chapel
CWL Meeting	Monday 16th September	10:30am	Parish Hall
Scripture Study	Tuesday 17th September	6:00pm	Parish Hall
Solemn Vespers & Benediction	Sunday 22nd September	4.00pm	STA Church
Conversations	Thursday 26th September	10:30am	Parish Hall