

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Lk 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

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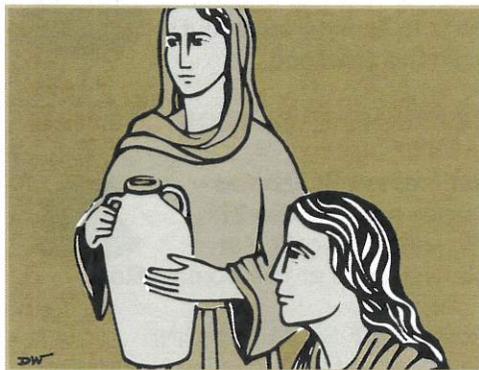
Lk 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.*

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Breaking Open the Word

## A GOOD PART

Today's story seems to affirm the contemplative life (symbolised by Mary sitting at Jesus' feet and listening to him) over the active life (represented by a preoccupied Martha). This classic interpretation sets the two women at odds with each other. However, placed in the context of Luke's missionary and ministry-concerned world, something else is going on. The scene is set in *Martha's* house. She is the leader of the house and, conceivably, the representative in Luke's household Jesus-gatherings.

The issue that concerns Mary, and Luke's audience, is not helped by our English translation. Three translation corrections are necessary. (1) Martha being 'distracted with all the serving...' is better translated as Martha being 'taken up with much *ministry* (Greek, *diakonia*) ....' (2) Martha's question to Jesus, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself?' is better translated, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me alone to minister (Greek, *diakonein*)?' (3) Rather than Jesus saying to Martha that Mary 'has chosen the *better* part...' the Greek has Jesus saying that Mary 'has chosen a *good* part'. Interpretations (1) and (2) suggest that a real concern surfacing in Luke's world is about *ministry*. Interpretation (3) indicates that there is no competition between Mary and Martha.

Both actions, Martha's *diakonical* concerns and Mary's focus on Jesus' word, are important, the second not to be devalued. It is 'a good part'. These same issues preoccupy us: a concern about future ministry while focussing on Jesus' word.

Fr Michael Trainor



# THE SAVING WORD

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

20 JULY 2025

## FIRST READING

Gen 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

*Lord, do not bypass your servant.*

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent', he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

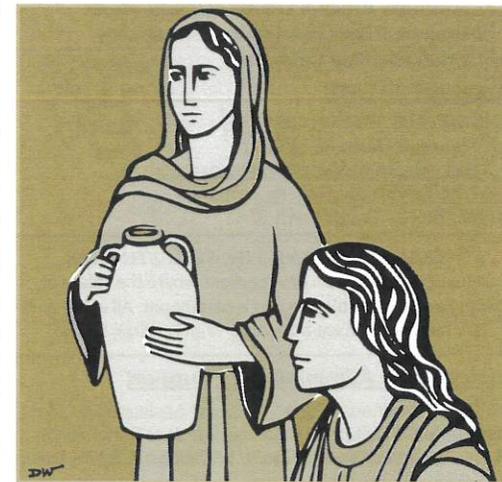
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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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; / he who does not slander with his tongue. **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

Col 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.*

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

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**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year 20 July 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 Francis Park OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ 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) ▶ Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Joel Sanchez (St Joseph's Outreach Services: Mon, Tues, Sat)
- ▶ 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: 5.10pm – 5.40pm, or by appointment.

**ANOINTING / HEALING MASS**

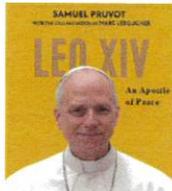
(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

**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 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July St Lawrence of Brindisi		
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July St Mary Magdalene	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July St Bridget	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> July St Sharbel Mahkluf	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> July St James	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> July Sts Joachim & Anne	9.00am Mass	



**NEW BOOK ON SALE – LEO XIV "APOSTLE OF PEACE"**

Following the successful launch of the book on the new Pope Leo XIV we are happy to offer copies of the book to parishioners through the office or at the church on Sundays. Paperback edition \$25 (hard cover \$35)

**EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- ▶ Children's Liturgy & Morning Tea: 27 July
- ▶ STA Coffee after Mass: Sun 27 July

**POPE LEO – 'A COMPASSIONATE GOD'**



"The Gospel constantly challenges us to think about our own lives. It troubles our dormant or distracted consciences and warns us about the risk of a complacent faith that is satisfied with the outward

observance of the law but incapable of feeling and acting with the same merciful compassion as God.

If we realize deep down that Christ loves us and cares for us, we too will be moved to love in the same way and to become compassionate as he is. Once we are healed and loved by Christ, we too can become witnesses of his love and compassion in our world.

Do we look and walk by others, or do we open our hearts? Are we content at times merely to do our duty, or to regard as our neighbour only those who are part of our group, who think like us, who share our same nationality or religion?" (Pope Leo XIV Homily on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025)

**COMMEMORATIVE TEASPOONS**

Teaspoons to commemorate the Holy Year and the Papal election of Leo XIV are available from the parish office for the price of \$25 a set of two.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY & MORNING TEA**

All families with young children invited to come to St Joseph's 10.30am Mass next Sunday 27 July. All welcome to morning tea in the coffee room following mass.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Ellen Allery, Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Anne Rigg, Mitos Gloudemans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zaio, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan, Rosie Gucciardo, Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto.



**IN LOVING MEMORY**



**Recently Deceased  
Anniversaries**

- ✦ Jack Maher
- ✦ Granville De Souza
- ✦ Madeleine Anderson
- ✦ Mary (Ward) Breheny
- ✦ Maeve Reardon
- ✦ Anne Kelly
- ✦ Albert Netto
- ✦ Janet Bradford
- ✦ P.A. Guruswamy

**JUBILEE TIME CAPSULE PROJECT**



In conjunction with the 2025 Holy Year, we are preparing a time capsule to be used to conserve significant objects reflecting our parish

community at the present time and to be sealed and reopened in 2050. Ideas and suggestions are welcome.



**PARISH BAPTISM**

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



**COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9.00AM MASS 27 JULY**

After mass at St Thomas Aquinas next Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July, join us for coffee at Botanical hotel at 169 Domain Rd.



**FRIENDS OF ST AUGUSTINE**

The Friends of St Augustine Newsletter "Amici" is available in churches this weekend.

**MASS COLLECTIONS 13/07/2025**

<b>Clergy (Augustinian Community)</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection, CDF & bank deposits.....	\$ 709.60
<b>Church (Parish Ministries)</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection .....	\$ 332.00
Envelopes.....	\$ 60.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...	\$ 830.00
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 306.00

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