

7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 9am 16 July 2023

WELCOME to St Peter's Church today. I am delighted that you can join us in worship.

If you are a newcomer or visiting, I especially look forward to meeting you and hope that you feel welcome. May I invite you to sign the visitors' book on the back table. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask one of the greeters at the door, or someone in the pew next to you.

A Hearing Loop is available in the pews on the left-hand side of the church. Toilets are available in the Lower Hall and there is a mobility access toilet in the David Armstrong Room.

I hope you can stay and enjoy morning tea after the service. Tim St Quintin, Rector.

SERVICES TODAY

9.00AM SUNG EUCHARIST

CELEBRANT BISHOP PETER WATSON

Preacher Dan Gillis

SERVICE LEADER BISHOP PETER WATSON

 ORGANIST
 GLENN AMER

 CANTOR
 JENNY DAVEY

 SETTING
 DUDMAN

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Tune: Capetown

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

- 1 Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost, Taught by thee, we covet most Of thy gifts at Pentecost, Holy, heavenly love.
- 2 Love is kind, and suffers long, Love is meek, and thinks no wrong, Love than death itself more strong; Therefore give us love.
- 3 Prophecy will fade away, Melting in the light of day; Love will ever with us stay; Therefore give us love.
- Faith will vanish into sight;
 Hope be emptied in delight;
 Love in heaven will shine more bright;
 Therefore give us love.
- 5 Faith and hope and love we see Joining hand in hand agree;
 But the greatest of the three,
 And the best, is love.
- 6 From the overshadowing
 Of thy gold and silver wing
 Shed on us, who to thee sing,
 Holy, heavenly love.

The Service Leader welcomes the people with a greeting.

Blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you.

And also with you.

SENTENCE

He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

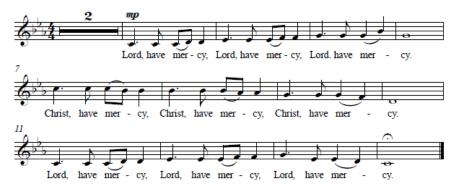
Luke: 10:2

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON



THE CONFESSION

Senior Server

God shows great love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Silence

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Merciful God,

our maker and our judge,

we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

and in what we have failed to do:

we have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;

we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

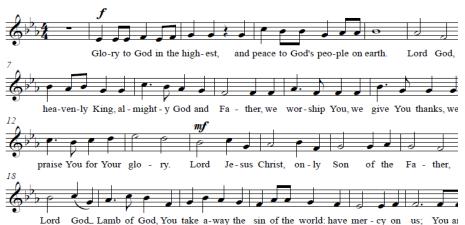
Celebrant

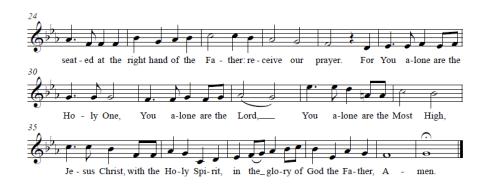
Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:

pardon you and set you free from all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS





COLLECT OF THE DAY

God of the covenant, in our baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom: give us courage, as you gave it to the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life; in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

CATECHISM

11. What is the summary of your belief as found in the Apostles' Creed?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the

Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING

A reading from Genesis 25:19-34

¹⁹ This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac. Abraham became the father of Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹ Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. ²² The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, 'Why is this happening to me?' So she went to enquire of the LORD.

²³ The LORD said to her, 'two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the elder will serve the younger.'

²⁴ When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. ²⁵ The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau ²⁶ After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob, Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them. ²⁷ The boys grew up, and Esau became a skilful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. ²⁸ Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob. 29 Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. ³⁰ He said to Jacob. 'Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!' (That is why he was also called Edom.) 31 Jacob replied, 'First sell me your birthright.' 32 'Look, I am about to die,' Esau said. 'What good is the birthright to me?' 33 But Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob. 34 Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

Hear the Word of the Lord, thanks be to God.



