

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

cf. 2 Thess 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Mk 9:30-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity . . . All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.****A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

22 SEPTEMBER 2024

## '...LAST OF ALL AND SERVANT OF ALL'

Our first reading from Wisdom alerts us to 'the righteous man' who is God's child. The words here will echo in the Gospel with the second of the predictions of Jesus' death. The passage from James also has synergy with the ambitions of the followers of Jesus addressed in the Gospel.

Beginning with the second prediction of Jesus' death – 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed he will rise again' – we find Jesus teaching his disciples as he moves through Galilee. We hear that they did not understand but were afraid to ask. Arriving in Capernaum, inside the house, we see Jesus ask them what they were arguing about. The silence was of embarrassment because their discussion was of who was the greatest. The focus is now even smaller as Jesus now sits down with the Twelve, his closest companions, in the house. It is to these that he says, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Servant is here *diakonos*, servant or deacon. His message to his leadership team is clear as to how they need to model and live their responsibility and call. His further exemplar of placing a child among them, broadens their understanding of welcoming Jesus among them, challenging their orientation to Jesus and to God, 'the one who sent me.' Let us pause to reflect on our orientation to Jesus and to God. Where do we stand?

Dr Rosemary Canavan

**FIRST READING**

Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

*Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.*

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.

■ **The word of the Lord.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 53:3-6, 8. R. v. 6

**R. The Lord upholds my life.**

1. O God, save me by your name; / by your power, uphold my cause. / O God, hear my prayer; / listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**
2. For proud men have risen against me, / ruthless men seek my life. / They have no regard for God. **R.**
3. But I have God for my help. / The Lord upholds my life. / I will sacrifice to you with willing heart / and praise your name for it is good. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

James 3:16-4:3

A reading from the letter of St James.

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

■ **The word of the Lord.**



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25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 22<sup>nd</sup> 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
- ▶ Fr Matteo Cho OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

**ADMINISTRATION**

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**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.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>6.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10.30am Mass</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b> <b>St Pius of Pietrelcina</b>		
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b>	<b>12.45pm Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b>	<b>12.45pm Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b>	<b>12.45pm Mass</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>St Vincent de Paul</b>	<b>10.00am Mass</b>	<b>12.45pm Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Bl Peter de Zuniga, Thomas of St Augustine. Lorenzo Ruiz &amp; Comp</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>	

**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 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 7pm. Please contact the Parish office for more details. 9826 9677



**EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- ▶ SJOS Committee: Wed 25 Sept 6pm
- ▶ RCIA Thursday 7pm Parish Centre
- ▶ Friends of St Augustine: Thurs 26 Sept 7pm

**AUGUSTINE – 'COME, O CHILDREN'**



*"Let then the little children come, let them come: let the Lord be heard. Let the little children to come to Me. Let the little ones come, let the sick come to the Physician, the lost to their Redeemer:*

*let them come, let no one hinder them. Let the Lord bless the small with the great. Let the Physician touch both small and great. The cause of the little ones we commend to their elders. Speak for them who are mute, pray for them who weep. If you are not their elders to no purpose, be their guardians: defend them who are not able yet to manage their own cause.*

(Sermon 115)



**COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS 2025**

Are available for purchase from the parish office. \$10 each. Be sure to receive your copy by contacting us.

**PARISH BAPTISM**

We welcome the family and friends of Dojun Yong & Poppy Shute who are to be baptised in our parish this weekend.



**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

Robert Huggins, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Ronald Seaman, Mito 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

**MASS COLLECTIONS 15/09/2024**

<b>Clergy (Augustinian Community)</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection, CDF & bank deposits.	\$ 682.80
<b>Church (Parish Ministries)</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection .....	\$ 368.45
Envelopes.....	\$ 265.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards \$	180.00
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 700.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	



**COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9.00AM MASS**

After mass at St Thomas Aquinas next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, join us for coffee at Botanical Hotel, 169 Domain Road. All welcome!

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Friday September 27<sup>th</sup> is a public holiday - the parish office will be closed.



**IN LOVING MEMORY**

**Recently Deceased**

✦ Eileen Ingham

**Anniversaries**

- ✦ Kathleen Huggins
- ✦ Elfrida Kiss
- ✦ Savirumuthu Anthony Alfred
- ✦ Lawrence Atley
- ✦ Zilla Fay
- ✦ Anthony Alfred
- ✦ Cristina Cameron



**FRIENDS OF ST. AUGUSTINE** invite you to an evening with Augustine, still speaking to us today through **The Confessions** and more. **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 7p.m.** at the Parish Centre.

**HEALTH OUTREACH CLINIC**



Melbourne University Community Health Alliance and SJOS will hold a Preventative Health Outreach Clinic next

Saturday & Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Sept 2-5pm in the meeting room of the parish centre. Free screenings available include Medicine, Dentistry, Audiology & Optometry.