

kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the
foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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GOOD AND EVIL

Why do bad things happen to good people? It is a question often expressed in different ways. Bad people seem to get away easily with their bad deeds. Today's Gospel teaching speaks into this perspective. Jesus' parable teaching from last Sunday with his focus on seed continues today. Grain was an important agricultural commodity in the ancient world. It was the source of food and the means of addressing stressing taxation demands. Like last Sunday, the parable is about the Kingdom of God. In the parable, the farmer sows good seed but, unbeknown, a nighttime enemy sows darnel in the same field. Both seeds sprout and produce. The workers query the farmer about the reason for the presence of the darnel. It is the classic query of life: why is there evil in a world that is essentially good? Why darnel among the wheat when only wheat was sown?

The solution offered by the farmer recognises the presence of 'an enemy' and the need to allow both seeds to grow until the harvest when the wheat could be gathered into the barn and darnel destroyed. Jesus' wisdom in this parable is salient. We live in a world and faith communities where good and bad co-exist. The coexistence of 'darnel' and 'wheat' should not surprise us—but it is not forever. There is the harvest time when justice will be meted out. This awareness of a definitive act of divine justice at time's end, one for which we pray in every celebration of the Eucharist for the coming of Jesus at the end of time, allows us to live in this in-between time as we seek to do good but, at times, experience the presence of evil and the agency of the 'enemy'. Nevertheless, God's kingdom will be ultimately fruitful.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Wis 12:13, 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, / to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. / Your justice has its source in strength, / your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. / You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned / and you expose the insolence of those who know it; / but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, / you govern us with great lenience, / for you have only to will, and your power is there. / By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people / how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, / and you have given your sons the good hope / that after sin you will grant repentance.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16. R. v. 5

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, / full of love to all who call. / Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer / and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

2. All the nations shall come to adore you / and glorify your name, O Lord: / for you are great and do marvellous deeds, / you who alone are God. **R.**

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, / slow to anger, O Lord, / abounding in love and truth, / turn and take pity on me. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our



hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

■ The word of the Lord.

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 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this," he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The

In the Pastoral Care of the **AUGUSTINIANS**

- Fr Luca Park OSA (Parish Priest)
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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

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

16th Sunday of the Year 19th July 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

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.

ANOIDING / 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 19th July 2026

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 18th July	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 19th July 16th Sunday of the Year	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 20th July 16 th Week of Ordinary Time		
Tuesday 21st July 16 th Week of Ordinary Time	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 22nd July St Mary Magdalene	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 23rd July 16 th Week of Ordinary Time	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 24th July 16 th Week in Ordinary Time	10am Mass Christian Meditation	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 25th July St James	9am Mass 6.00pm Vigil Mass	

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will host regional consultation sessions to bring together people to listen to one another, strengthen awareness and engagement of the Synod as a local church. The conversations will be based on the Synod theme papers: Missionary Leadership, Formation and Participation, and Young Discipleship

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- **Christian Meditation:** 10.45am 24th July
- **Children's Liturgy:** Sun 26 July 10.30am
- **STA Morning Coffee:** Sun 26 July 10am
- **Parish Social Bingo Trivia Night:** Sat 15 Aug

Pope Leo – On Artificial Intelligence



Calling for prudence,
rigorous evaluation
and even, at times, a
slower pace in
adopting AI does not
mean opposing
progress; instead, it is
an exercise of responsible

care for the human family. Otherwise,
change will be governed only by
technocratic thinking and presented as
necessary and inevitable, ultimately
imposing rules shaped by those who
control data, infrastructure and computing
power.. (Magnifica Humanitas #106)

SPAM MOBILE PHONE MESSAGES

Please be aware that spam phone or email
messages supposedly from our priests or
parish have been received by some
parishioners.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY & MORNING TEA



Families with young children
are invited to come to St
Joseph's 10.30am Mass next
Sunday 26th July to join in the
Children's Liturgy.

Parishioners are welcome to
join us for morning tea after the Mass.

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

✱ John Chan ✱ Elizabeth Clarke

Anniversaries

✱ Jack Maher
✱ Granville De Souza ✱ Anne Kelly
✱ Madeleine Anderson ✱ Albert Netto
✱ Mary (Ward) Breheny ✱ Janet Bradford
✱ Maeve Reardon ✱ P.A. Guruswamy

VOLUNTEER AT ST JOSEPH'S

If you would like to be involved in the
music ministry at St Joseph's on
Saturdays at 6pm mass, please contact
the parish office.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Come as you are-No experience needed
Every Friday, St Joseph's church parish
library, 10:45 -11:30 am with a short
reflection and meditation practice.

SAVE THE DATE!

PARISH SOCIAL AND GAMES NIGHT

Saturday 15th August

FRIENDS OF ST AUGUSTINE NATIONAL LAY CONGRESS

9-11 October

Booking Inquiries: Judith Duncan 0417
309 747 / Mary McCormick 0419 134 075

COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9.00AM MASS 26 JULY

After mass at St Thomas
Aquinas next Sunday 26th
July, join us for coffee at
Velvet Bean, 35 Albert Rd.



MASS COLLECTION 12/07/2026

Clergy (Augustinian Community)

1st Collection, CDF & bank deposits... \$ 583.55

Church (Parish Ministries)

2nd Collection \$ 503.25

Envelopes..... \$ 70.00

Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...\$ 485.00

Tap Point Terminals..... \$ 425.00

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