



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

16 FEBRUARY 2025

FIRST READING

Jer 17: 5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 1: 1-4. R. Ps 39: 5

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man / who follows
not the counsel of the wicked; / nor lingers in
the way of sinners / nor sits in the company
of scorners, / but whose delight is the law of
the Lord / and who ponders his law day and
night. **R.**

2. He is like a tree that is planted / beside the
flowing waters, / that yields its fruit in due
season / and whose leaves shall never fade; /
and all that he does shall prosper. **R.**

3. Not so are the wicked, not so! / For they
like winnowed chaff / shall be driven away by
the wind. / For the Lord guards the way of
the just / but the way of the wicked leads to
doom. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20

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

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 6: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!



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REFLECTION: The Little Things.

Someone came to visit us recently. As it happened, this person had recently been in communication with a very dear friend of mine. I admit in my weakness, that my hope had been to receive some word from my friend through this visitor. I awaited the arrival of this visitor with no small degree of expectation. Perhaps my friend would have sent a short note along. But when this person came there, was no word forthcoming at all. Yet it was a little thing I know but even so there was a measure of hurt and disappointment. Now it occurred to me as I reflected that really it is the little things that count in life. You and I try so hard to do the big things, to be the hero sometimes in life's situation. We try very hard to do the things that are hard, thinking they have to be best. Yet it is the little things that count. It is the smile of the cash register person. The letting someone through a crowded traffic jam. It is the standing back in the supermarket que. It is the refusing to thinking snappy thoughts about someone even though no one will ever know. One could go on and on. There are so many little things that we can do. I remember talking to someone once and he told me that in his early days of being married he went through the horrible stage of thinking that his wife didn't really love him at all. This went on for weeks and weeks. Then one day he came home from work, and she had made two baked custards for their desert. But the one in front of him

had no nutmeg on top of it and hers did. Why did his not have nutmeg? Because he didn't like nutmeg, and she knew it. So, she didn't put any on it. That little thing sang in his heart and changed the direction the course of the marriage. It's the little things that count. It occurred to me too along with the momentous things God specialises in little things for you and me all the time and we rarely notice. It might be worth our while to start paying attention to some of those little things that God does. The times that a day wasn't working out and it did. The times when something seemed so big, and you and I were able to cope with it. Again, one could go on and on. The reverse is also true. God does not really look for us to do huge things for Him. It's the little things that count. We do that every time we are kind to somebody. Every time we forgive somebody. Every time we think well of somebody instead of judging. They are only little things I know but those little things send God a very clear message. They tell Him that you love Him. And you know what? That's really what God ever wants to hear.

2025 COLUMBAN CALENDARS: Dear Parishioners, it was hearty to see that all 120 copies of the Columban Calendars for 2025 left on the table for purchase have gone. My sincere thanks to those parishioners who supported the Missionary Fathers by the purchase of the calendar. Alas, the realisation of the sales was disappointing. Sales received were

\$499.90 where it should have been \$1200.00 with a shortfall of \$700.10! The parish will continue to support the Missionary Fathers as best we can. Again, thank you for your support. Fr Michael.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are Baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you to choose from the families of our Parish many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS: Christine Rhow, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Edward Fortune, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Anibal Da Cunha, Peter Scanlan, June McGinnity, John Brackovich, Alison, Sofia, Rebecca, Fr Francis Sundararajan, Fr Greg Carroll, Bill Watkins, Daniel DiMarco, Joshua Oorschot, Fr John Piumatti, Mila Hogan, Mara Ravlich, Fr Vittorio Ricciardi, Lloyd Smith, Tegan Colgan, Patrick O'Brien, Archbishop Emeritus Barry Hickey, Fr Jean Fernandez, Fr Benedict Quadros, Fr John Hogan, Alessia Saraceni, Anthony Lopez, Fr Richard Rutkauskas, Fr Peter Meo, Dennis Woodcock.



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MASS TIMES WEEKENDS: Saturday Vigil 6pm, Sunday 7.30am & 9am.

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RECONCILIATION - Saturday's: 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm & Friday 9.30 – 10.30am.

HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Monday night's 7-9pm.

