

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

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 house-tops!

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

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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.

THE SAVING WORD

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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.



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ADORATION CHAPEL

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

Adorers are needed for these hours:

Tuesday: 9pm, 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 5am

Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

Mother of Perpetual Help Feast Celebration, Wednesday, 24 June.

Light refreshments and fellowship after the 7:00 pm mass. Please bring a plate to Share. Thank you

Vinnie's Winter Appeal. We will have a special Collection in all Weekend masses for Vinnie's Winter Appeal. Vulnerable people who have no one to turn to and need your help to overcome poverty and homelessness. Please support the Vinnie's Winter Appeal. Thank you.

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

Caritas Australia. Project Compassion Receipts are now available for pick up. Please come to the Parish office during office hours. Thank you for your support.

**Next Week: 28 June 2026
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A**

DEATH REMEMBRANCE: Joseph Grima, Pepito Carandang, Roko & Anica Koprivanac, Jolly Augustine Arackal, Dominic Calafati, Estela Lezana, Monica Figuaracion Tallo, Dominic Spinelli, Elenor Ravana, Espelata, Tony Cordina & family, Daminh, Maria, Victoria Isabel Sabellina, Dominador Ortinez, Teresa Larcocia, Anthony John Roberts, Gloria Penaranda, Maria Teresa Morello, Alona Gondaes Ganase, Rogelio Tavag, Eulalia Cabigas, Vincent Paul Dnuocha, Joe Vella, Carmelo Vella, Charlie & Carmelo Agus, Jhon & Farnels Roger, Elphin, Flory Bout, Joseph & Violet D' Couto, Maria Neide Nascimento, Rosa Gusak, Anton, Ginathan & Jonathan Croos, Lionel Austin Brown, Emmanuel Sodluna, Dory Buenaventura, John Don Bosco, Gietruday Sach, Batholomew, All Souls in Purgatory

RECENT DEATH: Teresa Bono, Celestina Antonio, Nilda Fernandez, Erlinda Yander

SPECIAL INTENTION: Carmen, Frank Gauci, Flores family, Joshua Helladu, Vincent & Joanna, Anna, Emelia Manalansan, Elroy & Kenrich, Ruby Hill, Fr Loy Mahinay, Keith Dias, Jessa Mae Amor Recamadas,

HEALING: Pauline Gatt, Tony & Agatha Saliba, Charlie & Helen Aquilina, Arlyn Lim, Lydie Etienne, Koprivanac family, Gauci family, McKenzie family, Kennedy Lakmal, Bea Ratio, Koprivanac family, Koa Sha Lai & Jean, Jung Sing, Victor Lai, Nuni Si, Lan Ing Siu, Mirafior, Kevin, Jing, Cherrie Mae Baltonado, Anna, Tupe Leota, Ann Marie

THANKSGIVING: Rosa Milan and family, Margie Soto, Crescencia Labios, Ivan Holubec, Nrec Dedalija, Lorraine Brooks, Thanh Tuan, Marlon & Marvi Barillo, Angel Catayong, Aeyana Catayong, Maria Jose Le, Mr & Mrs Widgery, Ynna Dayrit, Margie Soto, Makalita Ropati Tulliaty, Agnes Castro, Vincent & Joanna

THIS WEEK: 21 June 2026 - Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time- A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Delia J	Alister R	Perly C	Roger S J	Flora S	Anika D
1st Reader	Danica L	Richelle C	Rukmal M	Maria Mizzi	Diana T	Samantha D G
2nd Reader	M Lobo	Susan C	Wynna D	Jennifer G	Gloria T	Cyril V
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Grace S L Joan S Nick S L Antonietta C	Alister R Kurt C	Roland D Teo C Hilda D S Ronald D	Alvin G Julie Ann M Maria Sulfaro Joe M	Oliver T Vernon A Tami M Jacqueline R	Marvin D Diana T Michael D Ric M
Altar Servers	Ric M	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rey S Anielle Mary Ann	Jericho, Jude Jherzielle
Choirs	Light of Jesus (LOJ)	AHFI	MWF with UHM Sisters	Emmaus	Lea Lapid	Exxemoz

NEXT WEEK: 28 June 2026 - Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Grace S L	Richelle C	Hilda D S	Eva O	Vernon A	James J
1st Reader	Colleen D B	Jessie M	Mario N	Marilou S J	Shereen Q	Angel T
2nd Reader	Gregg S	Jessica C	Lorraine B	Teresa Tan	Mel O	Celine T
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ernesto Co Ryson D Rochelle R Delia J	Jessie M Kurt C	Shirley T Ronald D Marcelline A	Maria Mizzi Nontie G Ferdinand T Dulce T	Toniette S Candida D S Oliver T Gloria T	Teo C Diana T Perry C Joe C
Altar Servers	Ric M	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rey S Anielle Mary Ann	Jericho, Jude Jherzielle
Choirs	Harmonico Filipino	AHFI	Mt Horeb	CFCA	Exxemoz	MWF with UHM Sisters

Mass for Marriage Anniversaries
Sunday, 12 July 2026, 11am, St Patrick's Cathedral. Married couples and their families are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries - **5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years** and above—will receive a commemorative certificate. Please register for your spot on Tuesday, 7 July 2026. For any queries please contact 03 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au Please check flyer in the foyer of the church.

Peters Pence. We will have a special Cclection in all Weekend masses next week for **Peters Pence.** This is to support the Holy Father's Charitable initiatives, including emergency relief for victims of war and Natural disasters. Thank you for your generosity and support.

SPC Sunday School and SPC Youth Group
SPC Sunday School last meeting, 28 June 2026. SPC Youth Group's last meeting is on Tuesday, 23 June 2026.

Church Volunteers. Church cleaning volunteers needed for weekends. Please contact the Parish office if you are able to help. Phone 03 93633132 during office hours Or email: deerpark@cam.org.au

Sacramental Program. For students attending State schools. Preparation Sessions are now closed for this year. Information night will be in Term 1 next year.

School Gates are closed from 9:15am-2:30PM Monday to Friday. Thank you for your cooperation.

A VOCATION VIEW

Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace.
Speak the Good News.