

## 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.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## 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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

## 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.

# THE SAVING WORD

28 JUNE 2026



## SECOND READING

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.*

Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11

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.

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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**

**DEATH REMEMBRANCE:** Joseph Grima, Ann Cremona, Pepito Carandang, Roko & Anica Koprivanac, Stephen Stolinik, Vladimir Holubec, Alfonso Saladores, Jolly Augustine Arackal, Martin Gomez, Fe Celestial, Leonardo Trinidad Sr, Dominica Tumadad, Ernesto Cardozo, Justina Hernandez, Edward & Lorna Diaz, Paulina Amaranto, Jose Larin Dela Cruz, Paulina Armando, Hermenegildo, Salome & Restituto Ainaranto, Lorraine Marison, Aleyanna Thomas Vakice, Alona Gondales Ganase, Rogelio Tavag, Rodolfo dela Cruz, Vincent Paul Druoda, Madalena Fatima Lay, Francisco Li, George Tsom, Lakatew Tsom, Akadada Tsom, Alexo Correa, Yolanda Ortiz, Benito Diaz, Benjamin Cu, Surya Wiryana, Wiryana, Gerald & Frances Gleeson, Artemio San Juan Jr, Leticia Reyes, Veronika, Sr Leena Mascarenhas, Paul Attard, Carmen & Frank Cassar, Mary Camilleri, Jonathan Christopher Sasso, Donato Uy Sr, Gordon Orchard, Fr Abraham, Charlie Agius, Virvina Joaquin, Felicitas Manangan, Henrika & John Schroen, Jennifer & Glenn Shaw, Domenic Silvic, Ramee Abeywardena, Joe Muscat, Joelito Evangelista, Roberto Araya Pasten, Guillermo Sanchez Tuca, Juan Espinoza Romero, Vincent Paul, Michael Micallef, All Souls in Purgatory

**RECENT DEATH:** Edgardo dela Rose, Celestina Antonio

**SPECIAL INTENTION:** Camille Joseph D'Costa, Mariano & Regina Carlos, Mary Magdalene Amayo,

Ronald kanyum, Katovich family, Michelle & Lloyd

**HEALING:** Pauline Gatt, Tony & Agatha Saliba, Charlie & Helen Aquilina, Arlyn Lim, Lydie Etienne, Koprivanac family, Gauci family, McKenzie family, Akash, Ana, Kevin, Jing, Mirafior, Mut Jung Sin, Jacob Baltonado & Anna, Jancy Bertrand Dominique, Gael Dominique, Jordan Lai Au, Lan Ing Sin, Fatima Sin, Rebecca Lauren Arden, Terezinha Hl, Ana, Keane Darios, Mel Pascual & Anna

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

|                                                 | 7:00pm                                         | 7:00am                              | 8:30am                                      | 10:00am                                          | 12:00pm                                            | 6:00pm                               |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Commentator<br>1st Reader<br>2nd Reader         | Grace S L<br>Colleen D B<br>Gregg S            | Richelle C<br>Jessie M<br>Jessica C | Hilda D S<br>Mario N<br>Lorraine B          | Eva O<br>Marlou S J<br>Teresa Tan                | Vernon A<br>Shereen Q<br>Mel O                     | James J<br>Angel T<br>Celine T       |
| Extraordinary<br>Ministers of<br>Holy Communion | Ernesto Co<br>Ryson D<br>Rochelle R<br>Delia J | Jessie M<br>Kurt C                  | Wynna D<br>Thi Pham<br>Ronald D<br>Rukmal M | Maria Mizzi<br>Nonie G<br>Ferdinand T<br>Dulce T | Toniette S<br>Jacqueline R<br>Oliver T<br>Gloria T | Teo C<br>Diana T<br>Perry C<br>Joe C |
| Altar Servers                                   | Ric M                                          | Tony Cilia                          | Adrian D A                                  | Henry, Oliver<br>Fawaz                           | Raphael P Rev S<br>Arielle Mary Ann                | Jejicho, Jude<br>Jherzielie          |
| Choirs                                          | Harmonico<br>Filipino                          | AHFI                                | Mt Horeb                                    | CFCA                                             | Exxemoz                                            | MWF with LHIM<br>Sisters             |

### NEXT WEEK: 5 July 2026 - Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time- A

|                                                 | 7:00pm                                | 7:00am                             | 8:30am                                         | 10:00am                                      | 12:00pm                                         | 6:00pm                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Commentator<br>1st Reader<br>2nd Reader         | Perly C<br>Rency C<br>Antonietta C    | Alister R<br>Susan C<br>Richelle C | Mario N<br>Rukmal M<br>Kumudu M                | Julie Ann M<br>Maria Sulfaro<br>Shiela D     | Gloria T<br>Arlene P<br>Evelyn N                | Celine T<br>Angel T<br>Frances R         |
| Extraordinary<br>Ministers of<br>Holy Communion | Teo C<br>Joan S<br>Paul M<br>Roland D | Stefan P<br>Kurt C                 | Cedric B<br>Ronald D<br>Wynna D<br>Marceline A | Lidia L<br>Joe M<br>Maria Mizzi<br>Nelissa D | Diana T<br>Marvin D<br>Toniette S<br>Kirk D G R | Michael D<br>Ric M<br>Joe C<br>Patrick B |
| Altar Servers                                   | Ric M                                 | Tony Cilia                         | Adrian D A                                     | Henry, Oliver<br>Fawaz                       | Raphael P Rev S<br>Arielle Mary Ann             | Jejicho, Jude<br>Jherzielie              |
| Choirs                                          | MWF with<br>LHIM Sisters              | Butch Eleazar                      | Mt Horeb                                       | Emmaus                                       | CFCA                                            | Samoan DVM                               |

**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 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](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au) Please check flyer in the foyer of the church.

**Healing mass** 5 July 2026. Praise and Worship at 2:30pm followed by Healing mass at 3:00pm. All welcome  
Contact: Hilda 0450 006 316.

**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

**SPC Sunday School and SPC Youth Group**  
No SPC Sunday School and SPC Youth Group meeting during school holidays.

**Vinnie's Winter Appeal.** Total Collection **\$1,548.00**

**Caritas Australia.** Total Collection **\$9,911.00.** Receipts are now available For pick up in the Parish office

**School gates are open** during school holidays.

**Next Week: 5 July 2026**  
**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A**

## 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.