

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday, 16th August 2026

Our Mission: *Building a Loving Christ-Centred Community*



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NSW 2452. Office Hours are
Monday to Friday, 9am to 3pm.

Regular Church Mass Times

Tuesday 9:30am

Thursday 9:30am

Saturday 5pm

Sunday 7:30am & 9am

Reconciliation every Saturday

4:30pm, no appointment necessary

Regular Chapel Mass Times

Our Lady of the Way at SCC

Marian Grove, Toormina

Wednesday 9:30am

Friday 9:30am

PARISH GIVING

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Children's Choir

**Every Wednesday
5:30pm-6:30pm
in the Church**

Come along and
practice every
Wednesday.
Learn new hymns.
Get ready to sing at
a scheduled Mass.



Save the Date: Tea and Togetherness

10am 26th August

Mass and Morning Tea at OLOW Chapel



Diocesan Art Prize



There is still time to submit your entry!

This year's theme is *The Face of Compassion*. Compassion is seen in Christ's encounters with the vulnerable, outcast, and broken, and it continues to be lived out in the Church today.

Categories: 0-7 years, 8-12 years, 13-17 years, 18+ years, and group. People's choice awards will be also be given at each exhibition.



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Formation and Training Opportunities

Reading Ministry

Those who are part of the Reading Ministry at Mass will be invited to take part in a training session on **Wednesday, 2nd September** at 11am with the session repeated at 5pm. A session will be offered for those who only read at OLOW chapel after the 9:30am Mass, on the same day.

Ideally, parishioners who are part of this ministry demonstrate the following qualities:

- A love and understanding of the scriptures
- Knowledge of the principles of liturgy
- Skills in public reading
- Are commissioned by their parish for this ministry

In the light of this, we suggest the following resources for the formation of those in Reading Ministry which can be accessed in the FORMED app or website:

Our Story: A Basic Introduction to the Bible for Catholics

About this series

In a series of 5-minute video segments, get the Bible's big picture, along with a uniquely Catholic approach to the Scriptures. You may like to access the User's Guide which complement these short videos:

- The Old Testament: The Pentateuch
- The Old Testament: The Historical Books
- The Old Testament: The Wisdom Books and Prophets
- The New Testament: The Gospels
- The New Testament: The Epistles
- The New Testament: The Acts of the Apostles
- The Catholic Approach: The Mass
- The Catholic Approach: The Story
- The Catholic Approach: The Catholic Doctrines



If you need assistance in accessing FORMED for free on our parish account, you will find flyers at the doors to the church, or contact the Parish Office. Parishioners who would like to join this ministry in our parish are most welcome to attend.

Altar Servers' Training

Thursday, 27th August at 3:30pm.

If you have not yet registered your child, and they would like to join this ministry, please contact the Parish Office.

Safeguarding Training

Wednesday, 9th September at 10:30am, face-to-face Safeguarding Training.

This is for all parishioners, especially those involved in Mass ministries, and those who take Holy Communion to the sick or housebound.

WOMEN.FOOD.GOD.

2026

What a wonderful day we were blessed with last Saturday as the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters, Rosie and Kathryn, led 60 women through a day of prayer and reflection on Mary MacKillop and Hope in God. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the day, we will continue to keep you in our prayers. Thank you to the beautiful Josephite Companions for such a delicious morning and afternoon tea we were able to enjoy in the glorious winter sunshine. We thank Fr. Joy for supporting us so fully, we are fortunate to have such a great Parish Priest.

May we always remember,
"Hope does not Disappoint".

~

Kristy and Sarah



The MGL Sisters depend on God's providence for all of our financial needs, including household expenses, study fees, medical needs and to support our ministries..

If you would like to support our work, your donations and prayers would be very much appreciated.

You can donate via the QR code or, alternatively our bank details

BSB - 062913
ACC - 1032 2059.

Thanks and blessings for your generosity.





First Reading Isaiah 56:1.6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading Romans 11:13-15. 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

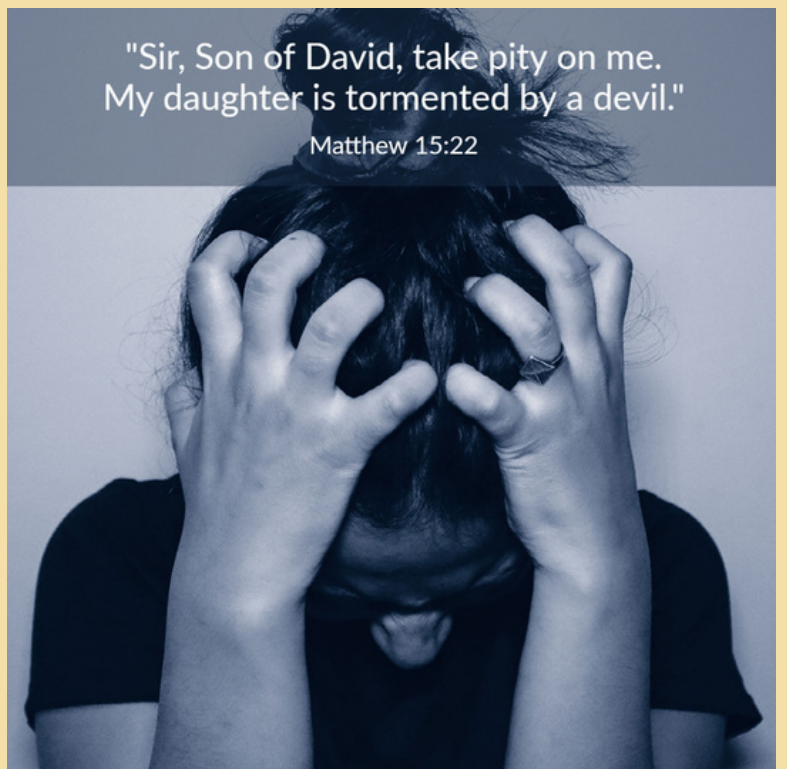
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

"Sir, Son of David, take pity on me.
My daughter is tormented by a devil."

