

Readings for 21stSunday in Ordinary Time—23rd and 24th of August 2025.

First Reading—Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 116
Response: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News

Second Reading—Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and

smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation :

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel—Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, ‘Sir, will there be only a few saved?’ He said to them, ‘Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

‘Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, “Lord, open to us” but he will answer, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will find yourself saying, “We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets” but he will reply, “I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!”

‘Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

‘Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.’

MASS TIMES

Tue , Wed, Thu, Fri: 9.15 am
Fri: 6-7pm Adoration
Sat: 6.00 pm (Livestream)
Sun: 9.00 & 11.00 am
Sun: 5.00pm **Youth Mass RECONCILIATION**
Fri: From 6-7pm
Sat: From 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Tue to Fri 9am-4pm
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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS—3rd SUN of the month
For application form refer to our website or call parish office on 9764 4058.
Email: Theresa.Abraham@cam.org.au

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Theresa Abraham (Tue)
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St Simon’s on 9764 4058

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SERVICES

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DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

NOTICES 4.00 pm on WED of this week.

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time —23rd and 24th of August 2025

Gospel Reflection – Luke 13: 22-30

My friends, today Jesus speaks of the narrow door. At first, it can sound confronting — “Many will try to enter and will not be able.” But Jesus is not trying to frighten us. He’s inviting us to reflect on how we are living our faith.

The narrow door isn’t narrow because God wants to keep us out. It’s narrow because we cannot pass through carrying everything. Pride, grudges, selfishness — they weigh us down. To walk through, we must travel light, with humility, with forgiveness, and with love.

And here’s the Good News: that door is open to everyone. Jesus tells us people will come from east and west, north and south, and sit at the banquet of God’s Kingdom. All are invited. So the question is simple: what am I holding on to that makes it harder to pass through that door? Perhaps a hurt I cannot let go of, perhaps a habit that draws me away from God, perhaps a busyness that leaves no space for prayer.

The Lord is asking us not just to know His name, but to live our faith with sincerity — in our prayer, in our service, and in the way we love one another.

May we keep striving for that narrow door, trusting that Christ walks beside us, leading us into His Father’s house. **With every blessing, Fr Jerald**

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Parish Website

We thank you all for your patience during this transition period to our new website. This is now up and running and the web address is **www.melbcatholic/s/rowville.**

We now have the ability to send weekly emails out to parishioners with our newsletters and any updates. If you would like to receive our weekly emails, please subscribe via the website. The link is on the bottom of the home page/ mass times and services/ parish bulletins (click on the blue box).

Thank you to all those who have already subscribed. If you need assistance with this, please get in touch with the Parish Office.

2025 Archbishop’s Campaign

The 2025 Archbishop’s Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

<u>NEXT WEEKEND</u>— Duty Rosters: 30th and 31st of August - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — First Reading: Sirach 3: 17-20,28-29, Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-19,22-24 Gospel Reading: Luke 14;1,7-14						
Mass Times	Saturday 30th Aug 6.00pm		Sunday 31st of Aug 9.00am		Sunday 24th Aug 11.00am	
Commentator	Jodie Marziano		Phil Mawdsley		Jacqui Giuliano	
Reader 1	Thabesan Family		Margaret Ng		Colin Maslen	
Reader 2	Graham Edwards		Paige Law		Jan Richards	
Welcome Desk	Bernie Fernando		Victoria King		Pia Pagotta	
Children’s Liturgy	No Children’s Liturgy		No Children’s Liturgy		No Children’s Liturgy	
Flowers	Nilmini Fernando	Altar Society	Melanie Jacobs and Yvonne Muspratt	Church Cleaning	Dan Tran, Judy Schmidt	5.00pm Thabesan Family

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TUE, **EVENINGS** starting 2 Sept.
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Ring the Parish Office on 9764 4058 or
Phillip on 0437 343 022 or just come
along on the night.
“Come and see.”

Thank You – Trivia Night

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped
make our recent Trivia Night such a
wonderful success! To those who
organized, prepared questions, donated
prizes, set up and packed away — your
hard work and enthusiasm were truly
appreciated. A special thank you to Bill
Leane and the Social Committee who
helped make this possible.

We also warmly thank all who came
along and supported the evening.
**Together, we raised an amazing
\$4,600 for our parish — a fantastic
result** that reflects the generosity and
spirit of our community.
Thank you once again for your support!

SSJ YOUTH
Year 5 to Year 10 students

TRIVIA NIGHT

SUNDAY 24TH
AUGUST
6:30 - 8:00PM
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MASS)

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Viv's RE Care —NEXT EVENT

WED, 3rd Sept from 11:30 am—2:30 pm
Theme: Normal

FREE morning tea, lunch and
entertainment.



For more info., contact Brian Crowley on 0429 090 770.

Recent Death: Emma Salerno and Paul Sabatinelli
**Anniversary of Death: Mario Milano, Rose and Renzie
Nugara, Prem, Karuana, David Precilla and Lincoln Perera,
Defelice Family, Attard Family Gerald and Celine Roche**

Prayer for the Sick : Bill Leane, Valerie La Butte, Yana Jong,
Perry Law, Brooke Hiho, Bente Jobsz, Jenny Liston, Sam
Russo, Jay Russel, Adrien Cerdor , Nigel Quadros, Andrew
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Will now be held every 3rd and 4th Friday's of every month after
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The following movies have been scheduled for the month of August.
19th September : Fatima
26th September : Bernadette of Lourdes

Come and join us for coffee, tea and biscuits and enjoy the movie.
Bring your own popcorn!

First Holy Communion – Registrations Now Open

Registrations are now open for the Sacrament of First
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This sacrament is available to children in Grade 4
and above who have already received the Sacrament
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Our next Men's Group
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Wednesday the 27th of
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evening of conversation,
connection, and fellowship
with other men in our parish
community. Whether you're a
regular or it's your first time,
you'll be most welcome.

Women's Group

Our next women's
Group meeting will
be held on Thursday
the 28th of August at
10.00am at the
Stonez Restaurants.

Come and join our
lovely group of ladies
for a relaxed get
together.