



THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

2 MARCH 2025

FIRST READING

Sir 27: 4-7

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on
the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 91: 2-3, 13-16. R. cf. v. 2

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord / to
make music to your name, O Most High, / to
proclaim your love in the morning / and your
truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree /
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

3. Planted in the house of the Lord / they will
flourish in the courts of our God, / still bearing
sap when they are old, / still full sap, still
green, / to proclaim that the Lord is just. / In
him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15: 54-58

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

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on
imperishability, and when this mortal nature
has put on immortality, then the words of
scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up
in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death,
where is your sting? Now the sting of death is



sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let
us thank God for giving us the victory through
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never
admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's
work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you
cannot be labouring in vain.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Phil 2: 15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 6: 39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. 'Can one
blind man guide another? Surely both will fall
into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his
teacher; the fully trained disciples will always
be like his teacher. Why do you observe the



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REFLECTION: My Son, My Daughter.

Please God, in all our lives there are some sort of special relationships. With that special relationship often goes the word “My”. My Bill, My Fiona, My Son, My Daughter. It implies a unique relationship. It implies something that is just the two of you. I remember very clearly my godchild’s grandchild call me “Uncle Michael”. The first time I heard him say “Uncle Michael” it made me feel ten feet tall and conversation took off inside me. “My Uncle Michael” is not negotiable. I will always step out of the crowd. Nothing can change the fact that you can always say “My Uncle Michael”. In Psalm 62 you and I read: God, You are my God for You I long, my God. A conversation takes off in God too. This makes Him feel ten feet tall. This is the God who likes fish and chips wrapped in newspaper just like you do. Who cleans bathrooms the way you do. My God! I’ll let you in on a secret. You can only say “My God” because right at this very, moment God is whispering to you your name and saying my Bill, my Fiona, my Son, my Daughter.

POEM by FR GEOFF ALDOUS.

Wherever I go, wherever I am, I like to leave my memories in a little poem. So right now, I’m up Hilton way, coming up from Safety Bay. It’s a place that to me was little known, but I must say, a place into what I feel I’ve grown. The people in the parish community are friendly and free and most welcoming to someone like me. After Mass they like to stay around and tales in different tongues abound – Portuguese, Italian,

Croatian and even more, of those who come from around the Mediterranean shore. But when we come here to pray especially on the Day of the Lord, we worship together in one accord; united in Jesus, with one another, and with Mary of Mount Carmel, our most Holy Mother.

PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY – 1-

2 March 2025: This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion. By taking home a Project Compassion donation box or envelope, you’ll be answering the Gospels’ call to care for our global family and walk alongside the most vulnerable. Your generous support this Lenten season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to communities facing poverty, food insecurity, lack of education, and water shortages, while building resilience against future challenges. Together, through faith and action, we can bring compassion and opportunity to those most in need. **Please donate today.** You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. Or online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

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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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 except during school holidays and public holidays.

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

- Parent Workshop: Tuesday 11-3-25 at 6pm
- Parent / Child Workshop: Tuesday 18-3-25 at 6pm

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

First Eucharist

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

Confirmation

- Presentation of Candidates: Saturday 26-7-25 at 6pm
- Parent Workshop: Wednesday 6-8-25 at 6pm
- Parent / Child Workshop: Wednesday 20-8-25 at 6pm
- 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: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; He saved me because He delighted in me.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 1 March to Friday 7 March 2025

Saturday 1 March
NO Morning Mass
Reconciliation: 5.15 to 5.45pm
6pm Mass: Luigina D’Alessandro (RIP Anniversary) & Giovina D’Alessandro (RIP & Birthday)

Sunday 2 March
7.30am Mass: Stephen Randall (RIP)
9am Mass: John Randall (RIP)
3-4pm: Holy Hour
Monday 3 March – Labour Day Public Holiday
7-9pm: HTPG – No Group

Tuesday 4 March
NO 9am Mass
10am Funeral Mass: Diane Frances Clarke

Wednesday 5 March - Ash Wednesday
9am Mass: Whole School Mass & Parish Mass

Thursday 6 March
9am Mass: Stephen Randall (RIP)

Friday 7 March
9am Anointing Mass: Stephen Randall (RIP)
10.30am Mass: Hilton Park Aged Care



splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

REMOVE THE PLANK

Who thought that the Gospels and Jesus' words are humourless? Today's Gospel reflects on one of the key issues that touches all of us and does it in an exaggerated and humorous way. It is about judging others. In my criticism of others and judging them, according to Jesus, I ignore the bigger issue: my inability to self-reflect and see the larger personal weaknesses in my own condemning character. Jesus compares the 'splinter' in the other's eye to the huge 'plank' in one's own.

The eye, in Luke's world, was the gateway to the soul and the primary organ of decision making. For a disciple to be critical of others and not recognise the plank in their own eye is to be blocked from authentic soulful and considered living. This plank must be removed by careful and sustained spiritual surgery through closeness to Jesus. This is the ongoing quest for disciples journeying with Jesus.

In the second half of today's Gospel the image turns to the production of sound fruit. This is more about authentic discipleship than about agricultural production. It is again about the heart. Jesus' words encourage Luke's Gospel's audience, and us, to draw on the heart and live from its reservoir of goodness. As with the earlier humorous parable about seeing, we are invited to see deeply and act with integrity so that our hearts can grow in goodness. Authentic conduct will follow. This is the intent behind the Gospel's final piece of wisdom, that 'words flow out of what fills the heart'.

Fr Michael Trainor

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Friday 28-2-2025

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wherever I am,
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coming up from Safety Bay.
It's a place that to me was little known,
but I must say,
a place into what I feel I've grown.
The people in the parish community
are friendly and free
and most welcoming
to someone like me.
After Mass they like to stay around
and tales in different tongues abound –
Portuguese, Italian, Croation and even more,
of those who come from around
the Mediterranean shore.
But when we come here to pray
especially on the Day of the Lord,
we worship together in one accord.
united in Jesus,
with one another,
and with Mary of Mount Carmel,
our most Holy Mother.

