

The Living Word

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

30 August 2026

First Reading Jer 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

***(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.***

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

***May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ***

***enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great
is the hope***

to which we are called.

Alleluia!



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is the first of three predictions of Jesus' death and resurrection in Matthew's gospel (see also Mark and Luke). Despite Peter's confession of faith that immediately precedes this passage (see last week's gospel), the disciples still do not have a very solid understanding of Jesus' purpose. They may regard him as the Messiah, but still do not fully understand what that means. In this passage, Jesus is beginning to prepare them for the events of the passion – his death and resurrection. He is trying to lead them to a greater understanding of his mission and message. But Peter abruptly 'rebukes' Jesus and tells him not to speak like that. One can almost hear Peter saying, 'Look, Jesus, you've got a good thing going here, don't spoil it by talking about dying!' However, Jesus responds to Peter very sharply, suggesting that his lack of understanding is inspired by evil and reflects human thought, not divine wisdom.

The passage then leads in to a description of the challenge of discipleship. To be a follower of Jesus means to 'deny' oneself, take up one's cross and follow Jesus. In the context of this passage, to 'deny' oneself means to not be concerned about 'I' but to be concerned about 'You' – to put others before self. To be a follower of Jesus means to be selfless, not self-centred. In the ultimate example of this, Jesus tells his disciples that whoever wishes to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Jesus' sake will find it. To 'save' your life is to hold back from giving yourself fully to the message of Jesus – to be 'half-hearted' in your faith. But to 'lose' yourself in the message of Jesus is to fully give yourself over to living the reign of God and through 'losing' yourself in this way, Jesus tells us, is how to truly find life.

Gospel Mt 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

30th of August 2026

News from the Parish Pastoral Council.....Meeting on 18th of August 2026

Fr. Anh was happy to announce Fr. Antony Santhiyagu will be arriving at St Patrick's Parish on 25th November. We will organise a welcome celebration at both Wallan and Kilmore for him.

Sadly, Fr. Jossy will be leaving our parish to go on leave, approximately two weeks before Fr. Antony's arrival. Fr. Anh may stay on for that period, or alternatively organise supply priests to cover. We will organise a gathering and small parting gifts for Fr. Jossy and Fr. Anh.

Fr. Anh is keen for the baptism scheduled to revert to how it was when Father Praksh was here.....more to follow on this later.

Fr. Anh will investigate the 'tap and go' system options for donations.

Report on Synod gathering—The core focus was on being able to bring people together, be a welcoming presence, inviting people in whilst encouraging a shared sense of responsibility, enlivening the spirit and life of the Church, with a deep sense of belonging being so important. To develop faith and involvement in the life of the Parish, there could be an enhanced focus on volunteer groups/youth groups/baptism groups, etc.

Our Lady of the Way—Darren Gibson advised that he has had five weeks in his new role as Acting Principal at Our Lady of the Way. He is very busy but settling in well. He's very happy that the new stadium is open but feels strongly that parking issues desperately need to be addressed. The enrolments are increasing, with 724 students predicted for next year.

All schools will undoubtedly be impacted by the new employment agreements so fees will probably need to increase.

Assumption Day fete was a wonderful celebration with an all-school mass, a fete and a school concert displaying students' talents. An amount of approx. \$25,000 was raised for our school building project in East Timor.

Altar garments for the Altar servers were discussed but Fr. Anh suggested Fr. Antony can sort this when he arrives.

Reports from Parish communities:

Broadford—Please keep Arthur Donovan in our prayers. He has not been well. Amy Leahy advised that the toilets at Broadford were decommissioned by Fr. Rankin many years ago, due to constant vandalism. Regular parishioners are aware of the absence of a toilet but a short walk across the road or a short car trip seems to be ok with them at this time. Opening up a new toilet facility would involve construction of footpaths and a disabled facility and would be hard to monitor and may only lead to more vandalism. Signs will be displayed advising where the two nearby public toilets are.

