

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

1 Pet 2: 9

Alleluia, alleluia! / You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. / Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. / Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

Mt 10: 37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.****A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL**

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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

28 JUNE 2026

**HOW SHOULD I LIVE AND ACT?**

If Jesus were to meet you (and he does constantly!) and you were to ask him, 'How should I act and live my life?', the answer would come into today's Gospel. It continues Jesus' teaching concerned with disciples (us!) on mission. As our church deepens its practice of synodality, the instructions Jesus offers are meant for all: our focus is to be on Jesus. Our relationship with him guides every other relationship and commitment. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Twelve, the symbolic leadership group of disciples who spearhead the Jesus missionary movement, 'Anyone who prefers ...[fill in the blanks] ... is not worthy of me.' His words are not a rejection of one's relationships or family ties but the preference in all relationships is to be guided by our abiding commitment and friendship with Jesus.

The second collection of sayings in today's Gospel concerns hospitality. Those who welcome others, members of the Jesus household, and act in holiness or speak prophetically are also welcoming the presence of Jesus. This spirit of openness and receptivity continues into the last part of today's Gospel. Offering a welcoming drink to 'one of these little ones'—those regarded as social nobodies without prestige or status—and discerned, surprisingly, as disciples, as members of Jesus' community of believers, will be eternally rewarded: '...they will most certainly not lose their reward.'

Today's Gospel is not about earning rewards, though. It is about how to live, with a firm commitment to Jesus and welcoming all, especially the 'little ones' and identifying as disciples the most unlikely.

Fr Michael Trainor

**FIRST READING**

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings.

*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

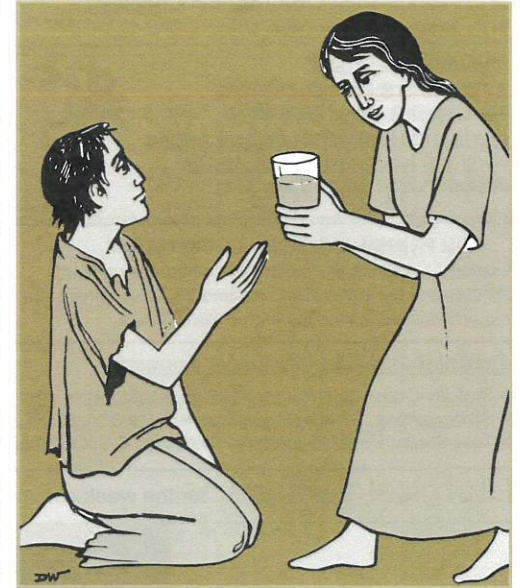
■ **The word of the Lord.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19. R. v. 2

**R.** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; / through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. / Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, / that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, / who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, / who find their joy every day in your name, / who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; / it is by your favour that our might is exalted: / for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; / our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11

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

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

■ **The word of the Lord.**



**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year 28<sup>th</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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**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 the vulnerable is paramount. All volunteers are  
 required to have a Working With Children Check.

**Pastoral and Administrative Support**

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

**Liturgical Calendar** for the week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June Sts Peter & Paul		
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 13 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time	10am Communion Service	12.45pm Communion Service
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 13 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time	10am Communion Service	NO Mass
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 13 <sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time	NO Mass	12.45pm Communion Service
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July St Thomas	NO Mass	NO Mass
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 13 <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 <https://ayeosa.com> or scan QR for more details. **Submissions close 15**



**EVENTS AND MEETINGS**

- ▶ **Christian Meditation:** 10.45am 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- ▶ **Parish Social:** Sat 15 August
- ▶ **Anointing/Healing Mass:** Tues 7<sup>th</sup> July 10am

**Pope Leo – On Artificial Intelligence**



AI tends to amplify the power of those who already possess economic resources, expertise and access to data. In light of the common good and the universal destination of

goods, this raises serious concerns, since small but highly influential groups can shape information and consumption patterns, influence democratic processes and steer economic dynamics to their own advantage, undermining social justice and solidarity among peoples. For this reason, it is essential that the use of AI, especially when it touches on public goods and fundamental rights, be guided by clear criteria and effective oversight. (*Magnifica Humanitas*, 108)



**PRAYERS FOR THE AUGUSTINIAN CHAPTER**

As the Augustinians gather for their meetings this coming week with ask the Holy Spirit's guidance upon their work and deliberations.

**NO WEEKDAY MASSES 30 JUNE - 3 JULY**

No weekday masses will be celebrated at both churches 30<sup>th</sup> June to 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Communion services will be held on Tuesday & Thursday at St Thomas Aquinas at 12.45pm and on Tuesday & Wednesday at St Joseph's at 10am.

**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 Zaio, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan, Rosie Gucciardo, Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto, David Mills, Andrea Dreher, Charles, Tom Greene, Anna Slawek.



**IN LOVING MEMORY**

**Recently Deceased**



**Anniversaries**

- ✦ Albert Netto
- ✦ Monica Grimes
- ✦ Vincent Lim
- ✦ Petrus Setiawan
- ✦ Paulus Koswara
- ✦ Hilda May Hilder
- ✦ Eunice Oliver
- ✦ David Quin
- ✦ George Vo
- ✦ Lesley Ann Wheeler

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION**

Every Friday starting Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July (10:45 to 11:30 am) St Joseph's Church  
 All Ages Welcome. Come as you are — no experience needed.  
 Led by: Priscilla Murphy Ph: 0476 391 702  
 Email: [prmurphy0550@gmail.com](mailto:prmurphy0550@gmail.com)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**PARISH SOCIAL AND GAMES NIGHT**  
 Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August  
**FRIENDS OF ST AUGUSTINE NATIONAL LAY CONGRESS** 9-11 October



**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.



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

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

**MASS COLLECTION 21/06/2026**

<b>Clergy (Augustinian Community)</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection, CDF & bank deposits...	\$ 769.20
<b>Church (Parish Ministries)</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection .....	\$ 400.20
Envelopes.....	\$ 70.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...	\$ 805.60
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 510.00
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