

Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

16 NOVEMBER 2025

GOD'S PROTECTIVE PROMISE

Last Sunday we commemorated the *Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*. The Gospel then was from John with Jesus cleansing the Temple and its precincts, restoring it as the rightful abode of God's presence and holiness. Today's Gospel, continuing our liturgical journey with Luke, touches again on the theme of the Temple. But this time, Jesus anticipates its destruction and then springboards Gospel listeners into a sermon on the end-time. The Gospel theme prepares us for the final Sundays of the year before the new liturgical year, Year A and Matthew's Gospel, commences in two weeks' time with the beginning of Advent.

Today's Gospel is complex and often misunderstood. It requires careful explanation. Our selection comes from Luke's 'apocalyptic' chapter. Here the evangelist draws on Mk 13 but reshapes it in the light of the audience's experience and memory of Jerusalem's destruction by Rome in 70 CE. This experience is retrojected on to Jesus' teaching seeming to prophesy its destruction. In Jesus' day the Temple was still standing; by the time Luke writes, Jerusalem and its Temple are already destroyed.

Luke's apocalyptic teaching acknowledges the struggle of Jesus' faithful followers living generations after Jesus' public ministry, assuring them of God's comforting presence, warning them not to be carried away by messianic pretenders, and encouraging their patient endurance in all that unfolds. The last words of the Gospel contain the essence of God's protective promise: '...not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.' We, too, lean into these words amid our struggles today.

Fr Michael Trainor

will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master', they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived', he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he", and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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FIRST READING

Mal 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:5-9. R. cf. v. 9

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp / with the sound of music. / With trumpets and the sound of the horn / acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; / the world, and all its peoples. / Let the rivers clap their hands / and the hills ring out their joy / at the presence of the Lord. **R.**

3. For the Lord comes, / he comes to rule the earth. / He will rule the world with justice / and the peoples with fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Thess 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.



We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 21:5-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th Nov 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
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- ▶ 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 16th November 2025

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 15 th November	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 16 th November 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 17 th November St Elizabeth of Hungary		
Tuesday 18 th November Sts Peter & Paul Basilicas	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 19 th November 33 rd Week in Ordinary Time	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 20 th November 33 rd Week in Ordinary Time	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary	10am Remembrance Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 22 nd November St Cecilia	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	

TODAY IS THE WORLD DAY OF THE POOR. "YOU ARE MY HOPE!"

It offers us an opportunity to renew our solidarity with those who are poor in our own community and across the world. In his message for the World Day of the Poor, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that "the poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel."



EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ **RCIA Meeting:** Thursday Nov 27th 7pm
- ▶ **Parish BBQ:** Sun 23 Nov 11.45am
- ▶ **Remembrance Mass:** Fri 21st Nov 10am

St. AUGUSTINE ON THE POOR CHRIST

"I hear the groaning of the poor and their blaming the bad times. I would relieve if I could the cause of their groans. Do we not all see these things with our eyes? Are they not of daily occurrence? Now look at Him who, being rich, made Himself poor for us. All things were made by Him, and without Him nothing was made.

He was despised, scourged, mocked, scorned, struck, crowned with thorns, hung upon a tree, pierced by a lance. Oh, what poverty! See here the Head of those poor whom I am seeking. Of Him we find the true poor to be members." (Sermon 14,1)



PARISH BBQ SUNDAY NOV 23

To assist with catering for the BBQ next Sunday, please buy tickets this week.

Adult Ticket - \$15
 Family Ticket - \$30
 (2 Parents + 2

Children). Raffle tickets are available this weekend. 3 tickets for \$5.

NOVEMBER MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

On Friday 21st November at 10am in St



Joseph's Church and prayers afterwards in the Tolentine Memorial Garden to remember those commemorated in the garden and all deceased

parishioners. All are welcome to attend.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ellen Allery, Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, June Cochrane, Anne Rigg, Mitos Gludemans, 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, Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto, David Mills, Andrea Dreher.

IN LOVING MEMORY



Recently Deceased

- ✦ Ward Keebaugh ✦ Maria Iraci

Anniversaries

- ✦ Joseph Dunne ✦ Anne England
- ✦ Tony Dawson ✦ Kenneth Tai
- ✦ Karen Marshall ✦ Ophelia Santiago
- ✦ John Martin ✦ Bianca Jones
- ✦ Natalie Giofre

NEW BOOK ON POPE LEO XIV



Fr David Austin OSA launches a book on the new Augustinian Pope from an Australian perspective at our BBQ Nov. 23rd (Priced at \$20)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Members of Progetto Corelli will perform a concert - "Pastorale" in St Joseph's 3pm Sunday 7th Dec. Admission by donation for parishioners.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REPORT



Our November meeting focussed on the coming Parish BBQ, the parish time capsule and the closing of the Holy Year. We looked ahead to

various celebrations in 2026, including the 50th anniversary of the Augustinians in South Yarra. Some important dates were noted for next year.

MASS COLLECTIONS 9/11/2025

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits...	\$ 886.15
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 547.80
Envelopes.....	\$ 140.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...	\$1340.00
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 265.00

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