

GOSPEL

Mt 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

COMFORT AND REST

At times life seems burdensome and overwhelming. Depending on where we live in the world or what's been happening to us, this burden can be almost impossible to carry. Today's Gospel offers us—and for those countless numbers in other parts of our world who are faced with suffering, starvation, even death—a consoling and necessary word. We are privileged listeners to Jesus' prayer to the Father. It is, characteristically, in the style of a Jewish blessing prayer, given Matthew's Jewish audience.

The prayer praises God for disrupting social favouritism in favour of children. These are the 'little ones' from last week's Gospel. For Matthew, the socially unaccepted and rejected ones are those whom God blesses with wisdom and insight. This is divine revelation that comes from Jesus through his communion with God.

The final part of today's Gospel is worthy of lingering contemplation. Jesus invites all who listen to the Gospel—and that includes us—to allow him to shoulder our burdens and concerns. He models for us how to be. He is 'gentle and humble of heart'. The evangelist draws Jesus' self-description from the wisdom writings of the First (Old) Testament. It is this wisdom in which souls find comfort and rest. It is a 'yoke' that is easy to bear. Into this welcoming and restful presence, we are invited in our Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist.

Fr Michael Trainor

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

FIRST READING

Zech 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. v. 1

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (or Alleluia!)

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, / I will bless your name for ever. / I will bless you day after day / and praise your name for ever. **R.**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their blessing. / They shall speak of the glory of your reign / and declare your might, O God. **R.**

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words / and loving in all his deeds. / The Lord supports all who fall / and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

THE SAVING WORD

5 JULY 2026



SECOND READING

Rom 8:9, 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

■ 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!



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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: 6am

Wednesday: 5am

Friday: 5am

Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

Archbishop Peter Comensoli, D.D.

His Grace, Archbishop Peter Comensoli will be visiting our Parish on Friday until Sunday, from 17 - 19 July 2026. He will be celebrating the Saturday Vigil Mass at 7pm: Sunday 8:30 am and 10am mass, followed by morning tea with Parishioners in the foyer of the church.

Parish Forum. Saturday, 18 July 2026, 10am - 12:00 PM. This is an opportunity to meet and speak with the Archbishop about priorities, goals and challenges in our Parish. Booking is not essential. All welcome.

Thanksgiving envelopes. For those who are in the Thanksgiving program, envelopes are available in the foyer of the Church. Thank you for your support

Adoration Recruitment Weekend 11 & 12 July. Please consider committing to spending 1 hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament once a week. Flyers are available in the foyer of the church During weekend masses.

Peters Pence. Total collection \$1,645.10 Thank you for your generosity and support

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.

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

Catholic Mission. We will have a special Collection all weekend masses next week for Catholic Mission. Donation will help in supporting the construction of a primary school in Kampira, Malawi. Envelopes and flyers are available in the foyer of the church. Thank you.

SPC Sunday School will resume on Sunday, 19 July 2026, 11am-12pm, Marian House. Contact: Sr Catherine, LIHM 0425157651

SPC "ANIMO" Youth Meeting will resume on Tuesday, 21 July 2026, 6:30pm, SPC Hall. Contact: Sr Pierre, LIHM 0415306389

Next Week: 12 July 2026
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So Jesus could say: "If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me."

