

The Living Word

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

5 July 2026

First Reading Zec 9:9-10

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.’

Responsorial 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

(R.). 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.)

Second Reading Rom 8:9.11-13

*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.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the Jewish story of the creation of Adam, the author has God fashion a figure of a human being out of damp earth, and then breathes into the nostrils of this clay figure. It becomes 'Adam'. In Hebrew, the word for breath, wind or Spirit is the same, so this story tells us that we become human when the Holy Spirit is breathed into our very being.

St Paul tells the early converts in Rome, those recently baptised, and therefore tells us who are baptised: 'The Spirit of God has made his home in you.'

Since your baptism, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God, dwells in you in a special way. Baptism re-creates us, sharing in the life of the true Adam.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle *in* them the fire of your love.

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Gospel Acclamation See 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!

Gospel Mt 11:25-30

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.'

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

5th of July 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

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years on!

In November 1986, something remarkable happened at Alice Springs. Saint John Paul II became the first Pope to address Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples on their own Country — speaking words of respect, solidarity, and deep spiritual recognition. 40 years on, those words still resonate. Below are a Selection of his words.

HEAD: "Your 'Dreaming'... is your only way of touching the mystery of God's Spirit in you and in creation. You must keep your striving for God and hold on to it in your lives." - *Saint Pope John Paul II*

HEART: "If you stay closely united, you are like a tree standing in the middle of a bush-fire sweeping through the timber. The leaves are scorched and the tough bark is scarred and burned; but inside the tree the sap is still flowing, and under the ground the roots are still strong. Like that tree you have endured the flames, and you still have the power to be reborn. The time for this rebirth is now!" - *Saint Pope John Paul II*

HANDS: "You do not have to be people divided into two parts, as though an Aboriginal had to borrow the faith and life of Christianity, like a hat or a pair of shoes, from someone else who owns them." - *Saint Pope John Paul II*

(Source: *National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council 2026 Resource book*)

Marist Events 2026

Marist Fourviere Event - July 28

Marist Way Australia has been busy preparing for the Marist Fourviere Celebration on Sunday, July 28, from 10 am to 2 pm at Hunters Hill. It would be wonderful if you could join us and bring others along — please RSVP as soon as possible. As Marists, we are called to be a bridge to one another, so do encourage others to come too.

<https://www.maristway.org/Events/1644.php> (Click on the RSVP link)

Marist Way Retreat - November 2026

Marist Way Australia is also hosting a retreat at Mittagong in early November. We need another 8 to 10 participants for the retreat to go ahead, and it will be a wonderful opportunity to bring like-minded Christians or Marists — both Religious and Lay — together to deepen their Marist charism. Please consider joining us and reserve your place as soon as possible.

<https://www.maristway.org/Formation/1654.php> (Click on the RSVP link)

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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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, 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

Mon, 6 Jul: WEEKDAY, 14TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME
No Mass

Tue, 7 Jul: WEEKDAY, 14TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME
9 am Mass, St. Patrick’s Church

Wed, 8 Jul: WEEKDAY, 14TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME
9 am Mass, St. Patrick’s Church (please note NOT at Our Lady of the Way)

Thu, 9 Jul: WEEKDAY, 14TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME
9 am Mass, St. Patrick’s Church

Fri, 10 Jul: WEEKDAY, 14TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME
9 am Mass, St. Patrick’s Church

Sat, 11 Jul: ST BENEDICT
9 am Mass, St. Patrick’s Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick’s Church

Sun, 12 Jul: 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick’s Church

Synod Corner: Synodality requires humility

Walking together means recognising that no one has all the answers. Synodality invites humility—from leaders and from communities—so that the Spirit can guide us beyond our limitations.



St Carlo Acutis, The First Millennial Saint:

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition

The Legion of Mary is hosting the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition of St Carlo Acutis Exhibition this July. Canonised by Pope Leo XIV in September 2025, St Carlo Acutis inspired millions around the world through his deep love for Jesus in the Eucharist and his creative use of technology to share the faith.

Event Date: Thursday 16 July 2026 – Tuesday 28 July 2026, 10am—3pm

Location: Legion of Mary, 456 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne

Contact:
vicepresident@legionofmary.net.au
or 0423 838 756

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>4/5 Jul</u>	<u>11/12 Jul</u>
BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):	4 Jul	11 Jul
Reader	C. Stokes	D. Mercovich
EMHC	B. O'Dwyer	P. Fleming
KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):	4 Jul	11 Jul
Reader	M. Fleischmann	TBA
EMHC	C. Clancy	V. Barro
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):	5 Jul	12 Jul
Reader	G. Pannuzzo	G. Pannuzzo
EMHC	M. McGowan	P. Hutchinson
EMHC	V. Lawrence	S. Buckley
PowerPoint	R. Quinn	F. Thompson
KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):	5 Jul	12 Jul
Reader	L. Pellicori	A. Mathew
EMHC	K. Archer	C. Dodd
PowerPoint	W. Reece	K. Curry
FLOWERS:	H. Clancy	J. Jain
HOME EUCHARIST:	J. Dixon	TBA
	M. Donovan	TBA
CLEANERS KILMORE:	G. Kim	Michelle Ramsay & family

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Anniversaries

Henry Lacey Stute, James Benedict Ryan, Margaret Lowe, Phyllis Skehan, Joe Murphy, Vera Wigney, Mollie McLaughlin, Irene Murray, Brian Wheeler, Mary & James 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 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.

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

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