

Second Reading

2 Tim 4:1-8

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching.

For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths.

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do an evangelist's work, carry out your ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

✠ **The word of the Lord**

Prayer of Saint Augustine

*O God, always the same,
let me know myself,
let me know You.
(Soliloquies)*



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one has greater love than this, than to lay down one's life for one's friends. **Alleluia!**



Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said: "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command.

I no longer call you servants, because servants do not know their master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father, I have made known to you.

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other."

✠ **The Gospel of the Lord**

FEAST OF ST MONICA & ST AUGUSTINE

AUGUST 2025

Augustine was born in North Africa in 354 to a Christian mother Monica and a pagan father. After his conversion he became one of the most influential figures in the early Church through his writings and zeal for the Christian life. He died 28 Aug 430.



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First Reading

Acts 2: 42-47

The believers remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the community, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers.

And everyone was filled with awe; the apostles worked many signs and miracles.

And all who shared the faith owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and distributed the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

Each day, with one heart, they regularly went to the temple but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone.

Day by day, the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

✠ **The word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 84

R: Happy is the one who dwells in the house of the Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. **R.**

The sparrow herself finds a home and the swallow a nest for her brood; she lays her young by your altars, Lord of hosts, my king and my God. **R.**

They are happy who dwell in your house, forever singing your praise. They are happy whose strength is in you, in whose hearts are the roads to Zion. **R.**

One day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. The threshold of the house of God I prefer to the dwellings of the wicked. **R.**



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 24th August 2025

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 23rd August	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 24th August 21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Childrens' Liturgy	9.00am Mass
Monday 25th August St Joseph Calasanz		
Tuesday 26th August Martyrs of Monastery of Gafsa	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 27th August St Monica	11am Funeral Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 28th August St Augustine	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 29th August Passion of St John the Baptist	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 30th August 21 st Week in Ordinary Time	9.00am Mass	

FEASTS OF SAINT AUGUSTINE AUG. 28 & SAINT MONICA AUG. 27

This mother and son from ancient times continue to inspire us by their deep ties of faith as well as blood. In his Confessions Augustine vividly describes their shared mystical experience, a moment almost unique in Christian literature. Monica is the patron of all mothers.



EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ **First Communion Classes:** Saturday 10am
- ▶ **Catholic Faith Enquiry Night** Sept 11th 7pm
- ▶ **Feast of St Augustine** Celebration: 24th Aug
- ▶ **SJOS AGM:** 31st Aug 11.30am
- ▶ **Coffee Time St Thomas':** 31 Aug after Mass

AUGUSTINE – "TOGETHER IN CHRIST"



"What then do I desire? What do I ask? Why do I speak? Why am I here? Why do I live? With no other purpose than that we may live together with Christ. This is my desire, my honour, my glory, and my rich treasure. But even if you do not heed me, I shall not keep silent hoping to save my own soul. I do not ask to be saved without you." (Sermon 17,12)

AUGUSTINIAN APPEAL

The annual appeal to support the works of the Augustinians will be conducted this weekend focussing on the mission on Vietnam. Your donation goes to help us pay for the education of young Augustinian priests. Envelopes are available in our churches for your use.



REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10.30AM MASS

All welcome to join us for refreshments this Sunday after 10.30am Mass to celebrate the feast of St Augustine and the wonderful presence of the Augustinian priests in our parish.

FUNERAL FOR YVONNE BOLLAND

The Funeral Mass for Yvonne Bolland will be held in St Joseph's Church on Wednesday 27th August 11am. May she rest in peace.
Please note: No 10am mass on that day.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

CHILDRENS' LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children are invited to their own special liturgy this Sunday 24th August 10.30am.

FAREWELL FR MARYDAS



We wish Fr Marydas well as he leaves us for well-earned holidays in his homeland. We pray the time with family and friends will be restful and that he will be renewed and in good health to resume his ministry in the time ahead.

KOREAN COMMUNITY CHOIR

We welcome the Korean Catholic Choir from Mt Waverley who will enhance our liturgy at St Joseph's 10.30am mass this Sunday.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Recently Deceased

- ✦ Yvonne Bolland
- ✦ Claire Conquest ✦ Thomas Chong

Anniversaries

- ✦ Maria Tesoriero ✦ Pat Moriarty
- ✦ Diosdada Perez ✦ Gregory Sheehan
- ✦ John Allery ✦ Tom Barry
- ✦ Luisity Cruz ✦ Matea Hernandez Cruz
- ✦ Chaille Lansell ✦ George Abraham
- ✦ Elizabeth McCarty ✦ Emmanuel Kim
- ✦ Antonia Rozman

SJOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Next Sunday 31 August 11.30am in the parish centre coffee room. All welcome.
RSVP: info@sjos.org.au

PARISH BAPTISM

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



MASS COLLECTIONS 17/08/2025

Clergy (Augustinian Community)
1st Collection, CDF & bank deposits... \$ 522.90
Church (Parish Ministries)
2nd Collection \$ 27435
Envelopes..... \$ 50.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards... \$ 635.50
Tap Point Terminals..... \$ 180.00
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