

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

10 AUGUST 2025

made to him and he had been told: it is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

■ The word of the Lord.

Shorter form Heb 11:1-2, 8-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 24:42,44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 12:32-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form Lk 12:32-48

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BE ALERT

Luke's audience consists of people who are wealthy and those who are poorer, from the lower rung of the social ladder. The evangelist's focus is frequently on those of comfortable and wealthy status. This is presumed in today's reading. This Gospel passage follows immediately from last Sunday's. Luke continues to reflect on the themes of wealth and the disciple's attentiveness to God. Jesus reminds Luke's audience that God wants to offer the Kingdom to all. It is not restrictive. But there is one barrier for its reception: wealth and greed—a theme noted last Sunday. Disciples are encouraged to be generous and respond tangibly to the needs of the poor, encouragement that is at the heart of Catholic social teaching.

A second theme emerges: besides generosity, disciples must also remember Jesus' *Parousia*, his coming at the end of time. This perspective is not to be forgotten, though perhaps some in the Lukan household had done so. The example are householders being alert to the master's eventual arrival after a wedding or to a burglar who might smash through the house's mud brick walls. Alertness is thus key. It will surface again later in the Gospel when the disciples are told in Gethsemane to 'keep awake!' Luke promises that such existential alertness will be substantially rewarded.

For ourselves, too, today's Gospel is a spiritually healthy reminder. As we gather around the Lord's Table, we are encouraged to an alertness for the Lord's coming at the end of time. The acclamation after the words of Institution in the Eucharistic Prayer echoes this.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; / for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. / They are happy, whose God is the Lord, / the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance



given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been



19th Sunday of the Year 10 August 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
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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) ▶ 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 10th August 2025

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 9 th August	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 10 th August 10 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 11 th August St Clare		
Tuesday 12 th August St Jane Frances de Chantal	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 13 th August St Pontian & Hippolytus	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 14 th August St Maximillian Kolbe	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 15 th August Assumption of Mary	10am Mass 7pm Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 16 th August St Stephen of Hungary	9.00am Mass	

2025 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

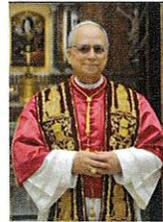
Brochures outlining the Archbishop's Campaign are available in the foyer this weekend. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports a variety Catholic community agencies and service organisations. Please offer your support.



EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ **First Communion Classes:** Saturday 10am
- ▶ **Finance Committee** – 4pm Aug 12th
- ▶ **Parish Council** – August 13th. 7pm.
- ▶ **Enquiries** about the Catholic faith welcome.
- ▶ **Feast of St Augustine** Celebration: 24th Aug
- ▶ **SJOS AGM:** 31st Aug 11.30am

POPE LEO – “THE SEARCH FOR GOD”



“Saint Augustine, reflecting on his intense search for God, asked himself: “What, then, is the object of our hope? Is it something that comes from the earth, such as gold, silver, trees, crops, or water? These

things are pleasing, these things are beautiful, these things are good” “Seek the one who made them, he is your hope”. Thinking of his own journey, Augustine continues, “You [Lord] were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you now, I hunger and thirst for more; you touched me, and I burned for your peace”. (Leo XIV Homily for Jubilee Mass for Young People)

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY



In Australia we celebrate the **Feast of the Assumption** as a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be three masses in the parish this Friday 15th

August at 10am & 7pm St Joseph's, and at 12.45pm St Thomas' Church

PARISH BAPTISM

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



IN LOVING MEMORY



Recently Deceased

- ✦ Most Rev Peter Elliott

Anniversaries

- ✦ Gregory Sheehan
- ✦ Chris Maher
- ✦ Giuseppe Tesoriero
- ✦ Nancy O'Flynn
- ✦ Leontina Aravena
- ✦ Aida Araya
- ✦ Anita D'Andrea
- ✦ Albert Netto
- ✦ Romeo Castor
- ✦ Agustín Jorquera
- ✦ Enrique Gamboa
- ✦ Gianni Di Monti

JUBILEE TIME CAPSULE PROJECT



In conjunction with the 2025 Holy Year, we are preparing a parish time capsule to be



used to conserve significant objects reflecting our parish community to be reopened in 2050. Any ideas and suggestions are welcome.

BOOK – LEO XIV APOSTLE OF PEACE

Copies of the new book on the Pope are again available in the parish. Paperback \$25 and hard cover \$35.

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.

MASS COLLECTIONS 3/08/2025

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.....	\$ 630.00
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 540.80
Envelopes.....	\$ 285.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards....	\$ 1220.00
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 273.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

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, David Mills, Michael.