

The Living Word

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

9 August 2026

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

*(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.*

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38

*Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mt 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far



Reflection by Greg Sunter

I don't know that we've ever properly understood the significance of the disciples in the gospels; our attention is always focused on Jesus. The disciples certainly got the inside running on all of Jesus' teachings; they witnessed the miracles; and were themselves empowered to carry on the work of Jesus. They can be seen as the prototypes for all the followers of Jesus that have come since. When we read the gospel stories we can perhaps place ourselves in the position of James or John or Peter or Andrew.

To be a disciple to a rabbi was not just to be a supporter or an interested bystander. To be a disciple was to hungrily learn from your rabbi. The fact that all of Jesus' disciples were called from other walks of life means that no other rabbi had already chosen them. They had been passed over as not good enough to study with a rabbi. When they were called by Jesus it was an opportunity they would never have dreamed possible; of course they left everything and followed him.

To be a disciple was effectively an apprenticeship to becoming a rabbi. To be discipled to a rabbi was to believe that you could do what your rabbi did. It is this belief that makes Peter get out of the boat. His rabbi is walking on the water and Peter believes that he can do what his rabbi does. And extraordinarily, Peter begins to walk on the water just like Jesus. It is only when he starts to think about what he's doing that he sinks. When Jesus asks Peter, 'Why did you doubt?' he is asking Peter why he doubted himself. It wasn't that Peter doubted Jesus; he doubted his own ability to be the equal of his rabbi!

out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

9th of August 2026

The Archbishop's Campaign invites us to proclaim the Good News by supporting ministries that serve those in need across our Archdiocese. Your generous gift helps bring this mission to life — not only in word, but in action. Thank you.



THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2026



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The Archbishop's Campaign 2026

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

"WE MUST TEACH MORE BY EXAMPLE THAN BY WORD"

SAINT MARY MACKILLOP, 1867

Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

National Vocations Awareness Week 2 - 9 August 2026

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

TRAINING SESSION FOR MASS READERS

Training for Mass Readers -15th August at 12 noon, St Patrick's Church, Kilmore.

(Please note: Change of venue—for those who have already been notified.)

This invitation is extended to any Mass Readers, who want to do a refresher course, you are also welcome to come along.

Synod Corner: Synodality is a conversion

True synodality requires conversion of hearts, attitudes, and sometimes structures. It asks us to let go of habits that no longer serve the mission.



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

PARISH DIARY:

Sat, 8 Aug: ST. MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

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

Sun, 9 Aug: 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Mon, 10 Aug: ST. LAWRENCE

No Mass
4 pm RCIC Classes Lesson #4, St Patrick's
Presbytery
7 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting, St Patrick's
Presbytery

Tue, 11 Aug: ST. CLARE

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Wed, 12 Aug: WEEKDAY, 19TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church

Thu, 13 Aug: WEEKDAY, 19TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Fri, 14 Aug: ST. MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
4 pm Confirmation Classes Lesson #4,
St Patrick's Presbytery
7 pm Feast of the Assumption Mass, Our Lady
of the Way Church

Sat, 15 Aug: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

MARY (Holy Day of Obligation)

9 am Feast of the Assumption Mass,
St. Patrick's Church
11am Baptisms, St. Patrick's Church
12 noon Readers Training Session, St. Patrick's
Church
5 pm Feast of the Assumption Mass, Our Lady
Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 16 Aug: 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

ROSARY @ KATE'S HOME: Next Rosary will be held on
Wednesday 12th August, at 1 pm. All welcome!

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	8/9 AUG	15/16 AUG
BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):	8 Aug	15 Aug
Reader	J. Dixon	E. Leahy
EMHC	C. Rowe	A. Leahy
KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):	8 Aug	15 Aug
Reader	J. O'Callaghan	M. Fleischmann
EMHC	V. Barro	J. Jain
PowerPoint	TBA	TBA
WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):	9 Aug	16 Aug
Reader	F. Thompson	R. Quinn
EMHC	M. McGowan	P. Hutchinson
EMHC	V. Lawrence	S. Buckley
PowerPoint	F. Thompson	R. Quinn
KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):	9 Aug	16 Aug
Reader	S. Ranganathan	D. Selar
EMHC	K. Archer	TBA
PowerPoint	K. Curry	W. Reece
FLOWERS:	E. Ferraresi	H. Clancy
HOME EUCHARIST:	TBA	TBA
	TBA	TBA
CLEANERS KILMORE:	TBA	Giena Pereira & Ben Collier

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Anniversaries

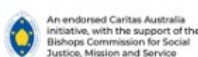
Russell Stones, Gerald Murphy, Alexis Adrias, Saryl Weinstein, Fiona Catherine Haine, Phyllis Jean Daniell, Kim Dunlop, Mary Teresa Flynn, Jack Younghusband, Joan Sapiano, Filippo Paul Luca, Florence Rae, Ettorina Di Giovine, Salvatore Scollo, Noel Tuohey, Stan Leahy, Mark Tymms, Joan Lillian Clark and 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, Michael Bourne, Arthur Donovan 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.



SEASON OF CREATION GATHERING 2026

Listen • Reflect • Act

Event Details

3-4 September 2026

• Online
10 – 4:30 pm (AEST)

• Registration:
\$20 per person / \$100 per parish



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Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026

Caritas Australia and Catholic Religious Australia warmly invite you to participate in the Catholic Earthcare **Season of Creation Gathering 2026: Listen, Reflect, Act**, a national online event on **3–4 September 2026**.

The Gathering offers inspiring keynote presentations and practical workshops to help participants deepen their faith and respond to the call to care for our common home.

Parishioners can register individually for **\$20**.

Learn more and register:

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