

GOSPEL

Lk 14:1, 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

MEAL-TEACHINGS

Today's opening Gospel verse sets the scene for what will unfold. It is a Sabbath, a day of rest when Israelites emulate the action of God in the creation story in Genesis 1. A meal now provides this for Jesus. What follows is in two parts.

The first is an analysis of social structure and hierarchy in Luke's day. Jesus notices how some presume to sit in the places of honour. They presume entitlement. We are in a world where one of the most important social dynamics concerns the importance of 'honour' and 'shame.' Honour is a publicly recognised value by which people are confirmed or grow in their social standing; shame is its antithesis. Honour is a limited commodity which is either inherited or acquired. Those who 'shame' another grow in honour. Luke's Jesus uses this social dynamic to reflect on self-exaltation and humility: 'Those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted'.

The second part of today's Gospel further explores what happens at meals. The common expectation would be to host a meal with one's friends and people of similar social standing. Jesus upends such meal etiquette. Rather than inviting social equals he encourages meal invitees to be the poor and those from the lower echelons. Payment for such graciousness will occur in the time of resurrection. These meal-teachings from Luke's day, of humility and welcoming of the poor, continue to speak to us today.

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

31 AUGUST 2025

FIRST READING

Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Sirach

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. cf. v. 11

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, / they shall exult and dance for joy. / O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; / rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, / such is God in his holy place. / God gives the lonely a home to live in; / he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: / when your people were starved you gave them new life. / It was there that your people found a home, / prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**



SECOND READING

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

MT 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!



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22nd Sunday of the Year 31 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

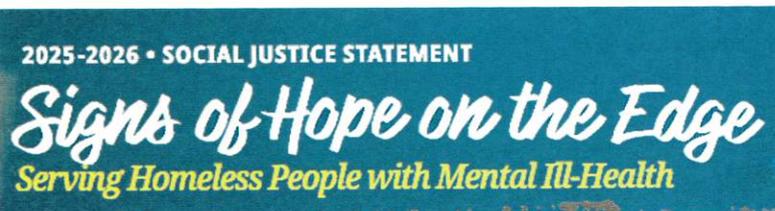
(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

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 31st August 2025

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 30th August	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 31st August 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 1st September 22 nd Week in Ordinary Time		
Tuesday 2nd September 22 nd Week in Ordinary Time	10am Anointing/Healing Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 3rd September St Gregory the Great	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 4th September Mary, Mother of Consolation	11am Funeral Mass (No 10am Mass)	12.45pm Mass
Friday 5th September Spring Ember Day	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 6th September 22 nd Week in Ordinary Time	9.00am Mass	



EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ **First Communion Classes:** Saturday 10am
- ▶ **Catholic Faith Enquiry Night** Sept 11th 7pm
- ▶ **SJOS AGM:** 31st Aug 11.30am
- ▶ **Coffee Time St Thomas':** 31 Aug after Mass
- ▶ **Anointing Mass:** Tues 2 Sept 10am

AUGUSTINE – “OUR ONE TRUE HOME”



“Our Lord’s words teach us that though we labour among the many distractions of this world, we should have but one goal. For we are but travellers on a journey without as yet a fixed abode;

we are on our way, not yet in our native land; we are in a state of longing, not yet of enjoyment. But let us continue on our way, and continue without sloth or respite, so that we may ultimately arrive at our destination.” (Sermon 103,1)



AUGUSTINIAN APPEAL

A very sincere thank you for your generous donations last weekend to support the works of the

Augustinians. Donations may still be made by cash, credit card, direct deposit or by scanning this QR Code. Envelopes are available in churches.



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2025

This year’s Social Justice Statement, “*Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving People Living in Homelessness and Mental Ill-Health*” provides a picture of what life is like for people living in homelessness and mental ill-health and the difficulty in providing adequate support for them. A Link to the document is online or on our website.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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’Cruz, Joanna Howe, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zaio, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan, Rosie Gucciardo, Michael, & Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto, David Mills.

IN LOVING MEMORY



Recently Deceased

- * Margaret Maroney
- * Bridie Costello * Josie Lenihan

Anniversaries

- * Patricia Monaghan * Neil O’Leary
- * Jose-Luis Cid * Isabel Cid
- * John Monaghan * Dominic Vecci
- * Donnell Ryan * Johnny Carroll
- * Ratko Jevic * Eithne Galvin

KOREAN COMMUNITY CHOIR

Thank you to the Korean Catholic Choir from Mt Waverley who enhanced our liturgy at St Joseph’s 10.30am mass last Sunday.

SJOS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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

ANOINTING MASS SEPTEMBER 2

The monthly mass of Healing or Anointing will be held this Tuesday 2nd September 10am at St Joseph’s church.

MASS COLLECTIONS 24/08/2025

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits...	\$ 869.80
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 394.55
Envelopes	\$ 141.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...	\$1060.60
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 285.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

2025 ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has already made a pledge or if you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. Envelopes are in our churches.

COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9.00AM MASS 31 AUGUST

After mass at St Thomas Aquinas this Sunday 31st August join us for coffee at Botanical hotel at 169 Domain Rd.



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Next Sunday Sept 7th we celebrate Safeguarding Sunday and renew of parish commitment to child protection.