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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 January 2026



*Readings for
this week:*

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
John 1:29-34



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

Isaiah 8:23-9:31
1 Cor 1:10-13,17
Matthew 4:12-23



Liturgy Jottings Second Reading

St Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth is read in segments from today to the sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time right up to the beginning of Lent. Normally the second reading is not connected to the other two readings. The gospel complements or completes the first reading. This year, however, the second reading fits very neatly with the first reading and the Gospel. Today the readings bridge the Christmas, Epiphany, the Lord's Baptism with the beginning of the Ordinary Season by announcing the identities and missions of Christ and St Paul. In the fourth Sunday's readings Zephaniah speaks of humility; Jesus' sermon on the Mount is addressed to the humble and weak. St Paul reminds the Corinthians that Jesus chose the weak and humble. On the Fifth Sunday the Light of Christ and Truth and on the Sixth God's Law and Wisdom complete this series.

Looking at the Readings

Last week the Church celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, The Gospel account this year came from Matthew. In other years from Mark (year B) and Luke (year C). The Gospel according to St John does not have an actual account of Jesus' Baptism. Today's Gospel comes close, giving us John the Baptist's recollection of the event, or rather the effect of the Baptism in which Christ's identity is confirmed by the coming down of the Holy Spirit. John is able to declare that Christ is the Chosen one of God. (John 1:34)

Isaiah prophesied the coming of the Servant of God, and more than a servant, the Light of the nations (Is 49:5-6). In scripture servant and son are often interchangeable. Servant is also twinned with other words that help understand the identity of Christ: Servant-Leader, Servant-Shepherd, Holy Servant. Isaiah speaks of God calling the people, my servant, Israel. Not only the Messiah to come but the people also to be servants and light of the nations.

St Paul also refers to the mission that God has given him: "I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle" (1Cor 1:1). It is God who chooses Christ, Israel, Paul and all believes. We are called here and now to be servants of the mission of the Good News.

Prayer for the Week

God of the covenant, you anointed your beloved Son with the power of the Holy Spirit to be light for the nations and release for captives.

Grant that we who are born again of water and the Spirit may proclaim with our lips the good news of his peace and show forth in our lives the victory of his justice.

Quote for the Week

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. 1 Corinthians 1:3

On the Lighter Side

Two Corinthians bump into each other on a street during a terrible rainstorm. First Corinthian: I've never seen it rain like this. I think I'm going to need an ark.

Second Corinthian: You're in luck. I KNOW A GUY.

Two Corinthians are waiting in the unemployment line. One is reading the Bible. First Corinthian: Ah! Looking for inspiration? Second Corinthian: What? No. I heard there was a Job in here."



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Ray O'Donnell, Kady Mitchell-Treacy, Noreen Gallardo, Shane Boyd, Olive McElroy, Philip Bowman, Millie Perry, Frances Corso.

Recently Deceased: Des Mulcahy, Majella Moffatt

Anniversaries: David Shaw, John O'Shanassy
(Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list)

ROSTERS

Sunday 25 January 8.30am

Commentator – C Goode

Lector – R Chapman

Special Minister – K McGlade

Sunday 1 February 8.30am

Commentator – L Sorbello

Lector – M Carver

Special Minister – B Lyon

Sunday 8 January 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – B Elliot

Special Minister – J Chant

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 1220.40

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you, always.

PARISH DETAILS

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MASS TIMES

KYABRAM

Week Day: Tuesday Rosary 4pm, Mass 4.15pm & Thursday 9.15am

Saturday: 2nd and 4th weekend of month: 6pm EDT (5pm EST)

Sunday: 8.30am

TONGALA: First Sunday of month 11.30am

RECONCILIATION: Second Saturday (Weekend) of month 30 mins before Mass in St Augustine's Church.

ANointing MASS: First Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

PPC MEETING

PPC members please note that the next meeting will be on **Tuesday 17th February at 5pm.**

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Imogen Dumsday into our faith community. Imogen will be baptised in St Augustine's church. Please keep Jeremy and Eva her parents and godparents in your prayers, as they continue on their faith journey.

BARBARA MITCHELL MEMORIAL MASS

A mass to celebrate the life of Barbara Mitchell will be held on Sunday 18th January at 8.30am.

SAVE THE DATE

The next Harvest Mass will be held on Sunday 15 February, more details to follow.

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER IN INDIA

Father will be away on leave from 2 February to 5 March. There will be no Saturday Masses during this time. Tuesday Masses will be a Liturgy. Fr Michael Grace will be celebrating the weekend Masses during this time.

CHILDRENS DRAWING ACTIVITIES

We have available some clipboards with pictures and pencils for colouring in for the younger members of the church. These are located in the gathering space in the church. Please offer to our younger parishioners.

YOUTH PODCAST: CATCH THE FLAME:

Sandhurst Youth Ministry has a podcast for young people to explore faith, share real stories, and journey together in discovering what it means to follow Jesus today. Streaming on Spotify and Apple Podcast: Catch the Flame: A Sandhurst Catholic Youth Podcast. Like and follow on Facebook and Instagram: Sandhurst Youth Ministry.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 18th January - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 20th January - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 22nd January - No Mass

Sat 24th January – 6pm Mass

Sun 25th January - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 27th January - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 29th January - No Mass

Sun 1st February - 8.30am Mass

Sun 1st February - 11.30am Mass Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue 3rd February - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Wed 4th February - 11.30am St Augustine's Opening School Mass

Thu 5th February - No Mass

Sat 7th February - No Mass

YEAR OF ST FRANCIS

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a special Jubilee Year coinciding with the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi. The Apostolic Penitentiary issued a decree published by the Franciscan Friars, declaring a year-long celebration in honour of the Poverello, or the 'Little Poor One'.

