

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia! / Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom / and healed all who were sick. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply. 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

BEYOND THE EXPECTED

In today's Gospel Jesus travels beyond his usual and familiar abode. He is in today's southern Lebanon, areas around Tyre and Sidon. This is foreign or pagan territory, unfamiliar to Jews. Here Jesus encounters a woman from the region who pleads for him to exorcise her demonically possessed daughter. Jesus' disciples want him to deal with her quickly so that they won't be bothered by her. Then comes the clear missionary statement of Jesus for Matthew's Jewish audience, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel', and, later, 'It is not fair to take children's food and throw it to house-dogs'. The focus of his ministry and healing is clearly on the Israelite people, the 'children', rather than on gentiles ('house-dogs'!). Jesus' derogatory comment to the woman is met by her witty repartee, 'Yes, sir, but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from the master's table'.

Her clever verbal joust meets his respectful acknowledgement. He affirms the woman's great faith in engaging him in a manner that respects the priority of his mission to the Jewish people (and Matthew's Gospel audience) while acknowledging that non-Jews can also be recipients of his ministry. This results in the Canaanite woman's request being granted. Her daughter is healed.

From this episode, it seems as though even Jesus had to learn and to extend his healing reach beyond the expected. That same insight is an invitation to us and our faith communities as we too are invited to offer hospitality and a welcome to the foreign and unexpected that we come across.

Fr Michael Trainor

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

FIRST READING

Isa 56:1, 6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8. R. v. 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us / and let your face shed its light upon us. / So will your ways be known upon earth / and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

2. Let the nations be glad and exult / for you rule the world with justice. / With fairness you rule the peoples, / you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; / let all the peoples praise you. / May God still give us his blessing / till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

THE SAVING WORD

16 AUGUST 2026



SECOND READING

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

■ The word of the Lord.



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ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you" John 11:28

Adorers are needed for these hours:

Sunday: 4am; 1pm; 2 pm; 11pm

Monday: 11am; 8pm

Tuesday: 8pm

Wednesday: 4am; 1pm

Saturday: 7am; 10am; 11am; 1pm

Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

Archbishop's Campaign. COURAGE!

DO NOT BE AFRAID (Matthew 14:27)

We will have a special collection all weekend masses next week for

Archbishop's Campaign to help sustain ministries to those in need.

Please check flyer in the foyer of the church. God bless your generosity.

Memorial. The Queenship of the Blessed

Virgin Mary. Friday, 22 August

Parish Renewal Program. Discover

The rich biblical foundations and deeper meaning of the Holy Mass.

Sunday, 23 August, 3pm-5:30pm in the church. All welcome.

Next Week: 23 August 2026

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

DEATH REMEMBRANCE: Joseph Grima, Tony Cordina, Roko & Anica Koprivanac, Stephen Stojnik, Paolo Trojano, Anthony & Gerald Walsh, Yu Bon Hoa, Patrick Ryan, Alberto Saberon, Vincenza Magro, Mama Abater, Brian Kelly, John Borges, Peter Cruickshank, Rosanna & Andrew Fenech, Carmen Loat, Manuel Nepomuno, Angelo & Joseph Debrincat, Joe & Emmanuel Muscat, Joe & Jezet Nosal, Jozer Kolek, Jhon Kolek, Eulalio, Pacta, Michelle, Danilo, Ante Dominovic, Deceased Dominovic family, Tomas & Elizabeth Meyn, Dorica, Cirilo, Joselito, Ernesto, Susan & Zoe Darmanin, Marie & Joseph Thompson, Ante Dominovic, Drago & Ana Dominovic, Manuela Lopez Uy, Francis Epochu, Mark Opio, Felix & Maria Musiva, Peter & Sviyeta Maric, Thomas Yu, Frank, Stepan, Ivan, Savo Draperlich, Borg, Vella, Gauci, Cini families, Kata Dominovic, Maria Galati, Emanuel Attard, Frank, Carmen, Joe Gauci, Jacinta Velasco Resnigt, Anthony & Cinda Dalli, Emmanuela, Fe Cristita Cusay Uy, Paul & Alice D Souza, Simeon Frias, Dominic Calafati, Amante Violet, Walter Mampalao, Emmanuel Azzopardi, Celso Noel Mendoza Cabahug, Angelina Roque, All Souls in Purgatory

