



ST PETER'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
CREMORNE

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9am
23 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

TIM ST QUINTIN

PREACHER

TIM ST QUINTIN

SERVICE LEADER

DAN GILLIS

ORGANIST

GLENN AMER

CANTOR

GLENN AMER

SETTING

DUDMAN

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Tune: Stracathro

- 1 My Father, for another night
Of quiet sleep and rest,
For all the joy of morning light,
Thy holy Name be blest.
- 2 Now with the newborn day I give
Myself anew to Thee,
That as Thou wilt I may live,
And what Thou wilt be.
- 3 Whate'er I do, things great or small,
Whate'er I speak or frame,
Thy glory may I seek in all,
Do all in Jesus' Name.
- 4 My Father, for His sake, I pray
Thy child accept and bless;
And lead me by Thy grace today
In paths of righteousness.

The Service Leader welcomes the people with a greeting.

✕ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Psalm 86:15

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



2 *mp*
Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

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Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.

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Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth. Lord God,
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hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we
12 *mf*
praise You for Your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,
18
Lord God, Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; You are
24
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the
30
Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, — You a-lone are the Most High,
35
Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Saving God,
In Jesus Christ you opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and constant will
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

CATECHISM

12. What is faith?

Faith is trust in God, who always remains faithful to his promises.
(Romans 4:5, Psalm 145:13)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING

A reading from **Genesis 28:10-19**

¹⁰ Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. ¹¹ When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. ¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it stood the LORD, and he said: 'I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. ¹⁴ Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. ¹⁵ I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' ¹⁶ When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, 'Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it.' ¹⁷ He was afraid and said, 'How awesome is this place!

This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.'

¹⁸ Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. ¹⁹ He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

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

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- 1 O Lord you have searched me | out and | known me:
you know when I sit or when I stand you comprehend my | thoughts
| long before.
- 2 You discern my path and the places | where I | rest:
you are acquainted • with | all my | ways.
- 3 For there is not a | word • on my | tongue:
but you Lord | know it | alto|gether.
- 4 You have encompassed me be|hind • and be|fore:
and have | laid your | hand up|on me.
- 5 † Such knowledge is too | wonder • full|for me:
So | high • that | I cannot • en|dure it.
- 6 Where shall I | go • from your | spirit:
or where shall I | flee | from your | presence?
- 7 If I ascend into heaven | you are | there:
if I make my bed in the grave | you are | there | also.
- 8 If I spread out my wings to|wards the | morning:
or dwell in the | utter • most | parts • of the | sea,

- 9 Even there your | hand shall | lead me:
and | your right | hand shall | hold me.
- 10 If I say 'Surely the | darkness • will | cover me:
and the | night | will en|close me',
- 11 The darkness is no darkness with you but the night is as | clear • as
the | day:
the darkness and the | light are | both alike,
- 23 Search me out O God and | know my | heart:
put me to the | proof and | know my | thoughts.
- 24 Look well lest there be any way of | wicked • ness | in me:
and lead me in the | way • that is | ever|lasting.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Apostle Paul's letter to the **Romans 8:12 - 25**

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope

we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand

Cantor

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father.

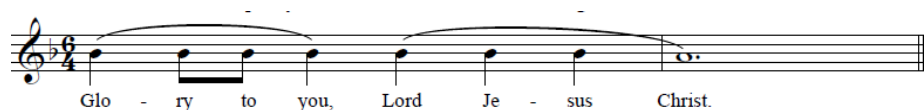
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 13: 24 – 43**



²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ ‘The owner’s servants came to him and said, “Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?”

²⁸ “An enemy did this,” he replied.

‘The servants asked him, “Do you want us to go and pull them up?”

²⁹ “No,” he answered, “because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.”

³¹ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. ³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.'

³³ He told them still another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about thirty kilograms of flour until it worked all through the dough.'

³⁴ Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. ³⁵ So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet:

'I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world.'

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.'

