

made to him and he had been told: it is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

■ The word of the Lord.

Shorter form Heb 11:1-2, 8-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 24:42,44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 12:32-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Longer form Lk 12:32-48

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Breaking Open the Word

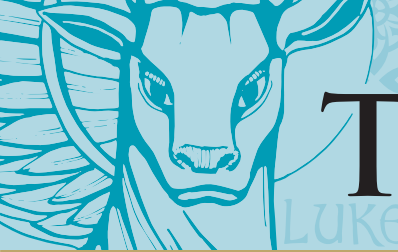
BE ALERT

Luke’s audience consists of people who are wealthy and those who are poorer, from the lower rung of the social ladder. The evangelist’s focus is frequently on those of comfortable and wealthy status. This is presumed in today’s reading. This Gospel passage follows immediately from last Sunday’s. Luke continues to reflect on the themes of wealth and the disciple’s attentiveness to God. Jesus reminds Luke’s audience that God wants to offer the Kingdom to all. It is not restrictive. But there is one barrier for its reception: wealth and greed—a theme noted last Sunday. Disciples are encouraged to be generous and respond tangibly to the needs of the poor, encouragement that is at the heart of Catholic social teaching.

A second theme emerges: besides generosity, disciples must also remember Jesus’ *Parousia*, his coming at the end of time. This perspective is not to be forgotten, though perhaps some in the Lukan household had done so. The example are householders being alert to the master’s eventual arrival after a wedding or to a burglar who might smash through the house’s mud brick walls. Alertness is thus key. It will surface again later in the Gospel when the disciples are told in Gethsemane to ‘keep awake!’ Luke promises that such existential alertness will be substantially rewarded.

For ourselves, too, today’s Gospel is a spiritually healthy reminder. As we gather around the Lord’s Table, we are encouraged to an alertness for the Lord’s coming at the end of time. The acclamation after the words of Institution in the Eucharistic Prayer echoes this.

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

10 AUGUST 2025

FIRST READING

Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22. R. v. 12

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; / for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. / They are happy, whose God is the Lord, / the people he has chosen as his own. **R.**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, / on those who hope in his love, / to rescue their souls from death, / to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. / The Lord is our help and our shield. / May your love be upon us, O Lord, / as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance



given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

10 AUGUST 2025

PARISH CHURCHES & MASS TIME

St. Patrick's, 37 Sutherland St, Kilmore VIC 3764
Our Lady Help of Christians, Cnr The Parade & McKenzie St, 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 9/10 August and 16/17 August

BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):	9 Aug	16 Aug
Reader	D. Mercovich	J. Fleming
EMHC	P. Fleming	P. Fleming
KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):	9 Aug	16 Aug
Reader	TBA	R. Emmanuel
EMHC	M. Fleischmann	TBA
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):	10 Aug	17 Aug
Reader	J. Holt	M. Carocci
EMHC	C. Banon	G. Pannuzzo
EMHC	TBA	M. Hoban
PowerPoint	F. Thompson	R. Quinn
KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):	10 Aug	17 Aug
Reader	C. Edulan	A. Mathew
EMHC	C. Dodd	K. Pirie
PowerPoint	Ian Pirie	K. Curry
FLOWERS:	M. Fleischmann	Pauline Duff
HOME EUCHARIST:	TBA	TBA
	TBA	TBA
CLEANERS KILMORE:	Nam & Nhi	TBA

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Sick List:
Fr. Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'agostino, Theo Aitchison, Susan Foster, Bernadette McWhinney, Nancy Purpera and Eva Aschberger.
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:
Mary Teresa Flynn, Pat Dunlop, Paola Scollo, Saryl Weinstein, Fiona Catherine Haine, Phyllis Jean Daniell, Kim Dunlop, Mary Teresa Flynn, Jack Younghusband, Joan Sapiano, Filippo Paul Luca Florence Rae, Ettorina Di Giovine, Salvatore Scollo, Noel Tuohey, Stan Leahy, Joan Lillian Clark, Mark Tymms, Joan Lillian Clark and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

Recently Deceased:
Most Reverend Bishop-Emeritus Peter Elliott & Margaret Canty.

PASTOR'S WORD

Faith, Watchfulness, and the Light of Holiness

In August, the Church in Australia rejoices and invites us to contemplate two shining lights of holiness: **St. Mary of the Cross, MacKillop (8 Aug)** and the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (15 Aug)**.

Mary MacKillop, Australia's first canonised saint, lived a life of deep faith, humility, and practical charity. In her courageous witness to the Gospel—especially through **education and service to the poor**—she teaches us that sanctity is possible in ordinary life, even amid suffering. Her trust in God's providence remains an enduring inspiration. When canonising her in 2010, Pope Benedict XVI said: *"Mary MacKillop is a model of holiness for the Church in Australia and the world. She showed great faith and courage in responding to the needs of the poor, especially children, through education and care. Her trust in God's providence was unwavering, even in the face of hardship and misunderstanding."* (Homily for the Canonisation of St Mary MacKillop, 17 October 2010)

The Assumption of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, lifts our eyes to Heaven. Mary, preserved from sin, is taken up body and soul into eternal glory. This is not merely a personal privilege, but a sign of hope for the whole Church. In her, we see fulfilled the destiny God desires for each of us: **full communion with Him, in body and spirit**. St John Paul II beautifully reflected: *"The Assumption is the crowning of Mary's pilgrimage on earth, the sign that God's love is stronger than death."* (General Audience, 15 August 1997)

Dear Parishioners, as today's Gospel urges us to be watchful and ready, may the example of these two women—Blessed Mary of Nazareth and St Mary of the Cross, MacKillop—renew our hope, deepen our faith, and draw our hearts ever closer to Christ.

Holy Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for us. St. Mary of the Cross, pray for us.

Fr Andrew Choi, Parish Administrator

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (15 AUGUST)

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the Holy Days of Obligation (*outside of Sundays, the other being Christmas*).

To mark this Solemnity, Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's, Kilmore, at 10 am and 7 pm.

All parishioners are encouraged to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in honour of the Blessed Mary's Assumption into heaven.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 3 - 10 AUGUST 2025

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

Pray for Vocations every day!

THURSDAY 2PM ROSARY @ KILMORE

Please note that this Thursday (13 Aug) 2pm Rosary will be at Kate's place.

TEMPORARY 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**. **The weekday Masses** will be celebrated in the **Parish Centre at 10 am** instead of 9 am.

Should there be any change to the venue, a further notice will be issued in advance. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

BROWN SCAPULAR ENROLMENT

The Brown Scapular is a sign of consecration to Our Lady of Mount Carmel and spiritual affiliation with the Carmelite Order. Fr Andrew will offer an **Enrolment Ceremony at St. Patrick's, Kilmore, at 12 pm (after the 10.45 am Mass) on Sunday, 24 August**.

Scapular will be provided, or you may bring your own.