According to the decree, Pope Leo has established that from 10 January, following the closing of the Church's Jubilee Year, until 10 January 2027, a special Year of St Francis may be proclaimed, in which every Christian, 'following the example of the Saint of Assisi, may himself become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace'.

Noting previous jubilee celebrations related to the works of St Francis—such as the eighth centenary commemorations of the first Nativity scene, as well as his composition of the 'Canticle of the Creatures' and his receiving of the stigmata—the decree stated that '2026 will mark the culmination and fulfilment of all previous celebrations.'

In its decree, the Apostolic Penitentiary also announced that plenary indulgences will be granted to Catholics 'under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father), which can also be applied in the form of suffrage for the souls in Purgatory'.

The indulgence will be granted to those who participate in a pilgrimage 'to any Franciscan conventual church, or place of worship in any part of the world named after St Francis or connected to him for any reason', it stated.

The sick, the elderly and caretakers unable to leave their homes can also obtain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions 'if they join spiritually in the Jubilee celebrations of the Year of St Francis, offering their prayers to the Merciful God, the pains or sufferings of one's life'.

In a statement announcing the decree's promulgation, the Franciscan Friars invited Catholics to take part in the Jubilee celebrations, expressing the hope that St Francis' example would inspire participants 'to live with authentic Christian charity towards our neighbour and with sincere longings for concord and peace among peoples'.

ANointing MASS

There will be no Anointing Mass in January or February while Fr Uday is away.

GLUTEN FREE

Please note that gluten free hosts are available to parishioners who are gluten intolerant. Please see the sacristans Annette or Marg or Fr before Mass. For further queries contact Mary at the parish office 5852 1026.

VISIT OUR PIETY STORE!

Have you visited our Parish Piety Store recently? We offer a lovely range of religious items including rosaries, medals, prayer cards, candles, and gifts for all occasions. Every purchase helps support our parish and faith community. We're always looking to add new items—if there's something you'd like to see in the Piety Store, please let us know! Your suggestions are most welcome. Thank you for your continued support.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honored. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God. - Saint Vincent de Paul

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 1: 14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 1: 29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE LAMB OF GOD

The historical memory between John the Baptist and Jesus identified in last Sunday's Gospel from Matthew continues in today's Gospel from John. Themes from last week continue: John the Baptist declares Jesus' pre-existence (1:30), a central theological motif in the Gospel, as God's chosen one, and as the bearer of God's Spirit (1:33). The Baptist also publicly attests to Jesus' holiness using Jewish expressions drawn out of the Passover and Exodus story. Jesus is called 'the lamb of God' (1:29). This evokes the memory of the Passover lamb. This was the lamb sacrificed in the Exodus event (Exodus 12:1-13) whose blood daubed the lintels of the doors identifying its Jewish residents as God's protected ones as the Angel of Death passed over them.

In John's Gospel, Jesus' blood will also become the life-giving and liberating agent that creates the new community formed around the Mother of Jesus and the Beloved Disciple at Jesus' death (19:26-35). At the beginning of this Gospel and in today's reading, John the Baptist becomes the Gospel's witness to the holy and elevated status of Jesus as God's representative who can 'take away the sin of the world' (1:29). In other words and again drawing on a Jewish atonement ritual performed on one of the holiest days in the Jewish Calendar, *Yom Kippur* (literally, 'the Day of Atonement'), Jesus becomes the scapegoat for people's sins to release them from the burdens they carry and bring them to life and freedom—another theme of John's Gospel. All these insights associated with today's Gospel are key for us: we look to one who can represent us before God, release us of sins that weigh us down, and offer us life and spiritual agency.

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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FIRST READING

Isa 49: 3, 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant,

Israel,

in whom I shall be glorified';

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,

my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,

he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,

to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 39: 2, 4, 7-10. R. vv. 8, 9

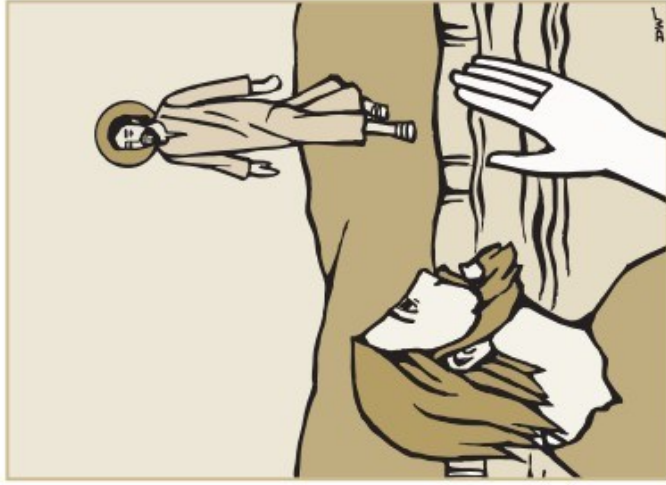
R. Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord / and he stooped down to me; / he heard my cry. / He put a new song into my mouth, / praise of our God. **R.**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, / but an open ear. / You do not ask for holocaust and victim. / Instead, here am I. **R.**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written / that I should do your will. / My God, I delight in your law / in the depth of my heart. **R.**

4. Your justice I have proclaimed / in the great assembly. / My lips I have not sealed; / you know it, O Lord. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 1: 1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

■ The word of the Lord.