

First Reading**Jeremiah 20:7-9**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;

you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord**Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2****(R.)** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

"A prayer today... a shepherd tomorrow..." Please join us for a special **Holy Hour for Vocations**, praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for those who are discerning God's call.

Saturday, 5 September, St. Mary's, Cowes.

10:00– 11:00 am All are warmly welcome to join us in prayer.

Second Reading**Romans 12:1-2**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do

The Word of the Lord**Gospel Acclamation****See Ephesians 1:17-18**

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord

St. Mary's Parish Cowes Three Churches—One Parish

St. Mary's—Cowes

Our Lady Star of the Sea—San Remo

St. Joseph's—Bass

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Mass / Liturgy Times

Our Lady Star of the Sea—San Remo

Tuesday - Mass: 10 am.

(Divine Mercy Prayer and Rosary from 9.15 am)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6 pm

St Joseph's—Bass

Sunday Mass: 11 am

Adoration & Prayer Wed 7-8 pm

St Mary's—Cowes

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Sunday

Mass: 9 am.

Confession - Saturday at 10-11am (Blessed Sacrament exposed for silent adoration)



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'Get behind me, Satan'

We have to get one terrible thought out of our heads, i.e. that the Heavenly Father of Jesus *wanted* him to suffer a tortured, agonising death. Yet we do say: 'It was necessary that Jesus suffer and die.' What can this mean? I believe this refers to the necessity of divine mission and the necessity of divine love.

First, it was the Father's will that Jesus remain true to the mission to preach and embody the gospel of mercy and forgiveness. It was inevitable that powerful elites would find this intolerable and have Jesus eliminated. Secondly, God so loved the world where death ravages human beings, that God determined to absorb the suffering and pangs of death.

The temptation to avoid that dread-ful necessity lead Jesus to rebuke Peter: 'Get *behind* me, Satan', a terrible variation of the initial call: 'Come, *follow* me.'

We could pause for a moment to very consciously make the sign of the Cross, the consequence of Jesus' mission and love for us.



Mass Notice

No Mass will be celebrated from **1–3 September**, as Fr. Siju will be away attending a conference in Sydney. There will be a **Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion** on **Tuesday at San Remo & Thursday at Cowes**.

Thank you for your understanding.

Recently Deceased

Please remember in your prayers **Calogero Liprini**, who has recently passed away. His Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, 11 September at 11.00 am at St Mary's, Cowes.



News from Our Lady Star of the Sea

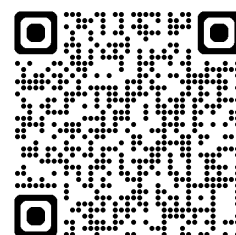
We give thanks for another wonderful week in the life of our school community. Our Grade 5 and 6 students have recently returned from camp, bringing home many wonderful memories, new experiences and a wonderful sense of achievement. We are incredibly proud of the way our students embraced the challenges of camp and supported one another. On Friday our students shared their love of reading and dressed as their favourite book characters in our Book Week Celebration. We had such fun across our school! We continue to be grateful for the support and prayers of our parish community as we work together to nurture our children in faith, learning and love.



FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS'

WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE:

Click on <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> & it will make it easy for you to make a donation. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent, if an email address is provided. Donations may also be made through your local Parish.



There are many **exciting events** happening across our **Diocese**! Stay informed and up to date by visiting the **Diocesan Events Page**. It's a great resource to find details on upcoming celebrations, gatherings, and important dates. **Visit:** <https://www.cdsale.org.au/events>



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We are a child safe parish. Any children, young persons and adults at risk have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Parish Safety Officer. He can be contacted through the Parish Office. Ph 0359525418

