

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

16 FEBRUARY 2025

TRUST IN A YEAR OF DROUGHT. It is hard to imagine families on the land having no worries in a year of drought. They are fortunate if they are able to put their hope and trust in God in such a difficult time. Happy also are the poor, the hungry and the sorrowful if they turn to God in their plight. Today's Scripture readings call for an heroic trust in God, a trust that will bring great rewards in heaven and surprising rewards on earth as well.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 30: 3-4

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.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us
acknowledge our sins, and so prepare
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**All: I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly
sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have
failed to do, (striking the breast) through my
fault, through my fault, through my most
grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary
ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and
you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for
me to the Lord our God.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on
us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on
earth peace to people of good will. / We
praise you, / we bless you, / we adore
you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks
for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly
King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord
Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord
God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, /
you take away the sins of the world, /
have mercy on us; / you take away the sins

of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are
seated at the right hand of the Father, /
have mercy on us. / For you alone are the
Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you
alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, /
with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God
the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. O God, who teach us that you abide in
hearts that are just and true, grant that we
may be so fashioned by your grace as to
become a dwelling pleasing to you.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

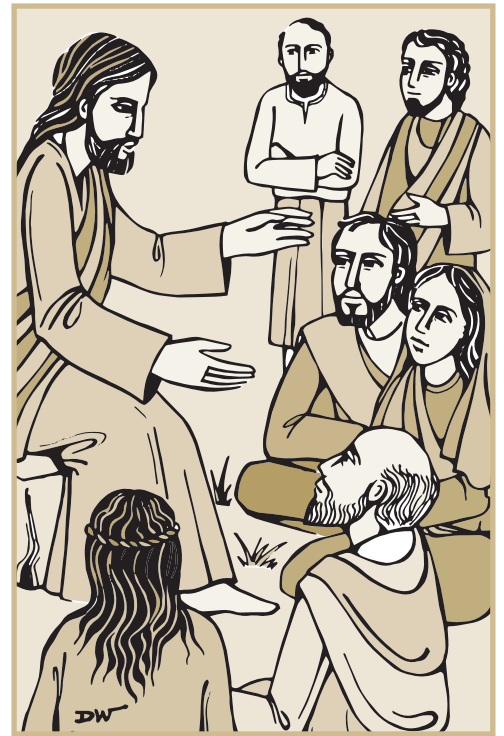
R. Thanks be to God.

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.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 6: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward will be great in heaven.
Alleluia!



THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
16th of February 2025

HOLY EUCHARIST & ST. MARY'S
 MALVERN EAST
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Mass Times

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's
	9:30 a.m.	St. Roch's
	10:30 a.m.	St. Joseph's
	5:00 p.m.	St. Roch's
Monday	5:30 p.m.	St. Roch's
Tuesday	9:15 a.m.	St. Joseph's
Wednesday	5:30 p.m. [Exposition until 7 p.m.]	St. Roch's
Thursday	9:15 a.m. [Exposition until 10:30 a.m.]	St. Mary's
	12:00 p.m.	Cabrini Chapel
Friday	9:15 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	9:15 a.m.	St. Mary's

Confessions:

Monday	6.00pm (until the last penitent is heard)	St Roch's
Tuesday	9.45am (until the last penitent is heard)	St Joseph's
Wednesday	6.00 p.m - 6:50 p.m	St Roch's
Thursday	9.45 a.m - 10.20 a.m	St Mary's
Friday	9.45am (until the last penitent is heard)	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	9.45am (until the last penitent is heard)	St Mary's

MASS INTENTIONS THIS COMING WEEK:

Sat	15th Feb	5:00 p.m.	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sun	16th Feb	8:30am	Italia Colasaco, for the one month anniversary of death.
		9:30am	Victor Refalo, for the repose of his soul.
		10:30am	Nayna Family
		5:00pm	Private Intention
Mon	17th Feb	5:30pm	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tues	18th Feb	9:15 am	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Wed	19th Feb	5:30pm	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thur	20th Feb	9:15am	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri	21th Feb	9:15am	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sat	22nd Feb	9:15am	Joan O'Shea for the repose of her soul.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE:

CURRENTLY SICK: Sr. Dr Mary Treacy LCM, Andy Basa, Sam Bernardo, Angela Biviano, Chris Connaughton, Peter Conroy, John Dals, Tony Davenport, Delfina Di Pasquale, Iris Dumenden, Linette Falckh, Gigi Falckh, Karl Falckh, Primo Giudici, Margaret Gladstone, Raymond Gibson, Renee Lawrence, Arlette Lobo, Maria Lombardo, Gemma Lopes, Colleen Lloyd, Margaret Marriott, Mary Maconochie, Audrey Marden, Keith McDougall, Michelle Moore, Laila Petrie, Monique Poussin, Danuta Przekwas, Elizabeth Rusden, Mercedes Sanabria, Corrin Stares, Frances Trainor, Leigh Wingate, Susena Zeiden.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Janine Briffaut

ANNIVERSARIES AT THIS TIME: Barry Brennan, James Campbell, Mim Cullinan, Eileen Daniel, Alice Gravener, Stanislaw Grzesiak, Muriel Hyland, Connie Johnson, Margaret McGivern, Eulalia McGrath, Bill Mullane, Frederick Murphy, Kathlyn Press, William Quinn, Glynn Roe, Will Rogers, Patrick Rotherham, Felix Russo, Reginald Smith, Bertha Stonehouse, Delphine Strong, Verna Stroud.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was
incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the
forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

READING THE WORD TOGETHER

Every Tuesday at St Joseph's
from 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Beginning again this Tuesday,
February 4, in Meeting Room 1.

Enter from the west side of the
church, at the rear.

You're most welcome.

MONDAY'S SCRIPTURE GROUP

Every Monday at St. Roch's
after the 5:30 pm Mass, we
gather in St. Roch's narthex
from 6pm - 7pm, sharing the
upcoming Scriptures using
"2025 Break Open the Word".

All welcome

WOMEN'S RETREAT

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF VICTORIA AND WAGGA WAGGA

Lenten Retreat

The Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga invites you to a Women's Retreat

DATE: **Saturday 15 March 2025**
TIME: 9am to 12.30pm
VENUE: St Roch's Catholic Church, 198-200 Burke Rd, Glen Iris

The morning includes Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Spiritual Talks and morning tea.
Led by Fr Michael Gallacher.

To book go to www.trybooking.com/CXRYE or email info@cwlvicww.org.au

All are welcome. We would love to see you.

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MASS IN JAPANESE AND AFTERNOON TEA AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Sunday **16th of February**, Mass will be
celebrated in Japanese at 2:00 pm.

Following Mass, afternoon tea will be held in
the Narthex.

All welcome!

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GOSPEL

Lk 6: 17, 20-26

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray. . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said. . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 77: 29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord that we may always long for

that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

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.

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