- Your word is a lantern | to my | feet: and a|light | to my | path.
- 106 I have vowed and | sworn an | oath: to | keep your | righteous | judgements.
- 107 I have been afflicted be|yond | measure: Lord give me life ac|cording | to your | word.
- 108 Accept O Lord the freewill offerings | of my | mouth: and | teach me | your | judgements.
- 109 I take my life in my | hands con|tinually: yet I do | not for|get your | law.
- 110 The wicked have | laid a | snare for me: but I | have not | strayed from your | precepts.
- 111 Your commands are my in|heritance for | ever: they | are the | joy of my | heart.
- 112 I have set my heart to fullfil your | statutes: always | even | to the | end.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans 8: 1-11

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh. God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. 8 Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. 9 You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Hear the Word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand

Cantor Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever.

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18 -23

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear.'

'Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ when anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Please sit

HYMN

Tune: Sandys

Please stand

- 1 Teach me, my God and King, In all things thee to see; And what I do in anything To do it as for thee!
- 2 A man that looks on glass, On it may stay his eye; Or if he pleaseth, through it pass, And then the heaven espy.
- 3 All may of thee partake; Nothing can be so mean, Which, with this tincture, 'for thy sake', Will not grow bright and clean.
- 4 A servant with this clause Makes drudgery divine; Who sweeps a room, as for thy laws, Makes that and the action fine.
- 5 This is the famous stone That turneth all to gold; For that which God doth touch and own Cannot for less be told.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Senior Server Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

All sit/kneel

A Prayer for St Peter's in 2023:

Almighty and eternal God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified: graft in our hearts the love of your Name, nourish us with all goodness, prosper, by your Spirit, the work to which you have called us in this parish, and, by your grace, grow your church in Cremorne, with Christ as our cornerstone. Enable us, more and more, to worship you with all of our lives, grow in faith and love, share Jesus with our community, and rejoice in Christ together, for the honour of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Periods of silence may be briefly kept for personal prayer. Each petition ends with this response: Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us, to pray,

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

All stand

Celebrant

Hear the words of assurance for those who truly turn to Christ:

Jesus said: Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11.28

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. John 3.16

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.

But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

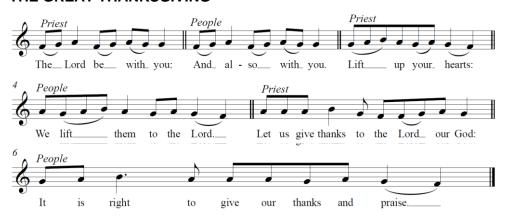
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to greet those immediately around them with the words, "Peace be with you" "And also with you".

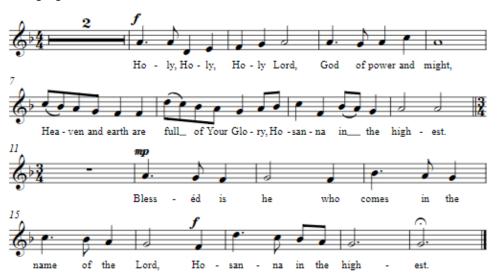
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere, mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ, who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary and lived as one of us. By his death on the cross and rising to new life, he offered the one true sacrifice for sin and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:



Merciful God, we thank you for these gifts of your creation, this bread and wine, and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit, we who eat and drink them may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night when he was betrayed Jesus took bread; and when he had given you thanks he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup, and again giving you thanks he gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Drink from this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded: proclaiming his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming again, we celebrate, with this bread and this cup, his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Cantor

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith,



Renew us by your Holy Spirit, unite us in the body of your Son, and bring us with all your people, into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father, in songs of never-ending praise.



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI



INVITATION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him **in** our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

As the sacrament is received the communicant responds. **Amen**.

All baptised Christians who love and serve the Lord Jesus are welcome to join in the sharing of Holy Communion. If you are not yet ready to receive Communion, we encourage you to come forward for a prayer of blessing. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by holding your hands behind your back.

After receiving communion, the congregation sits or kneels. Silence for prayerful reflection may be kept.

