

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 5:3
Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 12:13-21
A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?
A man in the crowd said to Jesus, ‘Master, tell
my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.’
‘My friend,’ he replied ‘who appointed me your
judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?’ Then
he said to them, ‘Watch, and be on your guard
against avarice of any kind, for a man’s life is
not made secure by what he owns, even when
he has more than he needs.’

Then he told them a parable: ‘There was once
a rich man who, having had a good harvest
from his land, thought to himself, “What am
I to do? I have not enough room to store my
crops.” Then he said, “This is what I will do: I
will pull down my barns and build bigger ones,
and store all my grain and my goods in them,
and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have
plenty of good things laid by for many years
to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a
good time.” But God said to him, “Fool! This
very night the demand will be made for your
soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be
then?” So it is when a man stores up treasure
for himself in place of making himself rich in
the sight of God.’

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

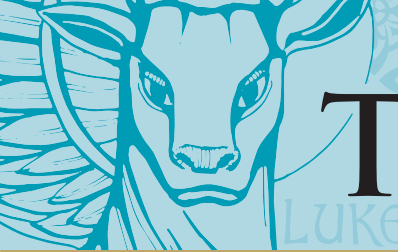
WHAT IS TRULY IMPORTANT

Unfortunately, arguments do sometimes
happen within families on the death of a
family member. These often revolve around
property, ownership and how the Will is
divided. Family disputes are not unknown.
The same occurred in Luke’s day.

Today’s Gospel begins with the dispute
between two brothers over an inheritance
claim. One of them wants Jesus to arbitrate.
But Jesus moves the issue to the deeper level
of encounter. He names it as greed. The
wisdom that emerges is that human security
is never guaranteed by property ownership or
possessions. This is a familiar theme in Luke’s
Gospel. It is an issue among those whom Luke
addresses. Reading behind the lines of today’s
Gospel, the evangelist responds to concerns
about wealth, greed, inheritance disputes and
inner tensions.

The second part of the Gospel explores these
issues further: A farmer decides to build bigger
barns to store his harvest. But what he has
forgotten is that he is not the one responsible
for the bumper harvest. It is the earth. In
his avariciousness he has lost his ecological
connectedness. Greed blurs his spiritual vision
and sensitivity to God’s earth. The farmer
seeks rather a life of ease and comfort. The
evangelist reminds the Gospel’s audience to
keep things in perspective. The disciple’s real
focus is on one’s soul and relationship with
God. Today’s Gospel is a sobering reminder of
what is truly important.

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

3 AUGUST 2025

FIRST READING Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23
A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes
What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of
vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely,
skilfully and successfully must leave what is his
own to someone who has not toiled for it at all.
This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what
does he gain for all the toil and strain that he
has undergone under the sun? What of all his
laborious days, his cares of office, his restless
nights? This, too, is vanity.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1
**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been
our refuge.**

1. You turn men back into dust / and say: ‘Go
back, sons of men.’ / To your eyes a thousand
years / are like yesterday, come and gone, / no
more than a watch in the night. **R.**
2. You sweep men away like a dream, / like
grass which springs up in the morning. / In
the morning it springs up and flowers: / by
evening it withers and fades. **R.**
3. Make us know the shortness of our life /
that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord,
relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to
your servants. **R.**
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we
shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Let the
favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success
to the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING Col 3:1-5,9-11
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Colossians

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life
with Christ, you must look for the things that



are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s
right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly
things, not on the things that are on the earth,
because you have died, and now the life you
have is hidden with Christ in God. But when
Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too
will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you
that belongs only to earthly life: fornication,
impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and
especially greed, which is the same thing as
worshipping a false god; and never tell each
other lies. You have stripped off your old
behaviour with your old self, and you have put
on a new self which will progress towards true
knowledge the more it is renewed in the image
of its creator; and in that image there is no
room for distinction between Greek and Jew,
between the circumcised or the uncircumcised,
or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and
free man. There is only Christ: he is everything
and he is in everything.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C **3 AUGUST 2025**

PARISH CHURCHES & MASS TIME

St. Patrick's, 37 Sutherland Street, Kilmore VIC 3764
Our Lady Help of Christians, Cnr The Parade & McKenzie Sts, Broadford VIC 3658
Our Lady of the Way, 30 Alcantara Blvd, Wallan East VIC 3756
St Michael's, 33-35 Wandong Ave, Wandong VIC 3758

Saturday Mass (Vigil): 5 pm (Broadford) & 6.30 pm (Kilmore)
Sunday Mass: 8.45 am (Wallan) & 10.45 am (Kilmore)
Weekday Mass: Tuesday, Thursday—Saturday at 9 am (Kilmore) & Wednesday at 9 am (Wallan)
Reconciliation: Before weekday Mass at 8.30 am - 8.50 am at Kilmore (Tue, Thu-Sat) and Wallan (Wed), Tuesday after 9 am Mass, Kilmore, and Saturday at 6.10 pm - 6.20 pm, Kilmore Sunday at 8.10 am - 8.30 am, Wallan and at 10.20 am - 10.35 am, Kilmore
Adoration & Benediction: Thursday after 9 am Mass, Kilmore
Rosary: Thursday at 2 pm in the Church, Kilmore *(not running during school holidays)*

