

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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'LISTEN TO ME'

Returning to the Gospel of Mark this week, we have an edited version of a dispute raised by the Pharisees and some of the scribes from Jerusalem about some of Jesus' disciples eating loaves with unwashed hands. Particularly in light of our recent pandemic experiences, we may have some sympathy with them. Yet as the narrative unfolds, we are given further background, that this is but one of the observations of their tradition. The prescriptions about washing do not stem from the Torah, the Law, but are local interpretations by specific groups.

Importantly we can join the extended crowd to hear Jesus say, 'Listen to me.' The same words are used by the prophets to call the people of Israel to listen to the word of God. Here it is a call to pay attention to Jesus' words that 'nothing that goes into a person from outside can defile.' It is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions can grow.

Today let us pick up on Jesus' call to 'listen to me' as we read and pray with the scriptures. Let us also hear Pope Francis reminding us, 'The believer does not turn to the Holy Scriptures to support his or her own philosophical and moral view, but because he or she hopes for an encounter; the believer knows that those words were written in the Holy Spirit, and that therefore in that same Spirit they must be welcomed and understood, so that the encounter can occur.'

(Pope Francis audience, 27 Jan. 2021)

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 14:2-5. R. v. 1

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? / He who walks without fault; / he who acts with justice / and speaks the truth from his heart. **R.**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother, / who casts no slur on his neighbour, / who holds the godless in disdain, / but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; / who takes no interest on a loan / and accepts no bribes against the innocent. / Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

A reading from the letter of St James.

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

You forget the commandments of God to hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and



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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Sept 2024)
St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Juliet Oei (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Bernadette Dennis (St Joseph's Outreach Services)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 1st September 2024

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 31st August	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 1st September 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Father's Day	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 2nd September 22nd Week in Ordinary Time		
Tuesday 3rd September St Gregory the Great	10.00am Anointing/Healing Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 4th September Mary, Mother of Consolation	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 5th September 22nd Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 6th September Spring Ember Day	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 7th September 22nd Week in Ordinary Time	9.00am Mass	



CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 1-7 September 2024

Child Protection Week is a national campaign held each year, which aims to promote a safe and supported life for every child. In 2024, the message that 'Every child in every community needs a fair go' will be complemented with the theme 'Every conversation matters'.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ **SJOS AGM:** Sun 1 Sept 11.30am Parish C'tre
- ▶ Anointing Mass Tues 3 Sept. 10.30am

AUGUSTINE – ON GOD AS FATHER



"The Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ, has taught us to say, "Our Father, who art in heaven". Whom did he wish us to call our Father, save his own Father? He did not begrudge us this?"

But because the inheritance which he promises us is one that many may possess, therefore he has called all the peoples of the nations to be brothers and sisters; all who say, 'Our Father, who art in heaven'. So said those who came before us; and so shall say those who will come after us. (Sermon 7)

AUGUSTINIAN APPEAL

A very sincere thank you for your generous donations last weekend to support the



works of the Augustinians. Tax-deductible donations may still be made by cash, cheque, credit card, direct deposit or by scanning this QR Code. Envelopes are available in churches.

THE AUGUSTINIAN MAGAZINE

Copies of The Augustinian magazine are available in our churches this weekend.

2024 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who has already made a pledge or if you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. Envelopes are in our churches.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Robert Huggins, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Ronald Seaman, Mitos Gloude-mans, Anne Rigg, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe and Christine Rodrigues.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

- * Patricia Monaghan
- * Jose-Luis Cid
- * John Monaghan
- * Donnell Ryan
- * Ratko Jevic
- * Neil O'Leary
- * Isabel Cid
- * Dominic Vecci
- * Johnny Carrol



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

A Father's Day Prayer

God our Father, Bless all the fathers of the world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be a father like you are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



BECOMING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN



If you know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic faith, or if you have questions about taking the next step, the

Parish of South Yarra is here to accompany you. Please contact the Parish office for more details. 9826 9677

SJOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



This Sunday 1st September 11.30am in the parish centre. All welcome.

PARISH BAPTISM

We welcome the family and friends of Amadeus Lefers who is to be baptised in our parish this weekend.



MASS COLLECTIONS 18/08/2024

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.	\$ 784.20
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 284.40
Envelopes.....	\$ 110.00
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