

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

GENUINE DISCIPLESHIP

Today's Gospel follows on immediately from last Sunday's Gospel and the question posed to Jesus' disciples in Matthew's day, and to us, about his identity. Jesus then outlines what awaits him in Jerusalem—his suffering, death and resurrection. These words seem either incomprehensible to his disciples, represented by Peter, or are rejected.

Whatever the reason for Peter's reaction, following God's anointed one on a path of suffering, death and resurrection is unfathomable. The disciples imagine a triumphant, powerful figure who will overcome Roman opposition. Success and status are their vision for the future of discipleship!

Today's Gospel is a sobering reminder that suffering is not excluded from discipleship. Life's tragedies and concerns are not the opposite of following Jesus; they can be authentic expressions of it. Disciples are not called to seek suffering nor to become victims. Rather, suffering can be integrated into genuine discipleship. These are important insights especially for some who think that they must 'prove' their loyalty to Jesus by seeking out further pain or suffering. We know that suffering is part of life; we need not look for it further. We are surrounded by a world of suffering.

Today we acknowledge the sufferings of those who gather with us in our Assembly, especially those borne silently or through violence, including domestic violence.

Fr Michael Trainor

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

FIRST READING

Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 62:2-6, 8-9, R. v. 2

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; / for you my soul is thirsting. / My body pines for you / like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary / to see your strength and your glory. / For your love is better than life, / my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

3. So I will bless you all my life, / in your name I will lift up my hands. / My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, / my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**



4. For you have been my help; / in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. / My soul clings to you; / your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the

Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Eph 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia! / May the Father of our

Lord Jesus Christ / enlighten the eyes of our heart, / that we might see how great is the hope / to which we are called. / Alleluia!



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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

NO SPC Sunday School next Sunday,
6 September, due to Father's Day.

1st Friday Vigil 4 September 2026,
after 7pm mass to be concluded with
The mass at 12:00 Midnight.

Healing mass Sunday, 6 September
2026. Praise and Worship at 2:30pm
followed by Healing mass at 3:00pm.
All welcome. Contact: Hilda 0450 006 316

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
We would like to thank those who has
been faithfully attending the Bible
study group. God bless you all.

DEATH REMEMBRANCE: Joseph Grima, Ann Cremona, Paul Sulfaro, Salvatore, Antonietta Gaetana, Mary Portelli, Roset, Joe Zammit, Joseph Grech, Frank Bistrick, Veronica Rimando, Roko & Anica Koprivanac, Stephen Stolinik, Elmer Concepcion, Joseph Dinah, Gana Calleja, Carmela Calleja, Mario Dam Thi Than, Emilio Simpao, Juanito Mendez, Salome Tuñacao, Emilio Sessarego, Rodolfo Roque, Nathaniel Legaspi, Juanito, Leonila Ocampo, Donato Sr. Manuela Uy, Jestin Korah, Alban Pereara, Ineed Rodrigo, Peter & Helen Manicaro, Maria Nguyen, Jovita Oswa, George, Rozana Bugeja, Cecilia Hoa, Diana Brown, Dorica, Cirillo, Ernesto, Joselito, All Souls in Purgatory

RECENT DEATH: Anthony "Tony" Saliba, Agapito de Leon, Vera

SPECIAL INTENTION: Maria Sulfaro, Nitz, Santos family, Banica, Mia, Maryliza & family

HEALING: Pauline Gatt, Agatha Saliba, Charlie & Helen Aquilina, Arlyn Lim, Lydie Etienne, Edgardo, Glydel, Janelle Lawang, Koprivanac family, Gauci family, McKenzie family, Eric Nepomuceno, Carmen Catania, Rosita, Valentina, Edelyn, Maria, Luzviminda, Lily Elizabeth Orchard, Ilona Bitin, Robert Verderber

THANKSGIVING: Lucia Nelia Rosa Lay, Jaime & Alzira family, Armando Mendoza, Paul Sammut, Myrna Cabrito, Lourdes Nepomuceno, Justin & Tisha Adey-Lim, Estee Uy Herber, Suranga, Crystal & Adam, Suranga, Hazel

THIS WEEK: 30 August 2026 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time- A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Gloria T Ryson R Rochelle D	Frances R Richelle C James J	Mario N Wynna D Gynn D	Dulce T Marilou S J Rency C	Milo P Tonlette S Maria Sulfaro	Andrea C Raphael V Danica L
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Alister R Paul M George E Antonietta C	Kurt C Stefan P	Marcelline A Roland D Ronald D Greg G	Ferdinand T Anna C Rosa M Gilbert M	Patrick B Candida D S Tami M Emman C	Diana T Ric M Joe C Marvin D
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S Arlene Mary Ann	Jherielle
Choirs	Excelsis Choir	AHFI	MMF with LIHM Sisters	Samoan DVM	Lea Lapid	CFCA

NEXT WEEK: 6 September 2026 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time- A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Milo P Gynn D Alister R	Richelle C Aaron A Jeslie M	Mario N Dulce T Divina N	Julie Ann M Shiela D Nonie G	Gloria T Diana T Arlene P	James J Frances R Sofia P
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Antonietta C George E Greg G	Kurt C Stefan P	Ferdinand T Cedric B Roland D Loirenz N	Joe M Nelissa D Froilan M Maria Mizzi	Marvin D Jacqueline R Patrick B Emman C	Joe C Michael D Ric M
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Choirs	MMF with LIHM Sisters	Butch Eleazar	Mt Horeb	Emmaus	CFCA	Samoan DVM

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 and
on Saturday, 5th September, novena
will start at 4pm. Feast Day mass
On Tuesday, 8 September at 7pm
followed by fellowship and light
Refreshment in the foyer of the church.
Please bring a plate to share

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

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SPC "ANIMO" Youth Meeting every
Tuesday, SPC Hall. Contact:
Sr Pierre, LIHM 0415306389

Crying Room. Please keep the "Crying
Room" clean and tidy. Please pick up
your rubbish before leaving. Thank you
for your cooperation.

Next Week: 6 September 2026
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary
Time - A

A VOCATION VIEW

Don't run away from what you are called to be. Christians take the
less travelled road. "What does it profit us if we gain the whole world
but ruin ourselves in the process?"