

The Living Word

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

21 June 2026

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.'

Responsorial 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.)

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.

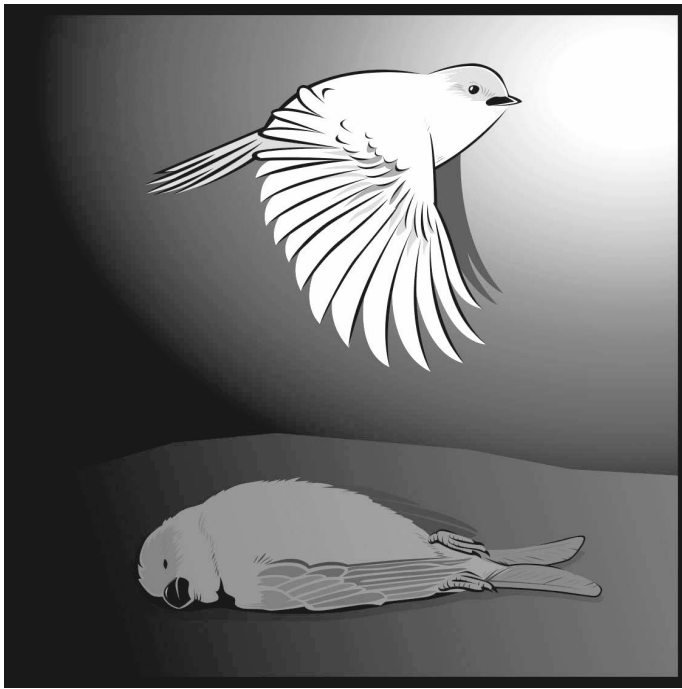
Sin entered the world through one man,
and through sin death, and thus death
has spread through the whole human race
because everyone has sinned. Sin existed
in the world long before the Law was given.
There was no law and so no one could be
accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet
death reigned over 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.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Spirit of Truth will bear witness
to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!**



Reflection by Greg Sunter

'Do not be afraid' is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to 'be not afraid' or 'fear not' appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today's gospel passage is part of the sending out of the Twelve that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It follows a little later in the chapter from last week's reading in which Jesus called the Twelve and sent them out as Apostles. The remainder of the chapter provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. But then the teaching comes to the section of today's passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, 'Do not be afraid'.

The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being 'squeezed out' and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus.

It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself.

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.'

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

21st of June 2026

PARISH RCIC PROGRAM 2026

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Children-

Baptism for children aged 7 years and above)

Information day: Monday July 13th, 2026 at 4 pm

Classes are held in the Church from 4 pm to 5 pm on the Monday afternoon of the 20th, 27th of July, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st of August and 7th September.

Baptism Celebration at St. Patrick's church: Sunday September 13th, at 12 pm.

Please contact the parish office if you wish to enroll your child into our sacramental program for 2026, by emailing: kilmore@cam.org.au

Combined Societies of Mary: Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Celebration

The Combined Societies of Mary welcome you to a special celebration as they prepare for the feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

The afternoon will include adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, an enlightening talk, Benediction, Holy Mass and veneration of first-class relics of three great saints and doctors of the Church: St John of the Cross, St Therese of Avila and St Therese of the Child Jesus. These precious relics will be available for veneration on this one day only. Don't miss this unique and wonderful opportunity.

There will also be enrolment in Our Lady's Scapular of Mount Carmel, with free scapulars given away to all present.

Never have we needed Our Lady's protection more than now. Bring all your petitions and lay them at the feet of Our Lady.

Enquiries to: Joy Hunt on 9509 2207 or at www.combinedsocietiesofmary.com

Event Date: Sunday 12 July 2026, 1.30pm–4.30pm

Location: Holy Cross Church, 707 Glenhuntly Road, Caulfield South



Mass for marriage anniversaries

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
(1 Corinthians 13:7)

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 by Tuesday 7 July.

For any queries, please contact the Proclaim team on 9926 5761 or at proclaim@cam.org.au.