SENTENCE

²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.' Matthew 13:23

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we thank you that in this sacrament you assure us of your goodness and love. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and help us grow in love and obedience that we may serve you in the world and finally be brought to that table where all your saints feast with you for ever.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

PRAYER FOR OFFERTORY

Gracious God, all things come from you, and you teach us to be generous with what we have. We pray that our gifts may be wisely used for the ministry of the gospel and the relief of those in need, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

NOTICES

Please be seated

GOD'S BLESSING

Please stand

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Senior Server
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

In the name of Christ, Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

- Love Divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure unbounded love thou art; Visit us with thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.
- Come, almighty to deliver, Let us all thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, Never more thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above, Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.
- Finish, then thy new creation,
 Pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see thy great salvation,
 Perfectly restored in thee,
 Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heaven we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

ORGAN POSTLUDE

The sanctuary party leaves and the congregation sits. As a courtesy to those who remain in the church to listen to the organ postlude in its entirety, you are encouraged to enjoy conversation and fellowship outside the building.

Tune: ii. Love Divine

A basket for financial contributions to the ongoing ministry of St Peter's is available at the entrance to the church building.

PARISH BULLETIN

WEEKLY PRAYER POINTS

FOR GOD'S KINGDOM

Lord our God, giver of all grace, have mercy on your Church throughout the world. Renew its life; restore its unity; sanctify its worship; empower its witness; and make it a fit instrument for the furtherance of Christ's kingdom among all people, to the glory of his great name. Amen.

THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

We pray for the Anglican Communion, for Justin of Canterbury, Geoffrey, Primate of Australia, Kanishka our Archbishop, Bishop Chris, and The Anglican Church of Canada.

ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin and our Assistant Minister Dan Gillis. We also pray for Scot's Kirk Mosman, Neutral Bay Uniting Church and Mosman Uniting Church.

PRAYERS FOR THE WIDER WORLD

Somalia

Father God, we recognise the dangers that our Somali brothers and sisters face, simply for following Christ. Cast Your protection over secret believers, and those whose faith has been discovered. Heal those who have been harmed physically and emotionally. Comfort those who have lost a family member because of their faith. Intervene in the hearts of extremists to put an end to the violence and restore peace to this region. Move in powerful, supernatural ways to eradicate fear, intimidation and violence. Amen

PRAYERS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Dear heavenly Father,

We praise you, as the source of all truth, and we come before you knowing that to fear you is the beginning of wisdom. Strengthen us to love you with all our mind, as well as with our heart and strength. We pray that in our schools, colleges, universities and other places of learning, truth and wisdom may be pursued, prized and celebrated. Give teachers creativity, clarity and care, and students a love of learning and an openness to new ideas. Bless us all with co-operation, fairness, and above all, a recognition

that the world we study is created, sustained and redeemed by you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We praise you, Lord of all, for the gifts of Christ our ascended King: for apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. We pray that you would bless the next generation with a cohort of ministry workers and servants: engaged, equipped, and expectant to lead your people, and especially their peers, to trust in the hope of your Son and the gospel. Hear our prayer for Australia's youth who do not know your love and have not heard the gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Send out your light and truth through the messengers of your word to reach the young, lost sheep. Bring many to saving trust in Christ. Help us to support the young by our prayers and offerings, and to commend the gospel ourselves by what we say and do. Hasten the coming of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OUR PARISHIONERS

Lynette Scott, Peter Smith, Tim & Sarah St Quintin, Graham & Lizzie St Quintin and Gill Stemp.

THE SICK

Those requiring on-going prayer

Noel and Anne Blake, Cicely Bungey, Bobbie Dee Deal, Robin Dodd, Sarah Gordon, Edwina Lambkin, Marty McCallum, Michael Pollak, Gill Stemp, Susan Upton, Anne Vernon, Gigi, Helen, Janne, JJ, Pamela, Margie & Rein, Jane and Jenny and Sally, Louise and Russ McLean and Lyn.

Those in residential care

Fr Robert Alexander, Glenyth Burrus, Judy Chapman, Kathy Moss, Patricia Reuben, Stan Thomas, Helen Ramsay.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We praise God for his faithful servants in every age. We pray that we, with all who have died in the faith of Christ, may be brought to a joyful resurrection and the fulfilment of God's eternal kingdom. We remember the recently deceased, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time especially Louise Alexander.



