

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

8 SEPTEMBER 2024

GOD WILL COME AND SAVE YOU

A myriad of images unfold God's restoration in Isaiah: God will come and save you. These images speak of restoration to wholeness both to people with impairments of sight, hearing or speech, and to a natural world ravaged by drought.

This sounds like the Good News of God's salvation in the Gospels. As we hear from Mark, Jesus returns to Galilee, healing a man described as deaf and with an impediment to his speech. It is 'they' who brought the man to Jesus, beseeching him to lay his hand on him. Previously we have seen Jesus reach out his hand to touch and heal a leper and to ask the man with the withered hand to stretch it out to be healed. In this instance, Jesus is reported to take the man aside in private, that is, 'away from the crowd'. We see Jesus touch him, putting his fingers in his ears and on his tongue as well as looking up to heaven in a gesture of prayer to God saying 'Ephphatha' – be opened.

The healing is instantaneous giving an impetus to the whole narrative, moving it forward towards the Passion. The people who witness this are filled with unbounded amazement. Even though urged not to tell anyone, they do so more and more. They acclaim Jesus in words akin to those we heard from Isaiah of the salvation of God. This public acclamation points to recognition of who Jesus is, a question Jesus will pose to the disciples.

Dr Rosemary Canavan

FIRST READING

Isa 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;
for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 145:7-10. R. v. 1

R. Praise the Lord, my soul! (or Alleluia!)

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, / who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, / who raises up those who are bowed down, / the Lord who loves the just, / the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, / but thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**



SECOND READING

James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James.

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats;' then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

■ The word of the Lord.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th 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
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
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- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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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 8th September 2024

| DAY | ST JOSEPH'S | ST THOMAS AQUINAS' |
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| | TIME | TIME |
| Saturday 7th September | 6.00pm Vigil Mass | |
| Sunday 8th September 23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | 10.30am Mass | 9.00am Mass |
| Monday 9th September 23 rd Week in Ordinary Time | | |
| Tuesday 10th September St Nicholas of Tolentino | 10.00am Mass | 12.45pm Mass |
| Wednesday 11th September 23 rd Week in Ordinary Time | 10.00am Mass | 12.45pm Mass |
| Thursday 12th September 23 rd Week in Ordinary Time | 10.00am Mass | 12.45pm Mass |
| Friday 13th September St John Chrysostom | 10.00am Mass | 12.45pm Mass |
| Saturday 14th September Exaltation of the Holy Cross | 9.00am Mass | |



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY "Every Conversation Matters"

The Parish of South Yarra and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, by appointment or before/after Weekday Mass

ANOINTING / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ Finance Committee: Tues 10 Sept 4pm
- ▶ Parish Council: Wed 11 Sept 7pm
- ▶ RCIA Information Evening: Thurs 12 Sept 7pm

AUGUSTINE – THE DIVINE PHYSICIAN



"The Lord heals all your ills"
 (Ps 102:3). Never fear, all your ills will be healed. You say they are great but the Doctor is even greater. Simply let yourself be cared for, do not push away his

hand, He knows what to do. Do not be happy only when he acts with gentleness but bear with it, too, when he prunes. Accept the unpleasantness of the cure, by thinking of the healing it will bring you. He who had made you never to become sick, will He not heal you? He who made Heaven and earth, will He not heal you, after having made you, in His Image? He will heal you but you must consent to be healed. He heals every sickness perfectly but he does not heal it, in spite of you. Christ is your health" (Sermon on Ps 102)

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Robert Huggins, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Ronald Seaman, Mitos Gloudemans, 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

✦ Helen Lowell



Anniversaries

- ✦ John Monaghan
- ✦ Gwen Meagher
- ✦ Sio van der Haring
- ✦ Maryann Gibson
- ✦ Fr. Felice Muratore
- ✦ J B Daniels

BECOMING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN



We invite anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic faith, or adult Catholics yet to receive the Sacraments, to an

information evening on Thurs 12 Sept at 7pm. Please contact the Parish office. 9826 9677

PRAYER FOR SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

*Gracious God,
 you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.*

We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been harmed and whose trust and innocence has been destroyed.

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse and the failure to be heard. We pray that with the help of your grace their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Help us all to listen with open hearts, so that when children and adults at risk speak, they are truly heard.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

National Multi-Faith Week of Climate Action



On Tuesday Sept.17 at St Paul's Cathedral 10am, people of all faiths are invited to the unfurling of a large sign calling for stronger climate action. A

number of religious leaders will be there and the media will be invited.

MASS COLLECTIONS 1/09/2024

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| Clergy (Augustinian Community) | |
| 1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits. | \$ 771.90 |
| Church (Parish Ministries) | |
| 2 nd Collection | \$ 372.50 |
| Envelopes | \$ 170.00 |
| Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards | \$ 360.00 |
| Tap Point Terminals | \$ 450.00 |

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