

The Living Word

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

16 August 2026

First Reading Is 56:1.6-7

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R). O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.
(R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 11:13-15. 29-32

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus preached the Good News
of the kingdom**

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!



Gospel Mt 15:21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

A *pagan* woman approaches a *Jewish* man and she begs Jesus to heal her daughter.

Jesus gives a dismissive answer to the woman: 'It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the house dogs.' The children are obviously the Jewish people.

This remarkable *pagan* woman stands her ground and engages in a verbal joust with Jesus! She argues: 'Yes, Lord, but even the house dogs get the crumbs that fall from their master's table.'

Jesus recognises *her* faith and the daughter was healed. This story was put in the Gospels to show how Jesus extended his saving mission to non-Jews in Pagan territory.

That is Good News for billions of non-Jewish people over the course of history since then and into the future. That is why we are truly 'Catholic', which, as you know, is the Greek for 'world-wide'.

We could pause for a moment to celebrate this Canaanite woman as the first 'Catholic'!

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

16th 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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DONATE ONLINE

The Archbishop's Campaign 2026

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Priests Retirement Foundation, the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre, University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at www.melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians and New Zealanders who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region. We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2027 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Mongolia and the Solomon Islands. We use the skills and talents of our volunteers to contribute meaningfully to host communities. Rather than "helping," we walk in solidarity with young people, creating opportunities for mutual learning and growth. Cagliero volunteers work in the Salesian way, placing young people at the centre of all they do and approaching life with joy, compassion, and respect. While the focus is on those we serve, the experience is often deeply rewarding for volunteers as well. Applications close October 31st, 2026. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or hichaaba@salesians.org.au

Pilgrimage starting on Tuesday 13 October 2026 - Melbourne to Sydney

Walk in the footsteps of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop on a sacred journey through the places that shaped her life, faith and mission, and be inspired to see how it might impact you today. Beginning in Melbourne and concluding in North Sydney. Further details [In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage – Harvest Journeys](#)

Synod Corner: Synodality and leadership

Leadership in a synodal Church is not about control but about service. Leaders create spaces where gifts can emerge & flourish.



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



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Presbytery Account
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Church Account
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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, 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

Mon, 17 Aug: WEEKDAY, 20TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

- No Mass
- 4 pm RCIC Classes Lesson #5, St Patrick's Presbytery

Tue, 18 Aug: WEEKDAY, 20TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

- 9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
- 5 pm Finance Committee Meeting, St Patrick's Presbytery
- 6 pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, St Patrick's Presbytery

Wed, 19 Aug: WEEKDAY, 20TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

- 9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church

Thu, 20 Aug: ST. BERNARD

- 9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Fri, 21 Aug: ST. PIUS X

- 9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
- 4 pm Confirmation Classes Lesson #5, St Patrick's Presbytery

Sat, 22 Aug: QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 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, 23 Aug: 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	15/16 AUG	22/23 AUG
BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):	15 Aug	22 Aug
Reader	E. Leahy	P. Kelly
EMHC	A. Leahy	P. Fleming
KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):	15 Aug	22 Aug
Reader	M. Fleischmann	R. Emmanuel
EMHC	J. Jain	C. Clancy
PowerPoint	TBA	TBA
WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):	16 Aug	23 Aug
Reader	R. Quinn	TBA
EMHC	P. Hutchinson	T. Cooney
EMHC	S. Buckley	J. Sapiano
PowerPoint	R. Quinn	F. Thompson
KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):	16 Aug	23 Aug
Reader	D. Selar	G. Campbell
EMHC	TBA	A. Liddle
PowerPoint	W. Reece	K. Curry
FLOWERS:	H. Clancy	J. Jain
HOME EUCHARIST:	TBA	H. Clancy
	TBA	TBA
CLEANERS KILMORE:	Giena Pereira & Ben Collier	L. Beaumont & Carry Eid

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Anniversaries

Thomas Joseph Boran, William Joseph O'Donoghue, Toncka Abina, Eric Auersperger, Kevin Francis Clancy, Marea Baynes, John Thomas Rae, Bernie Markham, Paul Pullicino, Kevin Walker, Therese Kennewell, Kathleen Jackson, Mallika Satharasinghe, Desmond Tierney and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

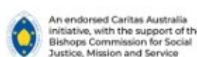
The Sick

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, Faye Vandenberg 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.

ARTICLES FOR THE SHAMROCK MAGAZINE: The Editors of "The Shamrock" are looking for articles for the Christmas edition. We would really love some family stories and photos would be great too. Please email articles to: stpatrishmagazine@gmail.com



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



www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering

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.