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ROSTERS for 2/3 August and 9/10 August

BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):	2 Aug	9 Aug
Reader	C. Stokes	D. Mercovich
EMHC	C. O'Dwyer	P. Fleming
KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):	2 Aug	9 Aug
Reader	M. Fleischmann	TBA
EMHC	C. Clancy	M. Fleischmann
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):	3 Aug	10 Aug
Reader	L. Pellicori	J. Holt
EMHC	TBA	C. Banon
EMHC	Annette Moore	TBA
PowerPoint	R. Quinn	F. Thompson
KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):	3 Aug	10 Aug
Reader	L. Pirie	C. Edulan
EMHC	TBA	C. Dodd
PowerPoint	K. Curry	Ian Pirie
FLOWERS:	J. Jain	M. Fleischmann
HOME EUCHARIST:	J. Dixon	TBA
	M. Donovan	TBA
CLEANERS KILMORE:	TBA	Nam & Nhi

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Sick List:
Fr. Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'agostino, Theo Aitchison, Susan Foster, Bernadette McWhinney, Nancy Purpera, Eva Aschberger and Margaret Canty.
PLEASE NOTE: Names in the sick list will remain there for 4 weeks. If you wish for that person to continue to be prayed for, please advise the parish office again. If you are submitting the name of someone other than yourself, please obtain their permission.

Anniversaries:
Richard Roy, Nell Zoch, Pat Dunlop, Stanley Daws, Terry Caddy, Thomas Donovan, Edward Dumaresq, Shane Ryan, Lorna Haine, Vaughan Clancy, Josephine Unwin, Andrew Jameson, Margaret Francis (Rita) Clarke, Stanley Leahy, Kevin Ryan, Russell Stones, Gerald Murphy, Alexis Adrias, Willin Lopez, Wishlie Lopez, Meriam Fran, Anton Gomesz, Frank D'agostino, Jean Nanayakkara and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

Recently Deceased:
Ann Harrigan and Maria Scully.

PASTOR'S WORD

"Be rich in what matters to God." (Luke 12:21)

This Sunday, Our Lord speaks to the deepest desire of the human heart. In the parable of the rich man, He warns us not of wealth itself, but of the illusion that we can secure our lives without reference to God. The heart that clings only to earthly treasure forgets that life is a gift, and eternity its horizon.

How different is the life of the saint we honour this Monday: **St. John Mary Vianney**, the Curé of Ars. Poor in possessions but rich in grace, he lived with heaven in his gaze and Christ in his heart. He spent hours in the confessional, listening with the patience of a shepherd and the mercy of the Father.

His life reminds us: holiness is not loud or spectacular. It is quiet faithfulness, daily surrender, love poured out in hidden ways. This is the wealth that endures.

Dear parishioners, let us ask, then: ***What treasure am I seeking? What fills the storehouse of my soul?*** May we, like St. John Vianney, grow rich in what truly matters—grace, mercy, and love. And may God bless our priests, who carry this treasure in earthen vessels.

Fr Andrew Choi, Parish Administrator

THEMPORARY CHURCH CLOSURE

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH LIGHT UPGRADE WORKS

Please be advised that from **4 August to 15 August**, **St. Patrick's Church, Kilmore** will be closed to facilitate essential upgrade works. These works include improvements to the **interior lighting of the church, rear carpark lighting**, and the **installation of a new security camera system**.

During this period, the church will not be accessible. Accordingly, **the weekend Masses on 9 and 10 August** will be celebrated in the **Parish Centre**. Should there be any change to the venue, a further notice will be issued in advance. **The weekday Masses from 4 to 15 August** will be celebrated in the **Parish Centre at 10 am** instead of 9 am.

We sincerely thank you for your understanding and continued support as we carry out these important enhancements to our parish facilities.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

3 - 10 AUGUST 2025

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured.

In this ***National Vocations Awareness Week***, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

Pray for Vocations every day!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

The Kilmore Conference of St Vincent de Paul has run for over 40 years. It is a small group of volunteers who endeavour to provide support to members of the local community during times of hardship. We visit approximately 25 households per month to provide food and gift cards and importantly, friendship and advice. Unfortunately, we recognise that our help is often dwarfed by overdue debts for rental, utilities (especially heating costs) and emergency bills such as car repairs. However, in these circumstances food can be in very short supply.

Our support comes from local donations including food donated by the schools; much of the profit of Vinnies shops is also channelled back to our services. Currently the organisation as a whole is running at a deficit. Your additional financial support will be gratefully accepted.

Norbert Ryan

President of St. Vincent de Paul, Kilmore Conference

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS

With Confirmation approaching for Year 6 children from both schools, St. Patrick's and Our Lady of the Way, in September, candidates will make a commitment to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation at 6.30 pm Mass (Sat), 8.45 am Mass and 10.45 am Mass (Sun) this weekend.

Your prayers are a great support for them.