Wallan—Always growing in numbers.

Kilmore—It was agreed that we are not (at this stage) purchasing a new sound system for St Patricks Church. We acknowledge there is no microphone/speaker system for the choir and hope that with other options it may be possible in the future.

(Part 2 of the report will be in next weekend's bulletin.)

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

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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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, 29 Aug: THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
2 pm Wedding of May & Edwin, St Patrick's Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 30 Aug: 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Mon, 31 Aug: WEEKDAY, 22ND WEEK ORDINARY TIME

No Mass
4 pm RCIC Classes Lesson #7, St Patrick's Presbytery

Tue, 1 Sep: WEEKDAY, 22ND WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Wed, 2 Sep: WEEKDAY, 22ND WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church

Thu, 3 Sep: ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

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

Fri, 4 Sep: WEEKDAY, 22ND WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
4 pm Confirmation Classes Lesson #7, St Patrick's Presbytery

Sat, 5 Sep: WEEKDAY, 22ND 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, 6 Sep: 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Social Justice Statement - August 2026:

"Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division"

In a tradition reaching back to 1940, the Australian Catholic Bishops release major social justice statements each year in time for **Social Justice Sunday**. Through this tradition they contribute to the development of local Catholic Social Teaching. The statements encourage the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. They remind us of the social dimension of the mission of the Church.

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Social-Justice-Statements>

ARTICLES FOR THE SHAMROCK MAGAZINE:

The Editors of "The Shamrock" are looking for articles for the Christmas edition. They are also very keen to find some family photos of Christmas celebrations that they could add to the cover of the Christmas edition which is currently being worked on. Please (with permissions of those in the photos!) send us any photos of family celebrations.

Please email articles to: stpatparishmagazine@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>29/30 AUG</u>	<u>5/6 SEP</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	29 Aug	5 Sep
Reader	B. O'Dwyer	P. Fleming
EMHC	C. O'Dwyer	A. Donovan
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	29 Aug	5 Sep
Reader	J. O'Callaghan	TBA
EMHC	TBA	TBA
PowerPoint	TBA	TBA
<u>WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):</u>	30 Aug	6 Sep
Reader	N. Poulyin	TBA
EMHC	A. Moore	TBA
EMHC	C. Banon	TBA
PowerPoint	R. Quinn	R. Quinn
<u>KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):</u>	30 Aug	6 Sep
Reader	K. Archer	TBA
EMHC	C. Mathew	TBA
PowerPoint	W. Reece	TBA
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	TBA	TBA
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	J. Dixon	TBA
	M. Donovan	TBA
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	G. Kim	TBA

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Anniversaries

Hedwig M^cDonald, Lorrae Clancy, Dorothy Verna Leahy, Frank Zoch, Duncan Rae, Daniel Clancy, Brenda Kelly, Fr. Brian Quillinan, Sinead Marie O'Connell, Barry Thomas Garlick and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'agostino, Theo Aitchison, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Liam Heffernan, Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michael Bourne, Arthur Donovan, Faye Vandenberg, Annette Jacovou 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.

Native Plant Expo: Flower display, plant sales and book sales. Saturday 5th September 9am-3pm, Wallan Multipurpose Community Centre (opp. Basketball Courts). Presented by Mitchell Australian Plant Society (APS) supported by Bendigo Bank.

PARISH RCIA PROGRAM 2026/2027

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Introduction and 1st Session: Wednesday 9th September 2026 from 7.30pm to 8.30pm, Kilmore Parish Centre.

Classes are held in the Kilmore Parish Centre from 7.30pm to 8.30pm on Wednesday evenings from 9th Sep 2026 to 17th Mar 2027 (Holiday break: 10th Dec 2026—2 Feb 2027).

RCIA Celebration at St. Patrick's church: Saturday 27th March at the Easter Vigil Mass, time = TBA

Please contact the parish office if you wish to enroll into our RCIA program for 2026/2027, by calling 5782 1084 or emailing kilmore@cam.org.au