SPECIAL DEATH: William Taylor, Federica Maximina, Alberto Saberon, Stanley Culas

RECENT INTENTION: Letitia Tuano, Patrick piera, Justin Yu, Elias Lukwago, Muwage Kuvumba, Mary Amayo, Kevin & Jeremy Lannang, Rianne, Nina Spili & family, Susan Juasz, Neslyn Hughes, Ronald Ikanyum, Alzira & family

HEALING: Pauline Gatt, Tony & Agatha Saliba, Charlie & Helen Aquilina, Arlyn Lim, Lydie Etienne, Koprivanac family, Gauci family, McKenzie family, Ishara, Jazzmine lam-Tung, Anna, Gilbert Benedetto, Elizabeth, Rosita, Valentina Michael, Lydia, Ester, Jerry, Catrina, Luzviminda Faylon, Jack Anelone, Urs, Daniel Mically, Anne Marie Nunnos

THANKSGIVING: Ursula Brooks, Hyacinth Fernandez, Juvy Yu, Cinco family, Jet Tagala, Nguyenet Aquila, Anne, Rose, Mark & Kaia Benedetto, Jordan, Eva Zablucki, Neru Leuea, Gabriel & Hinamathi, Asopesio Kolio, Susan Anne Juhasz, Rocky Hughes, John Paul, Bill & Stella

THIS WEEK: 16 August 2026 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time- A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Grace S L	Richelle C	Perty C	Nelissa D	Vernon A	Celine T
1st Reader	Antonietta C	Frances R	Rukmal M	Jennifer G	Evelyn N	Cyril V
2nd Reader	Milo P	Aaron A	Kumudu M	Anna C	Tami M	Andrea C
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Nick S L Della J Paul M George E	Kurt C Stefan P	Teo C Ronald D Hilda D S Greg G	Joe M Alvin G Nonie G Lidia L	Candida D S Kirk D G R Maria Sulifaro Emman C	Roland D Ric M Joe C Michael D
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S Arielle Mary Ann	Jeffcho, Jude Jherizelle
Choirs	Light of Jesus (LOJ)	AHFI	MWF with LHM Sisters	Emmaus	Lea Lapid	Exxemoz

NEXT WEEK: 23 August 2026 - Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time- A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Alister R	Richelle C	Hilda D S	Eva O	Toniette S	Angel M T
1st Reader	Colleen D B	Jeslie M	Dulce T	Maria Mizzi	Shereen Q	R Sazon
2nd Reader	Maria Miletic	Susan C	Lorraine B	Nonie G	Mel O	A Julian
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Antonietta C Ernesto Co Joan S George E	Kurt C Stefan P	Ferdinand T Rukmal M Shirley T Thi Pham	Froilan M Joe M Roger S J Cathryn D	Vernon A Diana T Kirk D G R Jacqueline R	Teo C Virgie G Roland D Ric M
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S Arielle Mary Ann	Jeffcho, Jude Jherizelle
Choirs	Harmonico Filipino	AHFI	Butch Eleazar	CFCA	Exxemoz	MWF with LHM Sisters

Come and Join. SPC Bible Study
SPC Evangelisation Team would like to invite you to an online Bible study. Every Wednesday, 7:30pm
Contact Hilda 0450 006 316.

SPC Bible study group. We warmly invite you to join the SPC Youth and Young Adults Bible Study group. Come along for prayer, Scripture reflection and meaningful discussion in a welcoming and supportive community. We look forward to journeying faith with you.
Contact: Parish office 03 93633132 or Email: deerpark@cam.org.au

Novena. Our Lady of Vailankanni

(Our Lady of Good Health) 9-day Novena commencing on Sunday, 30th August up until 7 September. Starting at 5:00pm on the first day and through the week Novena will start at 6:15pm followed by 7pm mass. Concluding celebration on Tuesday, 8th September. Please check flyer in the foyer of the Church for novena times. Fellowship and light refreshment in the foyer after the 7pm mass. Please bring a plate to share.

Work With Children Check. Attention all new volunteers (over 18 years old) to please apply for WWCC immediately. And for those whose WWCC have expired, please renew your WWCC. Thank you.

Reminder. A friendly reminder to all our Parishioners. Kindly park your car outside if you are staying after the 8:30am mass. School gates will be closed at 9:30 AM. Thank you

A VOCATION VIEW

It's so easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people.