

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Such was said to your ancestors; but I say to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court;

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Longer form 5:17-37

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Breaking Open the Word

HONOURING THE TORAH

As we continue to hear Jesus' teaching in Matthew's 'Sermon on the Mount', we now move into a very Jewish-oriented section. Matthew's audience were Jewish followers of Jesus. They were very familiar with the teachings of the Old Testament, from the Torah (the 'Law') and the Prophets. Jesus now reflects on these teachings stressing that he has come, not to abolish them, but to 'complete them'. In other words, Matthew is not rejecting the Jewish teaching heritage of the audience but deepening it. This preservation and honouring of the Torah is central in Jesus' teaching.

In fact, the one who keeps and teaches others the injunctions of the Torah will be regarded as 'great' in God's Kingdom. Matthew moves to explicate some of the key moral injunctions of the Torah. Each begins with the same formula: 'You have learnt how it was said to our

ancestors...' Then follows Jesus' interpretation of the Torah for Matthew's Jewish listeners. It is important to note how this teaching is presented. The usual translation has '...But I say to you...' This is not what the Greek text has. There is no contrast, no 'but', between what the ancients said and what Jesus teaches. There is no contrast between the old (the Torah) and the new (Jesus' teaching), and no rejection of Judaism or its ancient wisdom summed up on the Torah.

Jesus deepens the meaning behind these different aspects of Jewish law concerning murder, adultery and oath-breaking, getting to the heart of each. Undergirding each is the invitation to integrity of relationships. This, too, is the invitation to us, to live with a wholeness of being to others, God and the world.

Fr Michael Trainor

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

15 FEBRUARY 2026

FIRST READING

Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Sirach

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully' is within your power.

He has set fire and water before you;

put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him;

whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;

he is almighty and all-seeing.

His eyes are on those who fear him,

he notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be godless,

he has given no one permission to sin.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34. R. v. 1

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, / who follow God's law! / They are happy those who do his will, / seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**

2. You have laid down your precepts / to be obeyed with care. / May my footsteps be firm / to obey your statutes. **R.**

3. Bless your servant and I shall live / and obey your word. / Open my eyes that I may consider / the wonders of your law. **R.**

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes / and I will keep them to the end. / Train me to observe your law, / to keep it with my heart. **R.**

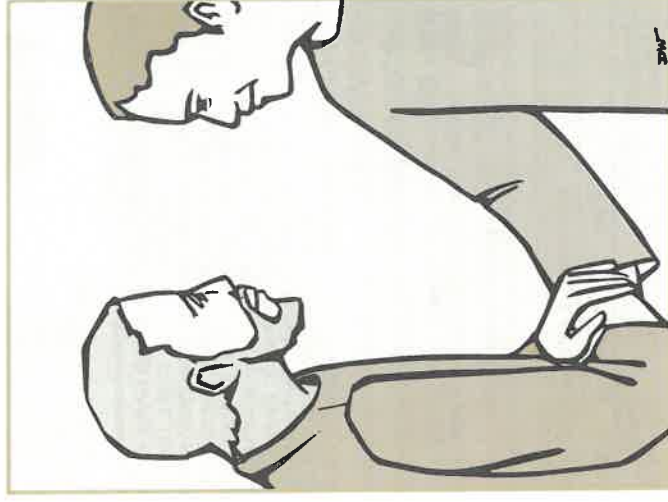
SECOND READING

1 Cor 2:6-10

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

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age,



it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

■ **The word of the Lord.**



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THIS WEEK: 15 February 2026 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Carina F	Alister R	Perly C	Julie Ann M	Tami M	Youth Group
1st Reader	Antonietta C	Deepak J	Kumudu M	Jennifer G	Marvin D	
2nd Reader	Jennifer S	Susan C	Gynn D	Greah P	Kirk D G R	
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Nick SL Joan S Paul M Grace S L	Stefan P Alister R	Teo C Rukmal M Shirley T Cedric B	Alvin G Froilan M Nelissa D Maria Mizzi	Jacqueline R Emman C Gloria T Oliver T	Maria Sulpharo Roland D Joe C Diana T
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A Loirenz N	Henry Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S Arlene Mary Ann	Jepicho, Jude Jherzielle
Choirs	Eucharistic Choir	AHFI	MWF with LHM Sisters	Emmaus	Lea Lapid	Exemoz

NEXT WEEK: 22 February 2026 - First Sunday of Lent - A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Della J	Richelle C	Mario N	Nelissa D	Flora S	Youth Group
1st Reader	Antonietta C	Telmo E	Rukmal M	Teresa Tan	Tonlette S	
	George E	RJ Baculo	Lorraine B	Maria Mizzi	Gloria T	
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Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry Fawaz	Raphael P Rev S Arlene Mary	Jepicho, Jude Jherzielle
Choirs	Light of Jesus (LOJ)	AHFI	Mt Horeb	CFCA	Exemoz	MWF with LHM Sisters



ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you" John 11:28

Adorers are needed for these hours:

Tuesday: 3am, 4am, 11pm

Wednesday: 4pm

Saturday: 4pm

Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

Ash Wednesday. 18 February

Fasting and Abstinence observed

Imposition of ashes in all Masses:

7:00 am; 8:30 am; 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm

SPC Primary School students will

join the 12:00 PM Ash Wednesday mass

Novena of Mother of Perpetual Help

on Ash Wednesday will start at 6:30pm followed by 7pm mass

EFTPOS facility available in the

foyer the church for those who wish to generously donate to the church. We thank you for your generosity and support. May God bless you and your Family

Next Week: 22 February 2026
First Sunday of Lent - A

Thanksgiving Envelopes. For those on the Thanksgiving program and missed collecting their envelopes, please contact the Parish office during office hours.

Station of the Cross. Every Friday at 7:45am and 6:15pm before evening mass during the entire season of lent

SPC Sunday School. Sundays at 11am to 12pm Marian House. For Grade 6 (six) and below. Contact: Sr Catherine 0425157651

"Animo" SPC Youth Group.

Tuesdays, 6:30pm - 8:00pm, Karmel Hall SPC Parish Hall) For Grade 7 (seven) and up. Contact: Sr Lawrence 0405190286

Sacramental Program. Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, for Students attending State School. For those who missed the information night, please come to the Parish Hall at 6:45pm on Monday 16th February. Brother Angelo and his team will be happy to assist you.

Reminder. If you are staying in the A Adoration Chapel after the 8:30 am Mass, please park your cars outside. School gates are closed at 9:30 am

A VOCATION VIEW

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began. Some people he predestines to be priests or religious – might you be one of them? Listen to the call!