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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A,

19th July 2026

Entrance Procession

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
In the place of sin, you give repentance.

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged
unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is
questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you
govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the
virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have
given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant
repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27
*The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put
into words.*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we
cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit
himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into
words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows
perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints
expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.
The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43
Let them grow together until the harvest.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven
may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.
While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all
among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted
and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants
went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed
in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some
enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do
you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because
when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with
it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall
say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles
to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven
is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field.
It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the
biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the
air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like
the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of
flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed he
would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil
the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his
disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the
darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the
good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good
seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of
the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest
is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then,
just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will
be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and
they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke
offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing
furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.
Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their
Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

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Parish Office Hours:
Tues -Thurs: 9.30am-2.30pm
Fri: 9.30am-12.00pm

Parish Masses & Services:

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 8am & 10.00am

Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday: 9.00am
Wednesday: 7.30am
Thursday: 9.00am
Friday: 9.00am
Saturday: 7.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday (during Holy Hour) 5.15pm - 5.45pm.
Saturday 5.00 - 5.45pm

Holy Hour and Exposition: Thursdays, 5.00pm - 6.00pm. Begins with Vespers (evening prayer of the Church) and finishes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Infant Baptism:

Baptisms held every third Sunday of the month at 11.30am. Please book with the Parish Secretary.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Please give at least 6 months' notice.
Please book with the Parish Secretary

Sacramental Programs Information and Enrolment:

For information on our sacramental programs for children - Reconciliation, Holy Communion & Confirmation. Please email stbernadettevsp@hotmail.com

Parish Prayer Groups:

Rosary:

1st & 3rd Mon of the Month: 7.55am
Tues, Thurs & Fri: 8.25am
Wed & Sat: After 7.30am Mass
Sun: After 10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Fridays 9.45am

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- ❖ **Planned Giving Envelopes:** are available on the back pew of the Church (placed in alphabetical order). If you would no longer like to donate through the envelope system or you would like to change the way you give through EFT or Credit Card please advise the Parish Secretary via phone or email. Thank you for your continued support & generosity to the Parish.
- ❖ **The Statue of Our Lady:** Friendly reminder, The Legion of Mary are offering parishioners the opportunity to host the statue of Our Lady in their homes for 1 week to honour her with prayers and devotions with family. Please Contact: Dot Gill (0416 116 373) or Daphne LaPorte (0403 195 405). to book a week anytime throughout the year (for an anniversary, birthday or for some special occasion).
- ❖ **Formed Subscription:** Parishioners please be advised the Parish subscription to Formed will end on the 8th August 2026.
- ❖ **Church Cleaning Volunteers Required** for only 1 hour every 5 weeks. Please write your details on the clipboard located in the Front Foyer.
- ❖ **Vigil Mass Choir:** Singers are needed for the Saturday Vigil Mass Choir. Parishioners are warmly invited to join one of our adult choirs, which regularly sings at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday vigil mass. The choir sings on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month and choir rehearsals are usually held in the 30 minutes prior to mass. No experience or knowledge of music is necessary, just an ability to sing in tune and the desire to praise God through music and singing. Attributed to St. Augustine is the beautiful sentiment that " a prayer sung is a prayer said twice." Due to changed circumstances, we are also looking for someone to take on the role of Choir Leader and organiser for this existing choir. To be a part of this choir, either as a singer or Choir Leader or for any further information, please speak with Fr. Andrew.
- ❖ **Gardens:** We are in need of volunteers to help maintain our lovely gardens around the Church. It is a wonderful way to express your love for God and to care for His Church. Please call or email the Parish office: 98714414 or stbernadette@aussiebb.com.au
- ❖ **Sacrament of Confirmation:** Arrangements are currently being made with the Diocese of Parramatta regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation. Once these arrangements have been finalised, information regarding the enrolment process will be made available to those whose children will be eligible to receive the Sacrament.

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The Parable of the Weeds and the Seeds



Matthew 13:24-43

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Let us pray for all our sick relatives, friends and parishioners, especially:

Karla Anchante; Fermin Marinas; Pina, Emilia and all of our sick parishioners and loved ones.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:

Carmelo Mifsud; Charlie Saliba; Rita Saliba; Joseph Cudmore; Annie Moses; Joseph Moses; Teresa; Gaetano Abbate; Dr. Acop; Carlos Villones; Peter Susanto; Peggy Cheung; Janette Wong; Salime Abraham; Sami Abraham; Caroline; Anthony (Tansa Greige) Chegade; Joan Keillor; Betty Ann Lord; George; Sonia Allan; Colin Dawes; Teena McQueen; Vicente Pelias; the Souls in Purgatory; ***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***

***Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in the battle; be our protection against the malice
and snares of the Devil.***

***May God restrain him, we humbly pray,
and You, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the divine power
cast into Hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who roam
through the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.***

***Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: have mercy on us.
(3 times)***

Immaculate Heart of Mary: pray for us

Saints of the Week:

19th July - St Apollinaris

21st July - St Lawrence of Brindisi

22nd July - St Mary Magdalene

23rd July - St Bridget

24th July - St Sharbel Makhluf

25th July - St James

Roster for Ministries 25-26th July 2026

	Sat Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am
Readers:	G McAdam	P Walsh	T Flynn
Acolytes:	J P Abi-Khattar	F Ramirez	P Thomas
Altar Servers:	J Chahal J P Cabela R Cabela E Cheah F Cheah	B Nakhoul E Lin J Nakhoul M Ramirez	D Mierzanowski M Mierzanowski S Lamb C Greenfield F Mandla
Flower Donor:	Mr Stephen Rossi		
Floral Arrangers:	Jum, Sofia, Natalie		
Counters:	G2: Sun 26/07/2026 M Sullivan, B Hanson, T & J Takita		
Altar Society:	G5: Fri/Sat 23/07/26 @ 8am Christine, L Guthrie, E Guthrie		
Cleaners:	G4: Sat 25/07/26 @ 8am D Tudehope, F Fitzgerald, J Doueihy, M C Meney, L Toson, S Zeater, L & R Reys		



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