DEATH REMEMBRANCE: Joseph Grima, Proceso Batin, Felix & Cristina Rafanan, Honorata & Francisco Batin, Edward Fernandez, Edward Ngu, Vincent Paul, Michael Micallef, Roko & Anica Koprivanac, Stephen Stolic, Jose Palermo, Joe Muscat, Gloria Petraranda, Vilma Lara, Donald Abela, Jamie Gibson, Adela Balaban, Nikki Mayor, Roberto Araya Pasten, Guillermo Sanchez Tuca, Rajmayer, Juan Espinoza Romero, Tony Cording, Vincent Paul, Peter Chanel Sin, Arvil, Resurrection, Imelda, Jose, Belen, Valentin, Michael Micallef, Celestina Antonio, Gil Barcial, Antonio Torreda, Helen Manicaro, Jose Palermo, Elmer Belen, Melicia Villacenor, Cecilio Bazar, Georgia Micallef, Jose Alfonso Henriquez Rios, Donato Sr, Manuel Uy, Juanito, Leonila Ocampo, Luna Sanchez, Crispina & Vasilisa, Mary Camilleri, Joseph Zammut, Lilly Zammut, Vicente Luc, Frederic & Raphael Duong, Pablo Villareal, Jose Vidal Nepomuceno, Valentino Beltran, Luciano Araneta, All Souls in Purgatory

RECENT DEATH: Jeremy Macasero, Valentio Beltan, Maristela Singarella, Virginia Bulaon, Salvina Cremona

SPECIAL INTENTION: Liam & Kevin Daniels, Michelle & Lloyd, Maria family, Rev. Sheila, Jeremy, Ed Lawang, Paul & Cyril, Bea Ratio, Jet Fraser, Kizza Besigye, K Lukwaga A Mong

HEALING: Pauline Gatt, Tony & Agatha Saliba, Charlie & Helen Aquilina, Arlyn Lim, Lydie Etienne, Koprivanac family, Gauci family, McKenzie family, Joseph Emittu, Ronald Ikanyum, Mary Magdalene Amayo, Winifred Mendis, Joshua Lai, Monica Huynh, Victor Lai, Lan Ing Sin, Alma Torreda, Edgardo, Glydel & Janelle, Rosita, Valentina, Michael, Lydia, Jerry, Ester & Catrina, Bernadette Samson, Keanee Dafios, Manuel Nepomuceno

THANKSGIVING: Anu Paul, Arnold & Patricia Aguila, Flory Batin, Rohan Jude Rosair, Dr Canillo & family, Si Yung Sin, Alister Rebelo, Stefan Radic, Paul Joseph della Cruz, Joe Jomelle Gorme, Baby Mikayla Jose, Marites Stervo, Stefan & Ana Radic & family, Natahsa & Dwayne Lemaire, Angelo Snell, Sr Rosemarie, Soto family, Gadi & Dina Jose, Willie & Paz, Ronald Ikanyum

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

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Perly C Rency C Antonietta C	Alister R Susan C Richelle C	Frances R Dulce T Wynna D	Julie Ann M Maria Sulfaro Shielda D	Gloria T Arlene P Evelyn N	Celine T Angel T Sophia P
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Teo C Joan S Paul M Roland D	Stefan P Kurt C	Cedric B Ronald D Ferdinand T Marceline A	Lidia L Joe M Maria Mizzi Nelissa D	Diana T Marvin D Tonnette S Kirk D G R	Michael D Ric M Joe C Patrick B
Altar Servers	Ric M	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S Arielle Mary Alm	Jericho, Jude Jherazelle
Choirs	MWFF with LIHM Sisters	Burch Eleazar	Mt Horeb	Enmaus	CFCA	Samoan DVM

NEXT WEEK: 12 July 2026 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Carina F Aaron A Jennifer S	Richelle C Frances R James J	Dulce T Kumudu M A Huang	Roger S J Marilou S J Nonie G	Vernon A Antonietta C Toniette S	Annika D Zylie D A Julian
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ernesto Co Grace S L Nick S L Antonietta C	Alister R Kurt C	Ferdinand T Roland D Rukmal M Shirley T	Don C Cathryn D Eva O Froilan M	Tami M Kirk D G R Patrick B Candida D S	Marvin D Gloria T Joe C Diana T
Altar Servers	Ric M	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S Arielle Mary Alm	Jericho, Jude Jherazelle
Choirs	Eucharistic Choir	AHFI	Holy Redeemer	MWFF with LIHM Sisters	Lea Lapid	CFCA