Matthew 15:22



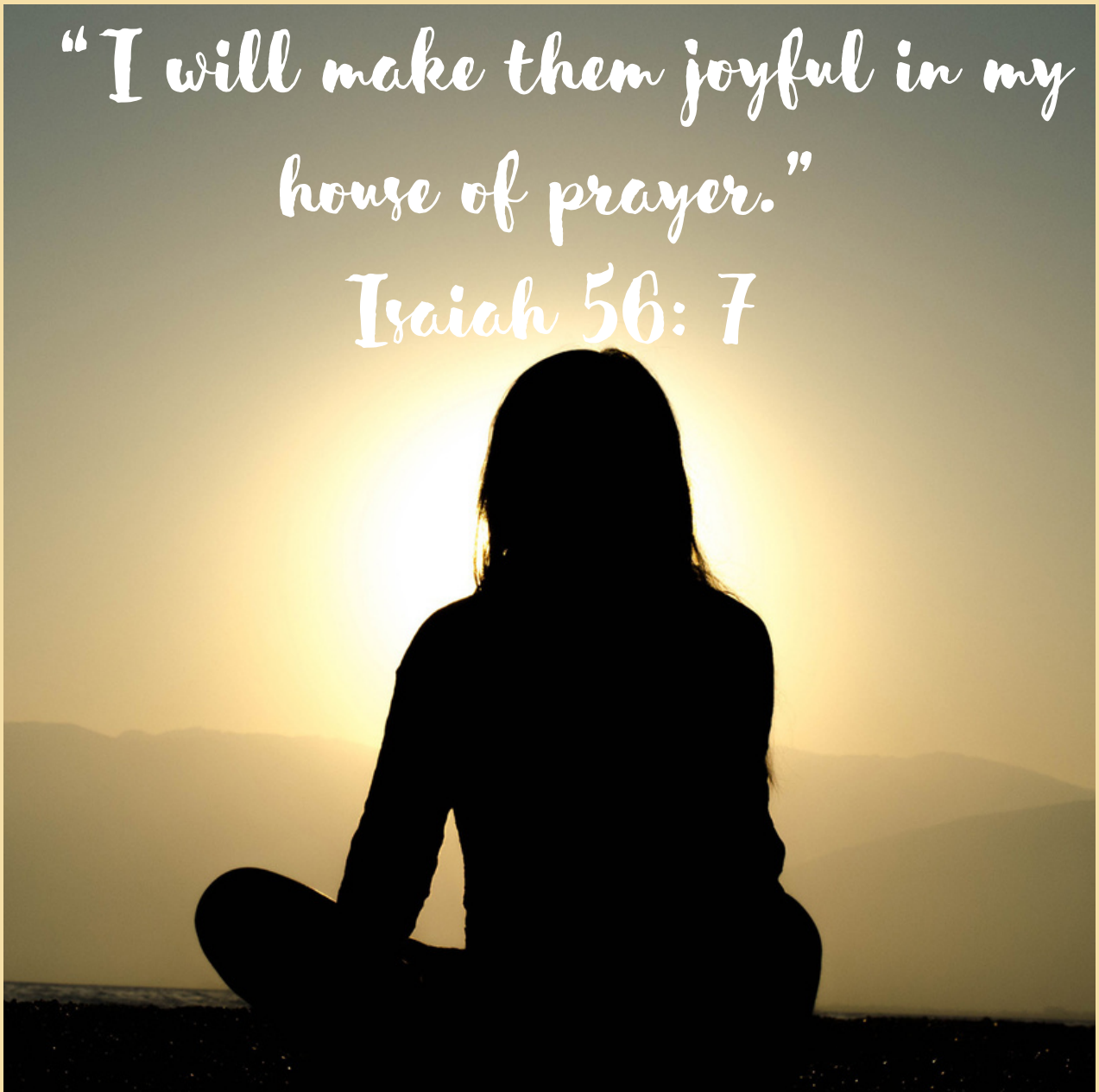
REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles.

God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.

*"I will make them joyful in my
house of prayer."*

Isaiah 56: 7



MASSES	Co-Ordinator	Welcomer	Ex. Minister	Sacristan	Offertory	Reader	Powerpoint Op	Senior Altar Server
Saturday 5pm	Jeanette Walsh	Shirley Hunt	Trish Maxwell	Les Michalik	Trish Maxwell	Margaret Ryan	Cate Clark	Les Michalik
Sunday 7:30am			Greg Feltis	Lyn Hollyman	Brenda & Peter Graham	Norma Campbell	Paul Daly	Lyn Hollyman
Sunday 9am	Michelle Harrison	Madonna Dechphant	Don Kirkaldy	Kathryn & Megan		Lorraine Kirkaldy	Brendan Biddle	Joe Baiada

New Roster Coming

The new Mass Roster for Sept - Nov is currently being developed. Please let us know of your unavailabilities either by email, phone call or note in the suggestion box. Thank you for serving our Parish community.

Recently Deceased

Carolyn Nash
Pauline Gatenby

The Sick
Mary Bryant



Reminder

The Saturday Vigil Mass will return to it's 6pm time slot in September, until winter next year (June, July, August 2027).

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Cenacle Rosary
Every Tuesday at
3pm in the Church
All welcome.



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