

GOSPEL

Lk 6: 17, 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

16 FEBRUARY 2025

'BLESSED' ARE YOU ...

Like Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, Luke has Jesus teach his disciples. It occurs on a plain with the teacher surrounded by a great crowd of his disciples and others. We learn that his audience comes from around Judea, even from ancient Syria (Tyre and Sidon, in present-day Lebanon). In Luke, Jesus teaches about the primary qualities of discipleship and warns of the subtle attractions or seductions that compromise that discipleship.

Wealthy and poorer Greco-Romans make up Luke's late first-century Gospel audience, and Luke directs Jesus' words deliberately at them. The first half of his teaching is to those who are economically poor, hungry and grieving. Those are the members of Luke's world who do not have the power or status to respond to their social, economic or personal situation. They are utterly powerless and live, perhaps, on the margins of Luke's Gospel household. God will reverse their status. Luke reminds them that they are 'blessed' by God.

The translation, 'happy are you...' doesn't capture the powerful sense of Jesus' teaching. To be happy is a personal emotive response to good fortune. To be 'blessed' comes from above. This is God's act, God's gift, independent of one's emotional state. Blessedness places one in the realm of the holy. The second half of Jesus' teaching is addressed to those in the Lukan household who are wealthy, have all they need and are dismissively laughing, perhaps at others' misfortune. Their situation will also be reversed. Jesus' words are insightful and sobering. They invite us, contemporary disciples, to identify what we struggle with and what seduces us.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Jer 17: 5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

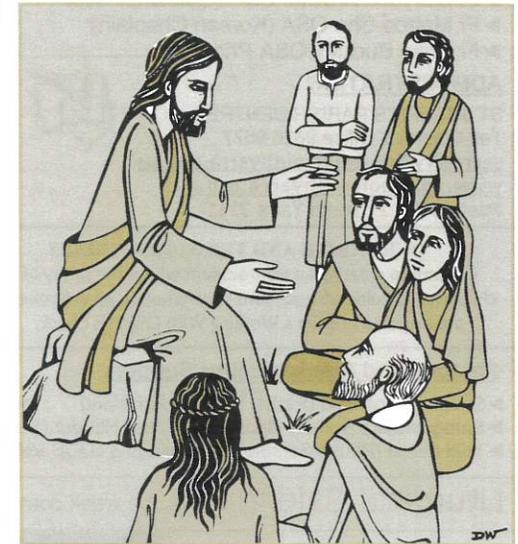
■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 1: 1-4. R. Ps 39: 5

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man / who follows not the counsel of the wicked; / nor lingers in the way of sinners / nor sits in the company of scorners, / but whose delight is the law of the Lord / and who ponders his law day and night. **R.**
2. He is like a tree that is planted / beside the flowing waters, / that yields its fruit in due season / and whose leaves shall never fade; / and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**
3. Not so are the wicked, not so! / For they like winnowed chaff / shall be driven away by the wind. / For the Lord guards the way of the just / but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 6: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!



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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (16 Feb 2025)
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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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

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

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, or by appointment.

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.

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 16th February 2025

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 15 th February	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 16 th February 6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 17 th February St Scholastica		
Tuesday 18 th February 6 th Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 19 th February 6 th Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 20 th February 6 th Week in Ordinary Time	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 21 st February St Peter Damian	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 22 nd February Chair of St Peter	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	

JUBILEE YEAR 2025
 The celebrations for the Holy Year continue this month with the Jubilee of Artists and Jubilee of Volunteers



- EVENTS AND MEETINGS**
- ▶ **Parish Finance Committee:** Tues 18 February
 - ▶ **Parish Council:** Wed 19 Feb 7pm
 - ▶ **Liturgy Committee:** Thurs 20 Feb 6pm
 - ▶ **RCIA** Thursday 20th Feb.
 - ▶ **Children's Liturgy:** Sun 23 Feb 10.30am Mass

AUGUSTINE 'EYES OF THE HEART'



"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God". How foolish, therefore, are those who seek God with their outward eyes, since He is seen with the heart! As it is written elsewhere, 'and in singleness of heart seek Him'. For that is a pure heart which is a single or undivided heart: and just as this light cannot be seen, except with pure eyes, so neither is God seen, unless that is pure by which He can be seen. (from Homily on Sermon on the Mount)

POSITION VACANT- Parish Business Manager

The parish is seeking applications for a part-time permanent role as business manager (20-24 hours a week). Contact the parish office for details. Ph: 9826 9677 E: secretary@parishofsouthyarra.org.au

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. 98269677

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will be held next Sunday 23rd Feb 10.30am. Morning tea will follow.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

- Ellen Allery, Robert Huggins, Gaston Gori, 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, Christine Rodrigues, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Recently Deceased

- ✦ Kathleen Davie ✦ Frederick Roche

Anniversaries

- ✦ Columb Brennan ✦ Patricia Monaghan
- ✦ Florence Greene ✦ Guillermo Cabrera
- ✦ Pauline Poh Ah Ley ✦ Gabrielle England
- ✦ Bill Furneaux ✦ Frank Dennis
- ✦ Antonina Pellicano ✦ Frank Pellicano
- ✦ Gillian Madden ✦ Ciro Rangel

VOLUNTEER WITH OUR QR CODE

Scan this QR code for a direct link to our parish website to access bulletins, the latest news and information on how to get involved in your parish.



NEW KOREAN SUPERIOR

We congratulate Fr Matteo Cho OSA a member of our South Yarra Community and the Korean Chaplain at Mount Waverley, who has been newly-appointed as Superior of the Augustinians in Korea.

MASS COLLECTIONS 9/02/2025

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.	\$ 680.30
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 362.90
Envelopes.....	\$ 125.35
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards....	\$1275.00
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 430.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

PARISH BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome the family and friends of Jonte Capogreco and Sophie Leddra, who are to be baptised in our parish.



COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9.00AM MASS

After mass at St Thomas Aquinas next Sunday 23rd February, join us for coffee at Botanical Hotel, 169 Domain Road. All welcome!