Event Date: Sunday 12 July 2026, 11.00am–12.00pm

Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

Register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1592749>

PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS: Pauline Duff, Brian O'Dwyer, Ben Boyd, and Laura Garland (Northern Region, Safeguarding Unit). kilmore@cam.org.au or Laura.Garland@cam.org.au

CHURCHES

St. Patrick's, Kilmore

Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford

Our Lady of the Way, Wallan

St. Michael's, Wandong

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat (Vigil)	5 pm, Broadford 6.30 pm, Kilmore
Sun	8.45 am, Wallan 10.45 am, Kilmore

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu-Sat 9 am, Kilmore

Wed 9 am, Wallan

(Please note: out of school terms, Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)

CONFESSION

9.30 am, Thursday morning during Adoration

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction

Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore

Divine Mercy Chaplet

15 minutes prior to each weekday Mass, Kilmore

Rosary

after each weekday Mass, and Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan) & 10.20 am (Kilmore)

DONATE

To support our Parish and Priests, scan the QR code with your phone camera to donate.



First Collection (Presbytery Support)

Presbytery Account

BSB 083 347 | ACC 684 632 382

Second Collection (Church Support)

Church Account

BSB 083 347 | ACC 672 646 971

St. Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding the safety, wellbeing, and dignity of children, young people, and adults.

PARISH DIARY:

Sat, 20 Jun: WEEKDAY, 11TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11 am Baptisms, St. Patrick's Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church (Includes primary school children for First Eucharist)

Sun, 21 Jun: 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church (Includes primary school children for First Eucharist)
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church (Includes primary school children for First Eucharist)

Mon, 22 Jun: Sts John Fisher and Thomas More

No Mass
7 pm St Vincent de Paul Society (Kilmore Conference) meeting, in the Our Lady of the Way Parish Centre

Tue, 23 Jun: WEEKDAY, 12TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Wed, 24 Jun: THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church

Thu, 25 Jun: WEEKDAY, 12TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Fri, 26 Jun: WEEKDAY, 12TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
4.30 pm First Reconciliation Celebration, St. Patrick's Church

Sat, 27 Jun: WEEKDAY, 12TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11 am Baptisms, Our Lady of the Way
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 28 Jun: 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Next Weekend—Special Collection for Peter's Pence



Congratulations to all our parish children receiving their First Holy Communion this weekend!

Your parish family rejoices with you and prays that this day will be the beginning of a lifelong friendship with Jesus, nourished each time you receive Him in the Eucharist.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH OPEN DAYS: Please note that St Patrick's Church will be open this week from 9.30am to 2.30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for private prayer.

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>20/21 Jun</u>	<u>20/21 Jun</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	20 Jun	20 Jun
Reader	J. Fleming	I. Ross
EMHC	P. Fleming	A. Putker
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	20 Jun	20 Jun
Reader	TBA	J. O'Callaghan
EMHC	J. Jain	TBA
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
<u>WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):</u>	21 Jun	21 Jun
Reader	C. Banon	C. Aguinaldo
EMHC	A. Moore	G. Pannuzzo
EMHC	TBA	M. Hoban
PowerPoint	R. Quinn	F. Thompson
<u>KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):</u>	21 Jun	21 Jun
Reader	G. Campbell	K. Archer
EMHC	C. Mathew	L. Dunlop
PowerPoint	W. Reece	K. Curry
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	C. Eid	E. Ferraresi
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	TBA	H. Clancy
	TBA	P. Duff
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	Giena Pereira & Ben Collier	L. Beaumont & Carry Eid

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Recently Deceased

Joy Page, Rex Cambrey and
Peter Clancy (formally from Broadford)

Anniversaries

Mary & Charlie Ellul, Catherine De Bono, Dean Fitzgerald, Brian Gerard Zoch, Joyce Chard, John Francis Kelly, June Mary Self, Marie Rosaire Wood, Margaret Templeton, Isobel Johnstone, Laim Brooks, Alan John Cleve, Lorna Page, John Julian Harrington, James and Mary Dwyer, Pamela Appleton, Doreen Wharton, Jack Harrington, Ursuline Boran, Bernice O'Dwyer and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'Agostino, Theo Aitchison, Julie Ahearn, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Liam Heffernan, Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michelle Chatfield, Michael Bourne and all people who are in need of our prayers.

PLEASE NOTE: Names in the sick list will remain there for 4 weeks.

If you wish for that person to continue to be prayed for, please advise the parish office again. If you are submitting the name of someone other than yourself and family, please obtain their permission.

Synod Corner: A listening Church is a credible Church

In a world where many feel ignored or dismissed, a Church that listens becomes a sign of hope. Synodality teaches us that listening can heal wounds and rebuild trust.



A few inspiring words: "The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world."

Pope Saint John Paul II

St. Patrick's Parish is a Child Safe Environment. All children are to be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times.