

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven  
and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the  
mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mt 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew.

*Such was said to your ancestors; but I say to you.*

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your  
virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes  
and Pharisees, you will never get into the  
kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our  
ancestors; You must not kill; and if anyone does  
kill he must answer for it before the court. But  
I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his  
brother will answer for it before the court;

'You have learnt how it was said: You must  
not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a  
man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already  
committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our  
ancestors: You must not break your oath, but  
must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say  
to you: do not swear at all. All you need say  
is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no;  
anything more than this comes from the evil  
one.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

*Longer form 5:17-37*

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

15 FEBRUARY 2026

## HONOURING THE TORAH

As we continue to hear Jesus' teaching in  
Matthew's 'Sermon on the Mount', we now  
move into a very Jewish-oriented section.  
Matthew's audience were Jewish followers  
of Jesus. They were very familiar with the  
teachings of the Old Testament, from the  
Torah (the 'Law') and the Prophets. Jesus now  
reflects on these teachings stressing that he has  
come, not to abolish them, but to 'complete  
them'. In other words, Matthew is not  
rejecting the Jewish teaching heritage of the  
audience but deepening it. This preservation  
and honouring of the Torah is central in Jesus'  
teaching.

In fact, the one who keeps and teaches others  
the injunctions of the Torah will be regarded as  
'great' in God's Kingdom. Matthew moves to  
explicate some of the key moral injunctions of  
the Torah. Each begins with the same formula:  
'You have learnt how it was said to our  
ancestors...' Then follows Jesus' interpretation  
of the Torah for Matthew's Jewish listeners.  
It is important to note how this teaching is  
presented. The usual translation has '...But I  
say to you...' This is not what the Greek text  
has. There is no contrast, no 'but', between  
what the ancients said and what Jesus teaches.  
There is no contrast between the old (the  
Torah) and the new (Jesus' teaching), and no  
rejection of Judaism or its ancient wisdom  
summed up on the Torah.

Jesus deepens the meaning behind these  
different aspects of Jewish law concerning  
murder, adultery and oath-breaking, getting  
to the heart of each. Undergirding each is  
the invitation to integrity of relationships.  
This, too, is the invitation to us, to live with  
a wholeness of being to others, God and the  
world.

Fr Michael Trainor

## FIRST READING

Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Sirach

*He never commanded anyone to be godless.*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,  
to behave faithfully is within your power.  
He has set fire and water before you;  
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.  
Man has life and death before him;  
whichever a man likes better will be given him.  
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;  
he is almighty and all-seeing.  
His eyes are on those who fear him,  
he notes every action of man.  
He never commanded anyone to be godless,  
he has given no one permission to sin.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. R. v. 1

**R.** Happy are they who follow the law of  
the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, /  
who follow God's law! / They are happy those  
who do his will, / seeking him with all their  
hearts. **R.**
2. You have laid down your precepts / to be  
obeyed with care. / May my footsteps be firm /  
to obey your statutes. **R.**
3. Bless your servant and I shall live / and  
obey your word. / Open my eyes that I may  
consider / the wonders of your law. **R.**
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes /  
and I will keep them to the end. / Train me  
to observe your law, / to keep it with my  
heart. **R.**

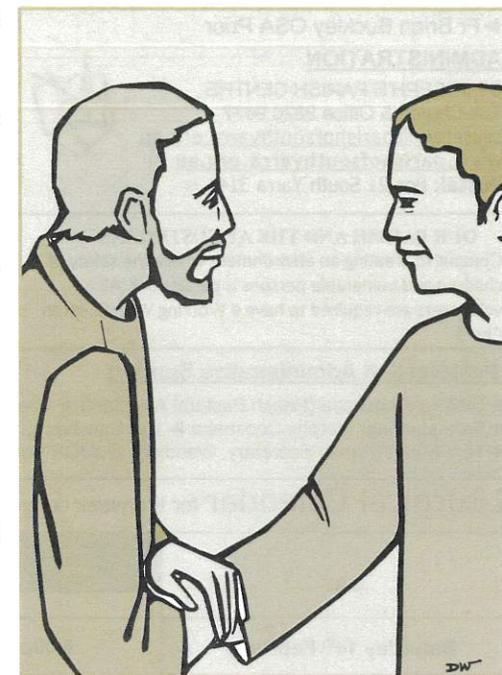
## SECOND READING

1 Cor 2:6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to  
the Corinthians

*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the  
ages began.*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have  
reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age,



it is true, still less of the masters of our age,  
which are coming to their end. The hidden  
wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries  
is the wisdom that God predestined to be for  
our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom  
that none of the masters of this age have ever  
known, or they would not have crucified the  
Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls:  
the things that no eye has seen and no ear has  
heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that  
God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has  
revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit  
reaches the depths of everything, even the  
depths of God.