³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

⁴⁰ 'As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Please sit

HYMN

Please stand

Tune: ii, St Stephen

- 1 When all thy mercies, O my God,
my rising soul surveys,
transported with the view, I'm lost
in wonder, love, and praise.
- 2 Unnumbered comforts to my soul
thy tender care bestowed,
before my infant heart conceived
from whom these comforts flowed.
- 3 Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
my daily thanks employ,
nor is the least a cheerful heart
that tastes those gifts with joy.
- 4 Through every period of my life
thy goodness I'll pursue:
and after death, in distant worlds,
the glorious theme renew.
- 5 Through all eternity to thee
a joyful song I'll raise;
for O!, eternity's too short
to utter all thy praise.

THE NICENE CREED

Senior Server

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God, the Father,
the almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,**

**of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the
Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has
spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
✠and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

Priest The Lord be with you: *People* And al - so with you. *Priest* Lift up your hearts:

People We lift them to the Lord. *Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 Hea - ven and earth are full of Your Glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - éd is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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,

All

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Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain!

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.

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Bless - ing and hon - our and glo - ry and power are Yours for -

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ev - er and ev - er. A _____ men! _____

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

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Je - sus Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus bear - er of our

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sins, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus re - deem - er of the world, grant us your peace

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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

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ²because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:1-2

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 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

Tune: i, Vox Dilecti

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto Me, and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
And He has made me glad.

- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
The living water: thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s Light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of life I’ll walk
Till trav’ling days are done.

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.

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 and Bishop Chris.

ST PETER'S PARISH AND LOCAL CHURCHES

For our Rector Rev'd Tim St Quintin and our Assistant Minister Dan Gillis and our honorary associate Bishop Peter Watson. We also pray for the Catholic Parish of Sydney Harbour North – Sacred Heart Mosman, St Joseph's Cremorne, Blessed Sacrament and St. Therese's Mosman.

PRAYERS FOR THE WIDER WORLD

Pray for Christians in Nigeria: More Christians are killed for their faith in Nigeria than in the rest of the world combined - 14 every day, on average. At least 450 Christians have died in a series of attacks on Christian villages in three northcentral Nigerian states since May, according to reports from religious freedom advocates. Persecution of Christians continues to increase, especially in the north. Some extremist Muslim groups have killed thousands of people, and have destroyed hundreds or even thousands of churches. Persecution unites Christians and drives them to the Lord in prayer, but it also threatens the very core of Nigerian society and statehood. Pray for restoration and recovery for those who suffer from loss, or from rape. Pray for forgiveness, and for deliverance from a spirit of revenge. Pray for believers to respond in the most Christ-like way possible. Finally, pray that the enemies of Christ who commit these terrible acts would become His followers!

PRAYERS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Give thanks for those who serve in our governments and in public life: The Federal Parliament; The Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition; Member of North Sydney, Kylea Tink; Our Premier and the Leader of the Opposition in State Parliament; Tim James, Member for Willoughby, as he

takes on responsibility as Shadow Ministry portfolio; Felicity Wilson, Member for North Shore; Our local councillors in North Sydney and Mosman and Mayors Zoë Baker and Carolyn Corrigan. Pray that God will enable them to serve the common good and grant them wisdom and skill, imagination and energy, protection from corruption and the temptation to serve themselves.

Pray for all those affected by Family and Domestic violence: grace, protection, care, courage, and justice for victims; contrition, repentance, and change for perpetrators; compassion, understanding, and resources for those who support; wisdom, clarity, resources, and compassion for those in law enforcement and the justice system.

OUR PARISHIONERS

Kate Taubman, Geoffrey Thipthorp, Jan Thomas, Stefan and Kerry Trofimovs and Susan Upton.

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, 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 Hazel Hoss and Dorothy Jamieson.