JULY 2023

Monday 17	10 – 11:30am	Discussion Group
Tuesday 18	10am	Table Group Café Laon Dan is the
		contact
	10.00am	Eucharist
	10:30am	Morning tea & Crafter's meeting
		Dan's day of rest
	7:30pm	Table Group, Rectory, Bronwyn is the
		contact
Thursday 20	All day	Dan at Ministry Development
		Workshop
Friday 21		Rev'd Tim's day of rest
Saturday 22	11am (Bathurst)	Rev'd James Boardman Ordination

CRAFTERS RAFFLE

Thank you for your support of the Crafters raffle. First prize was won by Sue from the election day raffle sales. Second prize was won by Peter and Margo from our parish community. Congratulations to the winners. An amount of \$251 was raised at the election day stall and \$373 from the Parish making a total of \$624.00. This money will be forwarded to ABM to support our chosen mission for the year, the Wash program, providing fresh water to households in remote areas of Myanmar.

CRAFTERS MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th July. Morning tea will be served after the Eucharist service at 10:30am followed by the Crafters meeting. Newcomers will be made very welcome.

Alison Peterson. Crafters Co-ordinator.

UPDATE ON PROGRESS OF THE QUIET ROOM

Work started last week on the modification of the choir vestry to a quiet room.

Some robes are currently resting on the back pew of the church.

The new timber ceiling has been affixed, and various electrical switches have been moved into the room for livestreaming, air conditioning and the security monitor. Work will continue for the next months and the fit out of the room will follow.

Parish Council approved the quote for the new doors to the room at the June meeting and they will be installed in February 2024. They can be seen in the picture on the wall in the DA Room.

Thank you for your understanding while this work is in progress. Wardens

REV'D JAMES BOARDMAN ORDINATION – 11am 22 July

Our former student minister and mission partner, Rev'd James Boardman, serving with the Bush Church Aid Society at Bathurst Cathedral, will be ordained as a priest with two others at Bathurst Cathedral on 22nd July at 11am. All are welcome to attend.





MISSION OF THE MONTH - TALDUMANDE



To those who have brought kitchen items for the young people who are able to live independently nearby to us.

As mentioned last week, with our long association with Taldumande since it started in 1976, this year we are asked for **KITCHEN GOODS**. With a new home opening these will be very welcome. Items sold in the supermarket are suggested, ie saucepans, frypans, utensils, egg lifts, knives, chopping boards – perhaps something that you yourself find useful in the kitchen. My go-to item is the jar opener.

A commercial company has donated sheets, pillows and towels in full, so THESE ARE NOT NEEDED this year.

If you would like to contribute to this outreach, goods can be left on the blue chairs in the DA Room. I will take them to the office in St Leonards.

We all have a choice as to which missions we would like to support.

Edwina Waddy, Mission Secretary

SUNDAY ROSTERS

	This week 16 th July	Next week 23 rd July
	Pentecost 7	Pentecost 8
First Reading	Genesis 25: 19 – 34	Genesis: 28:10 – 19a
Psalm	Psalm 119:105 -112	Psalm: 139:
		1-11, 23-24
Second Reading	Romans 8:1-11	Romans 8:12 - 25
Gospel	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	Matthew 13:
		24-30, 36-43
Preacher	Dan Gillis	Tim St Quintin
Celebrant	Bishop Peter Watson	Tim St Quintin
Service Leader	Bishop Peter Watson	Dan Gillis
Senior Server	John Halford	Gordon Heathcote
Crucifer	Laura Mock	Laura Mock
Welcomer	David Routley	Helen Matheson
	Sharon Boddu	Philip Wood
Reader	Audrey Bradshaw	Gill Stemp
	Ken Bernie	Philip Wood
Intercessor	Esme Parker	Bronwyn Lihou
Chalice	Stefan Trofimovs	Alison Peterson
Livestream	Prabhu Boddu	Daniel Bastock
Morning tea	Barbara Gordon	Graham & Lizzie
	Sharon Boddu	St Quintin
Sacristy Linen	Kerry Trofimovs	Mary Layton