

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15: 26-27

Alleluia, alleluia! / The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, / and you also will be my witnesses. / Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mt 10: 26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Do not fear those who can kill the body.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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## DIVINE PRESENCE

The instruction to the Twelve that concluded last Sunday's Gospel continues today. Again, the Gospel offers us a missionary mandate and insight. The mission is essentially optimistic because 'everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear.' No way of life for the disciples, of their missionary commitment and engagement will be lost. It may appear to be covered and hidden but, ultimately and eventually, God's goodness and the work of the 'kin-dom' will be revealed. No longer will the message of the Gospel be spoken in the dark or whispered. It will be proclaimed from the housetops!

The affirmation of the fruitfulness of the missionary task spills over into the way God will care for those on mission—and this is what is addressed also to us: We are looked after by God, in every detail of our lives. As Matthew puts it in the final verses of today's Gospel, Jesus will affirm us before God.

There is one translation point worth noting in today's Gospel. What is translated about God's care of even the sparrows, which is translated as 'yet not one falls to the ground without your Father *knowing*', is better and more accurately translated, 'and not one of them falls to the earth *without your Father*'. It is not about God's knowledge of the falling sparrow, it is the very *presence* of God accompanying the falling or dying sparrow that is affirmed. That same God accompanies us. There is nothing in our life that happens without God's presence intimately caring for us. God is joined to us in intimate care and accompaniment. This God we celebrate today in our liturgy!

Fr Michael Trainor

## FIRST READING

Jer 20: 10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.*

Jeremiah said:

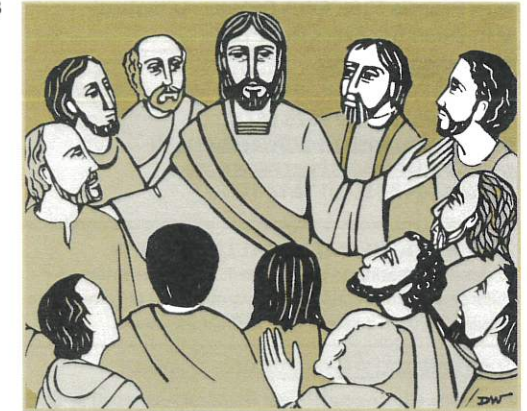
I hear so many disparaging me,  
'Terror from every side!'  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!  
All those who used to be my friends  
watched for my downfall,  
'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.  
Then we will master him  
and take our revenge!'  
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;  
my opponents will stumble, mastered,  
confounded by their failure;  
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.  
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,  
who scrutinise the loins and heart,  
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,  
for I have committed my cause to you.  
Sing to the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
for he has delivered the soul of the needy  
from the hands of evil men.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 68: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35. R. v. 14

**R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, / that shame covers my face, / that I have become a stranger to my brothers, / an alien to my own mother's sons. / I burn with zeal for your house / and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**
2. This is my prayer to you, / my prayer for your favour. / In your great love, answer me, O God, / with your help that never fails: / Lord, answer, for your love is kind; / in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**



3. The poor when they see it will be glad / and God-seeking hearts will revive; / for the Lord listens to the needy; / and does not spurn his servants in their chains. / Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, / the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Rom 5: 12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

*God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.*  
Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

### ■ The word of the Lord.



**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year 21<sup>st</sup> June 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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**OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS**

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and the vulnerable is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

**Pastoral and Administrative Support**

- ▶ Steffy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Steffy Coosnapa ▶ Aryana Vega (St Joseph's Outreach Services: Mon, Tues, Thurs)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

**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.

**Liturgical Calendar** for the week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June Sts John Fisher & Thomas Moore		
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 12 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June Nativity of St John the Baptist	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 12 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 12 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 12 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time	9am Mass 6.00pm Vigil Mass	

**AUGUSTINIAN YOUTH ENCOUNTER**

The next Augustinian Youth Encounter is coming to South Korea, August 8–13, 2027. Themed on Mark 6:50 - "Take Heart, It Is I. Have No Fear", AYE27 unites young people across the Augustinian Family in one heart, one faith. And we need your creativity! Enter the AYE27 Song & Logo Competition and design the logo or compose the anthem. Visit [ayeosa.com](http://ayeosa.com) or scan QR for more details. **Submissions close 15 July 2026.**



**EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- ▶ **Christian Meditation:** 10.45am 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- ▶ **Parish Social:** Sat 15 August

**Pope Leo – On Artificial Intelligence**



The use of AI is never a purely technical matter: when it enters processes that affect people's lives, it touches on rights, opportunities, status and freedom.

Important and sensitive decisions — concerning employment, credit, access to public services or even a person's reputation — risk being fully delegated to automated systems that do not know "compassion, mercy, forgiveness, and above all, the hope that people are able to change. (Magnifica Humanitas)

**END OF FINANCIAL YEAR AUGUSTINIAN FORMATION APPEAL**



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**COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9.00AM MASS NEXT SUNDAY**

Join us for coffee at Velvet Bean 35 Albert Rd. after mass at St Thomas Aquinas next Sunday 28 June. All welcome!

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** Margaret Wallin, Anne Rigg, Mitos Gloudemans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, 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, Charles, Tom Greene, Anna Slawek.

**IN LOVING MEMORY**



**Recently Deceased Anniversaries**

- \* Terry Monagle
- \* Eric Banks
- \* Sr Eileen Monagle SGS
- \* Dolores Aznal
- \* Alfredo & Carmelina Parisi
- \* John J Balcombe
- \* Robert Huggins
- \* Antonio Polizotto
- \* Stanley Wroblewski
- \* Sergio Fassio
- \* Tony Snowsill
- \* Marie Rita Malepa

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

Every Friday starting Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July (10:45 to 11:30 am) St Joseph's Church  
 A welcoming group for new and returning members. Practice Christian meditation together. Benefits:

- Deepen your prayer life
- Weekly spiritual guides
- Join the World Community of Christian Meditation (WCCM)

All Ages Welcome. Come as you are — no experience needed.

Led by: Priscilla Murphy Ph: 0476 391 702  
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**SAVE THE DATE**

Parish social and games night.  
 Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August



**CDF - Save for a greater reward**

Help fund projects across Catholic organisations including parishes,

hospital wings and classrooms, with a CDF Community Fund savings account. Scan the QR code or call 1800 134 135 for more information.



**MASS COLLECTION 14/06/2026**

**Clergy (Augustinian Community)**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Collection, CDF & bank deposits... \$ 940.90

**Church (Parish Ministries)**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection ..... \$ 480.05  
 Envelopes..... \$ 409.85  
 Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...\$ 480.00  
 Tap Point Terminals..... \$ 735.00  
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