

The Living Word

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

28 June 2026

First Reading 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) *Forever 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.)

Second Reading Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

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.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 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!



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the early Church, Christianity ripped families apart. Good Jewish families would have been appalled to see their sons and daughters go off to follow a crucified blasphemer. Good reason to keep apart in the synagogue, avoiding damnable pollution. This sectarianism contrasted with the Christians who fearlessly went out into the world.

St John Paul II personified what it is to be Catholic. But, he pressed a prayer into a crack in the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem and as an old man shuffled across the floor of a Mosque in Syria.

Of course, there was no compromise of belief and faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, denied by both Jews and Muslims. But his actions were not those of one with the siege mentality of the member of a cult. Rather, he was able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to take these steps recognising what was good amongst the *adherents* of those faiths.

We could pause for a moment to implore the Holy Spirit to break us out from any constricting cult-like tendencies so that we can go out into the world powerfully proclaiming the resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Gospel Mt 10:37-42

*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.'

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

28th 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

A life of sacrificial love—Gospel Reflection

More than being just a moral teacher or guide, Jesus came to establish a complete transformation of what it means to be human and to live a fully human life.

When St Paul proclaims that we are now “dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus,” he highlights how Jesus’ submission to and defeat of death has changed the whole human situation. Jesus was the perfect and obedient representative of all humanity.

Through our faith that he is who he says he is, the eternal communion with the Father that belongs by nature to Jesus as the incarnate Son belongs to us through participation in him.

As St Paul explains, “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.” This new life in Christ is one in which sin and death no longer have dominion in the human experience. Paul exhorts us: “You too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin and alive for God in Christ Jesus.”

In his instructions to the Twelve in this week’s gospel, Jesus teaches, “Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.” Part of ‘losing our lives’ for Jesus means extending the self-giving, compassionate and merciful love we have received from him to others, especially the poor.

And ‘losing our lives’ can mean suffering. As Christians, we must be prepared to accept suffering, not out of a masochistic sense that suffering is good or that we deserve it, but as a response made in love to give up anything and everything that impedes or undermines the life and love to which Christ calls us.

As Jesus teaches in this week’s gospel, this can sometimes mean prioritising him and the demands of discipleship over the demands of family. Consider St Francis of Assisi as an example. St Francis, in defiance of his enraged father, left his affluent home and the life his family had planned for him to live a life of radical poverty, humility, and dedication to serving the poor, in imitation of the life, poverty, and love of Jesus. St Francis is renowned as Il Poverello (Italian for “the little poor man” or “the little poor one”), and as a “little Christ.”

‘Losing our lives’ for Jesus does not necessarily mean we will be called to Jesus’ level of self-sacrifice or that of the Christian martyrs. Still, our hearts need to be oriented towards this calling and open to its demands, painful and costly though that may sometimes be. But Jesus is very clear in calling us – indeed challenging us – to live the life of freedom and self-giving love for which we were created.

Challenging and demanding though it is, each and every one of us is called to be a “little Christ.”

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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)

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safeguarding the safety, wellbeing,
and dignity of children, young
people, and adults.**

PARISH DIARY:

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

Mon, 29 Jun: STS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

No Mass

Tue, 30 Jun: WEEKDAY, 13TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Wed, 1 Jul: WEEKDAY, 13TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church (please note
NOT at Our Lady of the Way)

Thu, 2 Jul: WEEKDAY, 13TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
7 pm Baptism Preparation Meeting, St.
Patrick's Church

Fri, 3 Jul: ST THOMAS, APOSTLE

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sat, 4 Jul: WEEKDAY, 13TH 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

Sun, 5 Jul: 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

This Weekend—Special Collection for Peter's Pence

WHAT IS "PETER'S PENCE"?

Peter's Pence is a **DONATION** that may be small in amount but has a profound symbolic value. It expresses **LOVE AND TRUST** in the Holy Father as the successor of Peter.

- It is a gesture of communion with the Holy Father.
- It is a concrete way of participating in his mission to bring the Gospel and to spread charity and hope throughout the world.
- It is a sign of belonging to and of sharing responsibility within the Church.

JOIN HIM IN HIS MISSION OF PEACE, HOPE, AND CHARITY

The Church has always been able to continue its work thanks, in part, to the generous contributions of countless people. Being grateful for the gift of faith these people have chosen to give something, according to their means.

Even today, it remains a tangible expression of belonging to the Church and of participating in the universal mission of the Holy Father as the Successor of Peter.

The offerings, freely donated by Catholics throughout the world, as well as by people of good will, constitute an important source of support for the Holy See.

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VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>27/28 Jun</u>	<u>4/5 Jul</u>
BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):	27 Jun	4 Jul
Reader	I. Ross	C. Stokes
EMHC	A. Putker	B. O'Dwyer
KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):	27 Jun	4 Jul
Reader	J. O'Callaghan	M. Fleischmann
EMHC	TBA	C. Clancy
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):	28 Jun	5 Jul
Reader	C. Aguinaldo	G. Pannuzzo
EMHC	G. Pannuzzo	M. McGowan
EMHC	M. Hoban	V. Lawrence
PowerPoint	F. Thompson	R. Quinn
KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):	28 Jun	5 Jul
Reader	K. Archer	L. Pellicori
EMHC	L. Dunlop	K. Archer
PowerPoint	K. Curry	W. Reece
FLOWERS:	E. Ferraresi	H. Clancy
HOME EUCHARIST:	H. Clancy	J. Dixon
	P. Duff	M. Donovan
CLEANERS KILMORE:	L. Beaumont	G. Kim
	& Carry Eid	

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Anniversaries

Carmela Smyth, Gerard Brown, Myra Jones, Peggy Muston, Irene Hayhoe, Jorge Becerra, Denis Joseph Zoch, Tom Dalgleish, Lawrence David McConnell, Eileen Hurst, Amy Phyllis Skehan, Giovanna Borg, Aileen Maher, Margaret McMillan 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.

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Synod Corner: Synodality & the margins

A synodal Church pays attention to voices often overlooked: the poor, the wounded, the disaffected, and those who feel distant from the Church. Their experiences matter, and their stories can teach us where renewal is most needed.

