

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

3 AUGUST 2025

WHAT IS TRULY IMPORTANT

Unfortunately, arguments do sometimes happen within families on the death of a family member. These often revolve around property, ownership and how the Will is divided. Family disputes are not unknown. The same occurred in Luke's day.

Today's Gospel begins with the dispute between two brothers over an inheritance claim. One of them wants Jesus to arbitrate. But Jesus moves the issue to the deeper level of encounter. He names it as greed. The wisdom that emerges is that human security is never guaranteed by property ownership or possessions. This is a familiar theme in Luke's Gospel. It is an issue among those whom Luke addresses. Reading behind the lines of today's Gospel, the evangelist responds to concerns about wealth, greed, inheritance disputes and inner tensions.

The second part of the Gospel explores these issues further: A farmer decides to build bigger barns to store his harvest. But what he has forgotten is that he is not the one responsible for the bumper harvest. It is the earth. In his avariciousness he has lost his ecological connectedness. Greed blurs his spiritual vision and sensitivity to God's earth. The farmer seeks rather a life of ease and comfort. The evangelist reminds the Gospel's audience to keep things in perspective. The disciple's real focus is on one's soul and relationship with God. Today's Gospel is a sobering reminder of what is truly important.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Ecl 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust / and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' / To your eyes a thousand years / are like yesterday, come and gone, / no more than a watch in the night. **R.**
2. You sweep men away like a dream, / like grass which springs up in the morning. / In the morning it springs up and flowers: / by evening it withers and fades. **R.**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life / that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to your servants. **R.**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Col 3:1-5,9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that



are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

■ The word of the Lord.



18th Sunday of the Year 3 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
- ▶ 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 3rd August 2025

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 2 nd August	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 3 rd August 18 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 4 th August St John Vianney		
Tuesday 5 th August Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major	10am Anointing/Healing Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 6 th August Transfiguration of the Lord	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 7 th August St Sixtus 11 & Companions	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 8 th August St Mary of the Cross MacKillop	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 9 th August St Theresa Benedicta of the Cross	9.00am Mass	



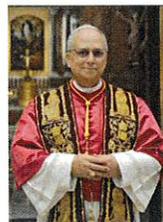
NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 3rd to 10th AUG

In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ **First Communion Classes:** Saturday 10am
- ▶ **Parish Council** – August 13th. 7pm.
- ▶ **Enquiries** about the Catholic faith welcome.

POPE LEO – “THE CARE OF CREATION”



“Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience” (*Laudato Si’, 217*).’ By working with

love and perseverance, we can sow many seeds of justice and thus contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope. It may well take years for this plant to bear its first fruits, years that, for their part, involve an entire ecosystem made up of continuity, fidelity, cooperation and love, especially if that love mirrors the Lord’s own self-sacrificing Love.” (*Pope Leo XIV Message for Day of Prayer for Creation*)

ANOINTING MASS 5th AUGUST

The monthly Mass of Healing or Anointing will be celebrated this Tuesday August 5th at St. Joseph’s Church. All parishioners wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome.



PARISH BAPTISM

We welcome the family and friends of Louis Mann & Rowan Wilsdon who are to be baptised in our parish this weekend.



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 Gannon

IN LOVING MEMORY



Recently Deceased

- ✦ Jacky Worthington
- ✦ Alcina Ricardo ✦ Elsie Valmorbidia

Anniversaries

- ✦ Anita D’Andrea ✦ Alan Chan
- ✦ Olga Lang ✦ Luis Aravena
- ✦ Leonor Jara ✦ Lidia Morales
- ✦ Ambrose Ryder ✦ Anne Morton

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.

2025 ARCHBISHOP’S CAMPAIGN

We are asked to donate to the Archbishop’s Campaign to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Envelopes and brochures with more information are available in the church.

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.

FEAST OF ST MARY MACKILLOP

This Friday the Church celebrates the feast of our Australian Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Masses at 10am and 12.45pm



MASS COLLECTIONS 27/07/2025

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.....	\$ 652.55
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 346.00
Envelopes.....	\$ 110.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...\$	685.00
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 170.00
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