

**OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
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**Parish Office Hours:** Mon, Tues & Wednes 10am - 4.00pm; Fri 10am -3.00pm.  
**Sunday Masses:** *English* - Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 9am, 10.30am, 5.30pm  
*Mass in other languages:* *Chin - Burmese* Sundays 2.30pm; *Tongan* TBC  
*Vietnamese* Saturday Vigil 7pm, Sunday 12.30pm, Friday 7pm  
**Mass Times:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 9am; Friday 11am; Tuesday 7.30pm  
**Confessions:** Saturdays 9.30am (*English or Vietnamese*) **Novena:** Tuesday 8.00pm

*Eight weeks on the **Catholic Faith***  
 You are invited to join us for a short video presentation and discussion about the church and the sacraments. Wednesdays @ 7pm - 8.30pm in the Church. *All Welcome!*



**MASS INTENTIONS 16-22 July**  
**Sat 5.30pm** Anton Nguyen Sac RIP  
 Phero Le Hong RIP  
**Sun 9.00am** Filip & Mara Krsticevic RIP  
**10.30am** Sapienza Tedesco RIP  
**5.30pm** *Pro Populo*  
**Mon 9.00am** Marie Arthur RIP  
**Tues 7.30pm** Marie Arthur RIP  
**Wed 9.00am** Charlie - Birthday Blessings  
**Thur 9.00am** Rapa & Cefai Family Intentions  
**Fri 11.00am** Parish Intention  
**Sat 9.00am** Santa Teresa Sculli RIP

*“Come to me all you who labour and carry a heavy burden.”*  
*Mat 11:28-30*  
**You are invited to come and spend some quiet time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament:**  
**Fridays**  
**12noon until 3pm.**



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**Thank you!**



| Week 4: Jul 22 /23      | 5.30 pm           | 9.00 am            | 10.30 am         | 5.30 pm          |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Lectors                 | Bradley Borges    | Althea D'Souza     | Tongan Choir     | Filipino Choir   |
| Extraordinary Ministers | Anita Mastroianni | Sr. Shirani Britto | Jennifer Godfrey | Filipino Choir   |
| Data Projector          | Connie Sposato    | Antoinette Spiteri | Tongan Choir     | A. Ramat / Choir |

**PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL** - Next Sunday there will be a leaving collection for the Catholic Missions at all Masses.

**The Word's Return:  
 Scott Hahn Reflects on the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Readings: *Isaiah 55:10–11; Psalm 65:10–14; Romans 8:18–23; Matthew 13:1–23*  
**Today's readings, like last week's, ask us to meditate on Israel's response to God's Word—and our own.**

Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? That question underlies today's Gospel especially.

Again, we see, as we did last week, that the kingdom's mysteries are unfolded to those who open their hearts, making of them a rich soil in which the Word can grow and bear fruit.

As we sing in today's Psalm, in Jesus, God's Word has visited our land to water the stony earth of our hearts with the living waters of the Spirit.

**The first fruit of the Word is the Spirit of love and adoption poured into our hearts in Baptism,** making us children of God, as Paul reminds us in today's Second Reading.

In this, we are made a “new creation”, the first fruits of a new heaven and a new earth.

Since the first humans rejected God's Word, creation has been enslaved to futility. But God's Word does not go forth only to return to Him void, as we hear in today's First Reading. **His Word awaits our response.**

We must show ourselves to be children of that Word. We must allow that Word to accomplish God's will in our lives. As Jesus warns today, we must take care lest the devil steals it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns.

In the Eucharist, the Word gives Himself to us as bread to eat. He does so that we might be made fertile, yielding fruits of holiness. And we await the crowning of the year, the great harvest of the Lord's Day—when His Word will have achieved the end for which it was sent.



**Child Safety Reminders & Important notice for Parents**  
 •Please accompany your child if they need to leave the building.  
 •Please ensure you know where your child is if not beside you.  
*Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and vulnerable people.*