

**DIARY FOR THE WEEK**

CYCLE C

**MONDAY 03 MARCH 2025****8<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C****TUESDAY 04 MARCH 2025****8<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C****ST. CASIMERE****SHROVE TUESDAY****WEDNESDAY 05 MARCH 2025****ASH WEDNESDAY****THURSDAY 06 MARCH 2025****THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY****FRIDAY 07 MARCH 2025****FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY****SATURDAY 08 MARCH JANUARY 2025****SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY****SUNDAY 09 MARCH 2025****FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT****SUNDAY MISSAL: 803****OR OLD: 727****DAILY MISSAL: 202**

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Saturday	17h00
Sunday	07h30 ; 09h30 ; 17h00

**Weekday Masses**

Monday	08h30
Tuesday	06h15
Wednesday	School Mass at 08h00 17h30
Thursday	08h30
Friday	06h15 & 17h30
Saturday	08h00

**Public Holidays 08h30****CONFESSION:**

Thursday	After morning Mass
Saturday	After morning Mass

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS & BENECTION****Will begin at 5pm every first Friday.***Every other Friday:* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5 followed by Mass at 5.30pm.**First Friday Mass** will be celebrated at Little Eden every first Friday at 10am.**First Saturday** Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is prayed after morning Mass.**St Thérèse Worshipping Community:****Vision Statement:***"To live and grow as worshipping community in order to walk closer with our Trinitarian God."***Mission Statement:***"To engage our worshipping community by celebrating, renewing and sharing our Catholic Faith through Liturgy, Sacraments, education and serving our brothers and sisters."***ST. THÉRÈSE**

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Website: <http://stthereseedenvale.org>**2 March 2025****8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary  
Time Year C****SUNDAY MISSAL: 903****OR OLD: 818****DAILY MISSAL: 873***Pastors:**Rev. Fr. Jonathan Petersen OMI**Rev. A.R Bishop (Deacon)**Rev. D Gregory (Deacon)**Rev. F. Graham (Deacon)**Rev. M. Hughes (Deacon)**Rev. Peter Rohrbeck (Deacon)***Entrance Antiphon***(Ps.18:19-20)*

The Lord became my protector. .

He brought me out to a place of freedom;

he saved me because he delighted in me.

**First Reading:****Sirach 27:4-7****Responsorial Psalm 92****R: It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.**

1. It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your loving mercy in the morning, and your truth in the watches of the night.

2. The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. Planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

3. They will still bear fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is upright. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

**Second reading:****1 Corinthians 15:54-58****Gospel Acclamation:***(Philippians 2:15d-16a)***Alleluia, Alleluia!**

You will shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life.

**Alleluia!****Gospel:****Luke 6:39-45****Communion Antiphon:***(Cf. Ps.13:6)*

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

**Communion Reflection:**

*\* O Father, give us the humility which realizes its ignorance, admits its mistakes, recognizes its need, welcomes advice, accepts rebuke. Help us always to praise rather than to criticize, to sympathize rather than to discourage, to build rather than to destroy, and to think of people at their best rather than at their worst. This we ask for your name's sake. (Prayer of William Barclay, 1907-1978)*

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## COMMUNITY

### **VARIOUS INTENTIONS TO PRAY FOR:**

*Our Sick* - Dear Lord, in your great compassion and love, we ask you to lay your healing hands on the sick and aged of our parish and all our loved ones.

*The Unemployed* - Dear Lord, we pray for those struggling to find employment, that through their hardship they will put their faith and trust in you.

*Those who are grieving:* – O Lord, we call upon You in our time of sorrow, that You give us the strength and will to bear our heavy burdens, while we struggle to comprehend life's hardships.

Pope Francis' prayer intention February 2025

### **'For vocations to priesthood, religious life'**

"Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel called to live Jesus' mission in life: either through the priestly life, or religious life."



*Please pray for the repose of the soul of*

**VANESSA SAKER**

**LUCIA MADELENE CAPAZORIO**



*We welcome into our Catholic faith community*

**FLAVIA ALEXANDRE GOMES**

**KAIDE LUKE LAFORTE**

**AMILIA BELA FERREIRA**

*who have been recently baptised*

## SACRAMENTS AND PREPARATION

### **COMMUNION TO THE SICK**

If you have a family member in the parish who is housebound and in need of Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

### **BAPTISM**

Parents are required to attend a course of instruction before the baptism of their child. Please contact the parish office to make an appointment. Please ensure that you book your baby's baptism date with the office. No baptism will be done without a booking.

### **MARRIAGE**

Couples are required to attend a pre-marriage course of instruction or an Engaged Encounter weekend. Please Contact Fr. Jonathan three to six months before the event.

## CATECHETICS

**RCIA** is intended to instruct in the

Catholic Faith those adults who are seeking to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church through Baptism and/or Confirmation and Holy Communion.

RCIA is your compass to the Catholic Faith.

Anyone not yet baptised; or baptised but not as a Catholic; anyone baptised as a Catholic who did not yet receive first Communion or Confirmation; fully initiated Catholics seeking fuller catechetical knowledge of their Catholic Faith; and anyone at all looking to learn more about Christianity can call the parish office to set up a meeting with Fr. Jonathan.



## YOUTH



A call for Youth Leaders:

Anyone who would like to become a youth leader is welcome to attend.

(Please note: you must be a confirmed Catholic to be a youth leader)

Please contact:

Tara :: 083-276-3535 or

Gaily :: 083-589-0063

## TODAY

### **8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**REFLECTION: Luke 6:39-45**

### **The Path to Wise and Humble Leadership**

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on wisdom, humility, and self-awareness in our journey of faith. Jesus uses simple parables to teach us how to lead wisely and live with integrity.

He begins with the question: "Can a blind man lead a blind man?" (Lk 6:39). This reminds us that a true leader must first see clearly, not just with physical sight, but with the wisdom and discernment that come from God. Whether we are parents, teachers, priests, or public servants, we are called to guide others, and we cannot do so if we ourselves are blind to the truth. Jesus, the perfect teacher, invites us to follow His example of meekness, mercy, and righteousness so that we, too, may be sound and wise leaders.

However, Jesus also warns us against hypocrisy and self-righteousness. He asks: "Why do you see the speck in your brother's eye but do not notice the log in your own eye?" (Lk 6:41). How often do we criticise others while ignoring our own faults? It is easy to judge and condemn, yet

difficult to acknowledge our own weaknesses. Jesus calls us to self-examination, to recognize our flaws before pointing out the shortcomings of others. Only through humility and self-awareness can we correct others with love and credibility.

Finally, Jesus reminds us that our words and actions reveal the true state of our hearts. He warns against gossip, slander, and negativity, which can destroy relationships, families, and communities. Instead, He calls us to bear good fruit, speaking words that build up rather than tear down. Let us ask the Lord for the grace to see clearly, to lead with humility, and to love sincerely. May we follow His example and bear the fruits of goodness, mercy, and peace. Amen.

### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

*"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness." - Desmond Tutu*

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE**

**WEEK:** Matthew 19:26:

*"Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man, this is impossible, but with God, all things are possible.'"*

*Let us keep Pope Francis and all the sick in our prayers.*