

# The Living Word

**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**27 September 2026**

## **First Reading Ez 18:25-28**

*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

## **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6**

**(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

## **Second Reading Phil 2:1-11**

**or shorter form Phil 2:1-5**

*In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the  
underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of  
Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.



## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***My sheep listen to my voice,  
says the Lord;***

***I know them, and they follow me.***

***Alleluia!***

## Gospel Mt 21:28-32

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH, KILMORE

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## Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

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### PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2026

**Information day:** Friday October 9th, 2026 at 4 pm. Open to all students who have already received their Baptism and Reconciliation Sacraments.

**Classes** are held in the Presbytery from 4 pm to 5 pm on Friday afternoons on the 16th, 23rd, 30th of October, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th of November and 4th of December.

**Celebration** at St. Patrick's church: Sunday December 6th, 2025 at 10:45 am Mass.

**Please contact the parish office if you wish to enrol into our First Holy Communion program for 2026, by calling 5782 1084 or emailing [kilmore@cam.org.au](mailto:kilmore@cam.org.au)**

### 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees – Sunday, 27th September 2026

*The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Even Just One of These Children."*

**Reflection:** When the infant Jesus fled with Mary and Joseph into Egypt, he had no agency of his own. We see him as fragile, defenceless and vulnerable. Yet this is the way he chose to come into the world. Jesus was born to a poor family in occupied territory, far away from wealth and power. "Although his state was divine," he "emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave... even to accepting death, death on a cross." This self-emptying love is actually how Jesus shows us who God is, and who matters to God.

Every defenceless and vulnerable child matters to God, and we are called to remember their needs. Pope Leo chose this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees theme as 'Even Just One of These Children'. He reminds us that "Minors are the most vulnerable group within the global movements of migration". Their traumas include being forced to leave their homeland, losing family members to violence, being separated from family members, trafficking, exploitation and other atrocities. Their many vulnerabilities call for an urgent response.

The message from Ezekiel is stark. God sees the injustices of the world, but rather than blame God, we are asked to take up our own responsibility to address them. In the Gospel, Jesus also gives each person a choice to do God's will or to avoid our duties. However, in a more positive light, turning to God, in both cases, means there is always time to build a better world for our children. God gives us an opportunity to say yes to God, to walk in the way of justice and right.

As a Christian community, we can encourage each other by the way we choose to live. Children are often the best examples. They have a natural humility, and call out the best in others. "Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead." We can inspire each other to have this attitude of Jesus, who offers himself without pride.

Pope Leo challenges Christian communities to become places of welcome, healing and dignity, where "every boy and every girl is respected and valued in his or her own cultural identity." Like Mary and Joseph, in protecting the most vulnerable, we are caring for Jesus who lives in them.

And as we receive the gift of his body today, broken for us, in the Eucharist, we become the self-emptying body of Christ in our world.

(All non-scriptural quotes are from <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/migration/documents/20260811-world-migrants-day-2026.html> )

### CHURCHES

**St. Patrick's, Kilmore**  
**Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford**  
**Our Lady of the Way, Wallan**  
**St. Michael's, Wandong**

### SUNDAY MASSES

|                    |                                      |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat (Vigil)</b> | 5 pm, Broadford<br>6.30 pm, Kilmore  |
| <b>Sun</b>         | 8.45 am, Wallan<br>10.45 am, Kilmore |

### WEEKDAY MASSES

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| <b>Tue, Thu-Sat</b> | 9 am, Kilmore |
| <b>Wed</b>          | 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)

### DONATE

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



#### 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, 26 Sep: WEEKDAY, 25TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church  
11 am 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, 27 Sep: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**Mon, 28 Sep: WEEKDAY, 26TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

No Mass  
7 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, St Patrick's  
Presbytery

**Tue, 29 Sep: STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL, RAPHAEL  
(ARCHANGELS)**

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

**Wed, 30 Sep: ST. JEROME**

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church  
*(Not at Our Lady of the Way Church  
during school holidays)*  
7.15 pm RCIA Session, St. Patrick's Presbytery

**Thu, 1 Oct: ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX**

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

**Fri, 2 Oct: THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS**

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

**Sat, 3 Oct: WEEKDAY, 26TH 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, 4 Oct: 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Daylight Savings Time starts *(turn clock  
forward 1 hour, at 3am)*  
8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church  
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

### Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary

From 1-7 October, Aid to the Church in Need  
invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and  
Catholics worldwide for the One Million  
Children Praying the Rosary prayer campaign,  
for peace and unity in the world.

Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all  
encouraged to register to take part!

For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR  
code or visit: [www.acninternational.org/  
millionchildrenpraying](http://www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying)

***"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will  
change." - Saint Padre Pio***

*Aid to the Church in Need is the only international Catholic charity  
dedicated to the service of suffering Christians wherever they are  
persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Founded in 1947, ACN  
is a pontifical foundation and provides vital aid for pastoral projects,  
religious education, and emergency relief in areas affected by  
conflict and poverty.*



## VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

|                                      | <u>26/27 SEP</u> | <u>3/4 OCT</u>               |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| <b><u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u></b>   | <b>26 Sep</b>    | <b>3 Oct</b>                 |
| Reader                               | D. Mercovich     | P. Dovovan                   |
| EMHC                                 | B. O'Dwyer       | A. Donovan                   |
| <b><u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u></b>  | <b>26 Sep</b>    | <b>3 Oct</b>                 |
| Reader                               | M. Fleischmann   | R. Emmanuel                  |
| EMHC                                 | V. Barro         | M. Fleischmann               |
| PowerPoint                           | P. Duff          | P. Duff                      |
| <b><u>WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):</u></b>   | <b>27 Sep</b>    | <b>4 Oct</b>                 |
| Reader                               | N. Ryan          | P. Hutchinson                |
| EMHC                                 | P. Hutchinson    | T. Cooney                    |
| EMHC                                 | S. Buckley       | V. Lawrence                  |
| PowerPoint                           | F. Thompson      | R. Quinn                     |
| <b><u>KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):</u></b> | <b>27 Sep</b>    | <b>4 Oct</b>                 |
| Reader                               | A. Mathew        | C. Edulan                    |
| EMHC                                 | B. Collier       | TBA                          |
| PowerPoint                           | W. Reece         | K. Curry                     |
| <b><u>FLOWERS:</u></b>               | H. Clancy        | J. Jain                      |
| <b><u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u></b>        | J. Dixon         | TBA                          |
|                                      | M. Donovan       | TBA                          |
| <b><u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u></b>      | G. Kim           | L. Doughney &<br>R. Doughney |

## LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

### Anniversaries

Audrey Meier, Herbert Skehan, Wilf Podbury, Audrey Meier,  
Martin Nolan, Joan McDonald, Irene Sullivan, Michael  
Burtonclay, Ivy Wright, Paul Anthony Murphy, Francesca  
Younghusband, Ellen Flannery, Kay Robinson Johnstone,  
William Sorraghan, Paul Cumberton 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, Faye Vandenberg,  
Annette Jacovou, Kylie Alexander and all people who are in  
need of our prayers.

## 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](mailto:stpatparishmagazine@gmail.com)

## Synod Corner: Why participation matters

Participation helps people move  
from being passive recipients to  
active disciples.  
This deepens faith and strengthens  
mission.



## PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS:

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