### ■ The word of the Lord.



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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026**  
**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 Francis Park OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

**ADMINISTRATION**

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**MORNING TEA & CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass  
 Fourth Sunday of the month.  
 (except school holidays and long weekends)  
 St Thomas Aquinas – Morning Tea - last Sunday of the month following 9am Mass

**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.

**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)

**Liturgical Calendar** for the week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>6.00pm Vigil Mass</b>	
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	<b>10.30am Mass</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time		
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b> Asian Lunar New Year	<b>10am Mass</b>	<b>12.45pm Mass</b>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b> Ash Wednesday	<b>10am Mass</b> <b>7.00pm Mass</b>	<b>12.45pm Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>10am Mass</b>	<b>12.45pm Mass</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>10am Mass</b>	<b>12.45pm Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>6.00pm Mass</b>	

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REPORT**

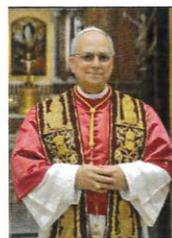
At our first meeting for 2026 we focussed on Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season, Parish AGM and St Joseph's Feast Day celebration on 15<sup>th</sup> March and the celebrations on 20-22 March for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the arrival in South Yarra of Augustinian priests. New council membership is also a priority.



**EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- ▶ **RCIA:** Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> February 7pm.
- ▶ **Children's Liturgy:** Sun 22 Feb 10.30am SJ
- ▶ **Parish AGM:** Sun 15<sup>th</sup> March 11.45am
- ▶ **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations** 20-22 March

**POPE LEO XIV: FIDELITY AND THE FUTURE**



"I give thanks to the Lord who is always close to his people and walks with us, filling our hearts with the hope and peace that are to be taken to everyone. I would like that our first great desire be for a united

Church, a sign of unity and communion, which becomes a leaven for a reconciled world. I thank all of you, priests and lay faithful, who are prepared, collectively, to draw nourishment and inspiration for the journey of the Church." (A Fidelity that Generates the Future.)

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES**



The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 18<sup>th</sup> February and we will celebrate three masses in the parish at

**10am and 7pm at St Joseph's and 12.45pm St Thomas Aquinas.**



This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Project Compassion. Donation boxes and envelopes are at the church doors, or you can use the QR code.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, 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 Zai, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan, Rosie Gucciardo, Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto, David Mills, Andrea Dreher, Greg Sutton, Charles, Tom Greene, Brian Young, Mara Babic.

**MASS COLLECTIONS 8/02/2026**

**Clergy (Augustinian Community)**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Collection, CDF & bank deposits... \$ 923.25  
**Church (Parish Ministries)**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection ..... \$ 496.20  
 Envelopes..... \$ 60.00  
 Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...\$1155.00.  
 Tap Point Terminals..... \$ 535.00  
*Thank you for your generosity*



**IN LOVING MEMORY**

**Recently Deceased**  
 ✦ Leo Monichino  
**Anniversaries**



- ✦ Columb Brennan
- ✦ Florence Greene
- ✦ Antonina Pellicano
- ✦ Kathleen Davie
- ✦ Geraldine Augustus
- ✦ Margarita Aravena
- ✦ Nelson Jorquera
- ✦ Patricia Monaghan
- ✦ Frank Dennis
- ✦ Frank Pellicano
- ✦ Frederick Roche
- ✦ Joshua Perera
- ✦ Guillermo Jorquera

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN**



If you know someone who would like to know more about the Catholic faith, please contact the Parish office for more details. 9826 9677

**PARISH BAPTISMS**

This weekend we welcome the family and friends of Valencia Serra who is to be baptised in our parish.



**FRIENDS OF ST AUGUSTINE**

**Pope Leo's election highlights the importance of Augustinian spirituality.**  
 Learn more - On Tuesday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm when *Friends of St Augustine*, South Yarra come together in the Archive Room. Parish Centre. Contact Judith Duncan 0417 309 747 or Mary McCormick 0419 134 075

**AGM SUBMISSIONS**

Parishioners wishing to have any matter discussed at the AGM are required to submit such matter in writing to the secretary of the PPC no less than 14 days prior to the AGM.