**WHAT'S ON THIS
WEEK****JULY 2023**

Monday 24	2pm	Wedding Emily Xie & David Cohen
	7:30pm	Parish Council
Tuesday 25	10am	Table Group Café Laon Dan is the contact
	10.00am	Eucharist and morning tea
		Dan's day of rest
	7:30pm	Table Group, Rectory, Bronwyn is the contact
Thursday 27	10am	Table Group Rev'd Tim is the contact
Friday 28		Rev'd Tim's day of rest

**WEDDING NEWS**

Our congratulations to David Paul Harold Cohen and Emily Xie who will celebrate their wedding at St Peter's, Cremorne, on Monday, 24th of July. A secondary congratulations to our congregants, David and Ruth Cohen, who are overjoyed at this news – well done parents!

DAN GILLIS ON LEAVE

Dan will be on leave 26th – 30th July.



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.

A fine selection of donations is accumulating on the chairs in the David Armstrong Room for the homeless young people in our local area, who are now living independently sponsored by Taldumande.

There is one more Sunday after today to bring donations, Sunday 30 July. Should you be able to come through the week, please do so. The office is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings for any donations. All gifts gratefully received.
Edwina Waddy - Mission Secretary

MISSION OF THE MONTH – TALDUMANDE continued.....

My name is Charlie. I want to share my story in the hope it will show that with determination and courage and the right support, you can achieve what seems impossible. But I also hope it shows how services like Taldumande can help make the impossible, possible.

I still remember my first experience with Taldumande, or "Taldy" as we like to call it. I was sitting in the intake office with my buzzcut hair and zero expectations. I wasn't expecting to be accepted and I remember thinking "Nobody wants the mentally ill girl". But the Intake Manager told me the words I desperately wanted to hear, he said, "Sounds like you deserve a chance Charlie" and I can proudly say today that really was all I needed.

This wasn't my first experience of being homeless, it actually was my second. My family broke down when I was only 14. My home environment was very abusive and as a result I developed severe mental health problems. Through a series of distressing events, I came to Sydney and was admitted into a high security adolescent mental health unit. It was there, where my parents abandoned me and said they no longer wished to care for me. So, from the ages of 15 to 17, I was homeless and literally living in a psych ward. I was finally discharged into a group home in Western Sydney,

I had started my recovery journey but it was when I moved into one of Taldy's supported independent apartments in North Sydney, that I really started to thrive. The area was amazing - it had resources I could have only dreamt of. I had the gift of my own little zen place and another two great Case Managers. And that's when buzzcut Charlie with zero expectations disappeared! I started to smile, I started to make friends, after four long years things were changing. I finally completed my HSC, one of the proudest days of my life, and Taldy was right there at my graduation cheering me on. Last year I qualified as an assistant in nursing so I can help people, just like Taldumande helped me. Currently I'm studying a Bachelor of Nursing – it still amazes me that I can achieve high distinctions for assignments!

I'll never be able to repay Taldumande with my words but I'm hoping I can pass their compassion forward and make an impact on other people's lives.

SUNDAY ROSTERS

	This week 23th July Pentecost 8	Next week 30th July Pentecost 9
First Reading	Genesis: 28:10 – 19a	Genesis 29:15 - 28
Psalm	Psalm: 139: 1-11, 23-24	Psalm: 105: 1-11
Second Reading	Romans 8:12 - 25	Romans 8: 26-39
Gospel	Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43	Matthew 13: 44 - 58
Preacher	Tim St Quintin	Tim St Quintin
Celebrant	Tim St Quintin	Tim St Quintin
Service Leader	Dan Gillis	Tim St Quintin
Senior Server	Gordon Heathcote	Roy Bartlett
Crucifer	Laura Mock	Gordon Heathcote
Welcomer	Helen Matheson Philip Wood	Edwina Waddy Barbara Gordon
Reader	Gill Stemp	Helen Matheson
	Philip Wood	Bronwyn Lihou
Intercessor	Bronwyn Lihou	Edwina Waddy
Chalice	Alison Peterson	Barbara Gordon
Livestream	Daniel Bastock	Taylor Mock
Morning tea	Graham & Lizzie St Quintin	Mary & Russ Layton
Sacristy Linen	Mary Layton	Edwina Waddy