MASS & RECONCILIATION DURING FEBRUARY: Dear Parishioners, during February there will be **NO** 9am Mass on Saturday Mornings **NOR** Reconciliation. Reconciliation will be on Saturday evenings at 5.15-5.45pm during February.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025
We are reminded that the Sacraments are a gift to us from God. We meet God in each of the Sacraments. They assist us in our spiritual relationship with God and others. These are gifts from on High. That is why we must prepare well to receive them because God is calling us and talking to us.

Reconciliation

1. Presentation of Candidates: Saturday 22-2-25 at 6pm
2. Parent Workshop: Tuesday 11-3-25 at 6pm
3. Parent / Child Workshop: Tuesday 18-3-25 at 6pm

4. The Sacrament by Appointment: Tuesday 1-4-25 from 3.15 to 4.15pm
5. Wednesday 2-4-25 from 3.15 to 6pm

First Eucharist

1. Presentation of Candidates: Saturday 3-5-24 at 6pm
2. Parent Workshop: Wednesday 7-5-25 at 6pm
3. Parent / Child Workshop: Wednesday 14-5-25 at 6pm
4. 1st Eucharist by Appointment: Saturday 14-6-25 at 6pm
5. Sunday 15-6-25 at 9am
6. Saturday 21-6-25 at 6pm
7. Sunday 22-6-25 at 9am

Confirmation

1. Presentation of Candidates: Saturday 26-7-25 at 6pm
2. Parent Workshop: Wednesday 6-8-25 at 6pm
3. Parent / Child Workshop: Wednesday 20-8-25 at 6pm
4. Sacrament of Confirmation: Saturday 13-9-25 at 4pm

PARENT / S and CANDIDATES MUST ATTEND to fulfil the Formation Process.

SACRAMENTAL BOOKS AVAILABLE: Those children of our Parish School who are preparing for the Sacrament of Penance, the Candidate Parent, Family Workbook is available to purchase from the Parish Temporary Office situated near the kindergarten play area and the back of the Parish House during normal Parish Office Hours for \$10 each book.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in Him may not perish but may have eternal life.

MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 15 February to Friday 21 February 2025

Saturday 15 February
NO Morning Mass
Reconciliation: 5.15 to 5.45pm
6pm Mass: Sebastiano & Vincenzo Rafala (RIP)

Sunday 16 February
7.30am Mass: Guliano Bini (RIP)
9am Mass: Joe & Teresa de Ornelas (Intentions)

Tuesday 18 February
NO 9am Mass
10am: Rosary
10.30 Funeral Mass: James (Terry) Goncalves

Wednesday 19 February
9am Mass: Jose Augusto & Ana Marques (RIP)

Thursday 20 February
9am Mass: Paul Cooper (RIP Anniversary)

Friday 21 February
9am Mass: Marin Resic (RIP)

RELIEF PRIEST: Fr Geoff Aldous is contactable on 0427 040 100.



GOSPEL

Lk 6: 17, 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

'BLESSED' ARE YOU ...

Like Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, Luke has Jesus teach his disciples. It occurs on a plain with the teacher surrounded by a great crowd of his disciples and others. We learn that his audience comes from around Judea, even from ancient Syria (Tyre and Sidon, in present-day Lebanon). In Luke, Jesus teaches about the primary qualities of discipleship and warns of the subtle attractions or seductions that compromise that discipleship.

Wealthy and poorer Greco-Romans make up Luke's late first-century Gospel audience, and Luke directs Jesus' words deliberately at them. The first half of his teaching is to those who are economically poor, hungry and grieving. Those are the members of Luke's world who do not have the power or status to respond to their social, economic or personal situation. They are utterly powerless and live, perhaps, on the margins of Luke's Gospel household. God will reverse their status. Luke reminds them that they are 'blessed' by God.

The translation, 'happy are you...' doesn't capture the powerful sense of Jesus' teaching. To be happy is a personal emotive response to good fortune. To be 'blessed' comes from above. This is God's act, God's gift, independent of one's emotional state. Blessedness places one in the realm of the holy. The second half of Jesus' teaching is addressed to those in the Lukan household who are wealthy, have all they need and are dismissively laughing, perhaps at others' misfortune. Their situation will also be reversed. Jesus' words are insightful and sobering. They invite us, contemporary disciples, to identify what we struggle with and what seduces us.

Fr Michael Trainor