

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. ‘If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, ‘Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.’ Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

7 SEPTEMBER 2025

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

What is the ‘cost’ of being a disciple? What will it require? These questions are addressed in today’s Gospel. Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem where suffering and death await. He is accompanied by a crowd of people. They, too, are on the ‘way’—the earliest expression used of Jesus’ followers who, according to Luke in the Acts of the Apostles, are named people of ‘The Way’ (Acts 9.2f).

It is clear from Jesus’ teaching that discipleship will not be easy. We have met this theme already back in August, on the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, when Jesus spoke of the tensions that would arise within households where committed disciples lived. In today’s passage, this household division is even more dramatically described. Disciples’ relationship to Jesus must trump every other. The word which Luke uses is ‘hate’. Disciples must ‘hate’ parents and siblings. The language of Luke’s day employed superlatives and exaggerated speech to make a point. So, the disciple is not to literally ‘hate’ family members., but the ‘hate’ expression is a reminder that following Jesus will come at a cost. This cost requires commitment and needs calculation.

This is the point of the two examples which conclude the Gospel: calculation is needed in building materials or the chances of victory in battle. The final note the passage ends on is one of Luke’s favourite themes: Disciples must not be possessed by possessions. The disciple must be free, of wealth and even relationships that hinder communion with Jesus.

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Wis 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Who can comprehend the will of the Lord?

‘What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.’

■ 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

Philem 9-10, 12-17

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

■ The word of the Lord.

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

7 September 2025

On this Sunday, **7 September 2025**, Pope Leo XIV will celebrate the Canonisation of **Blessed Carlo Acutis** and **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati** at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. The Solemn Mass of Canonisation will begin at **10 am (6 pm Melbourne time)**—an event of grace for the entire Church.

In **Carlo Acutis**, we encounter the freshness of youthful holiness. Gifted with technological skill and a profound Eucharistic devotion, he recognised the Real Presence of Christ as his “*highway to heaven*.” Amid the distractions of the modern world, Carlo bore witness to the unchanging beauty of divine love. His brief life—offered entirely to God—reminds us that sanctity is not bound by age but by the depth of one’s communion with Christ.

Pier Giorgio Frassati stands as a compelling example of holiness lived in the ordinary realities of daily life. Born into a privileged family, he chose to embrace radical poverty and service to the poor as his true wealth. His life was marked by a joyful union of faith and action—combining fervent Eucharistic devotion with vigorous social engagement. A member of the Dominican Third Order, Pier Giorgio found in the Beatitudes not abstract ideals but concrete challenges to love God and neighbour. His passion for mountain climbing symbolised the spiritual ascent—the striving toward God amid the demands of the world. Pier Giorgio’s life, cut short by illness at only 24, testifies that holiness is lived in generous self-gift and joyful sacrifice.

The Saints are not distant relics of a bygone age. They are the most luminous reflection of the Face of Christ in every generation. They show us that holiness is not a luxury for the few, but the vocation of all the baptized.

As St. Bernard of Clairvaux reminds us: “*The Saints have no need of honour from us; but when we venerate them, we are inspired to follow them.*”

May the Canonisation of these two radiant witnesses rekindle in us the desire for holiness, and remind us that in the Saints, we see what it means to live fully for God and in God.

You may be able to watch the Canonisation Mass live at: <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/watch-live>
Rev. Fr Andrew Choi

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Sick List

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Fr Martino Jung, Pina D’agostino, Theo Aitchison, Susan Foster, Bernadette McWhinney, Nancy Purpera, Eva Aschberger and all people who are in need of our prayers..

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 and family, please obtain their permission.

Anniversaries

Charles Stute, Julie Bickford, Angela Borg, James McDonald, Margaret Murray, Anthony Mooney, Laurie Balmer, Ada May Ryan, Mary Patricia Cushen, Miguel Magno, Len Moore, Celeste Anne Green, Patricia Mary Kelly, James McKeogh, Sister Aquin, Ronald Ring, Catherine McKeogh, Rowena Trino, Reynaldo Trino, Reynaldo Layug, Reymundo Layug and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time.

Recently Deceased

Agnes Cutinha (Mother of Fr Prakash), Ernest Girolami (Father of Fr Anthony, Parish Priest of Mill Park) and Catherine Gates.

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OUR LADY OF THE WAY
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ST. MICHAEL’S
33-35 Wandong Ave, Wandong

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat (Vigil)	5 pm, Broadford
	6.30 pm, Kilmore
Sun	8.45 am, Wallan
	10.45 am, Kilmore

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu-Sat	9 am, Kilmore
Wed	9 am, Wallan

CONFESSION

30 minutes prior to each Mass & during Adoration (Thu)

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction
Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore

Divine Mercy Chaplet
15 minutes prior to each weekday Mass, Kilmore

Rosary
after each weekday Mass & Thu 2 pm in the Church, Kilmore

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ROSTER

FOR THIS WEEKEND (6/7 SEP)

BROADFORD (5pm, Sat 6 SEP)

Reader: B. O'Dwyer
EMHC: C. O'Dwyer

KILMORE (6.30pm, Sat 6 SEP)

Reader: M. Fleischmann
EMHC: M. Chatfield
PowerPoint: P. Duff

WALLAN (8.45am, Sun 7 SEP)

Reader: N. Ryan
EMHC: T. Cooney
EMHC: T. Brincat
PowerPoint: R. Quinn

KILMORE (10.45am, Sun 7 SEP)

Reader: C. Dodd
EMHC: C. Mathew
PowerPoint: K. Curry

FLOWERS: E. Ferraresi

HOME COMMUNION: TBA

CLEANERS KILMORE: TBA

FOR NEXT WEEKEND (13/14 SEP)

BROADFORD (5pm, Sat 13 SEP)

Reader: P. Fleming
EMHC: A. Leahy

KILMORE (6.30pm, Sat 13 SEP)

Reader: R. Emmanuel
EMHC: M. Fleischmann
PowerPoint: P. Duff

WALLAN (8.45am, Sun 14 SEP)

Reader: P. Hutchinson
EMHC: C. Banon
EMHC: J. Sapiano
PowerPoint: F. Thompson

KILMORE (10.45am, Sun 14 SEP)

Reader: TBA
EMHC: C. Dodd
PowerPoint: K. Curry

FLOWERS: H. Clancy

HOME COMMUNION: H. Clancy
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WORD OF A SAINT

St. John Chrysostom
Bishop, Doctor
(Feast day: 13 September)

*"Charity is the root of all virtues,
the mother of good deeds."*

A PRAYER FOR FATHERS (HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!)



Heavenly Father, Author of life and source of all fatherhood, we thank You for the gift of fathers, called to reflect Your steadfast love and guidance.

Grant them strength in trials, patience in burdens, and joy in the vocation You have entrusted to them. May their example lead their children to know and follow Your truth.

Receive into Your mercy the fathers who have died, and console those who grieve or carry hidden wounds.

Through the intercession of Saint Joseph, may every father grow in holiness and be a faithful sign of Your divine Fatherhood.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

DISCOVER THE CATHOLIC FAITH—RCIA 2025-2026

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the journey through which adults are welcomed into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation. It is also open to baptised Catholics who have not yet received **First Communion** or **Confirmation**, and to anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith.

Whether you are just beginning to ask questions or you are ready to become Catholic, you are welcome here.

Session Details:

- **Start Date: Wednesday, 17 September 2025**
- **Weekly sessions on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm in St. Patrick's Parish Centre**
- **Sacraments Celebration: 4 April 2026 at the Easter Vigil Mass**

Enrolments will close at 3 pm on Friday, 12 September, 2025. To enroll or ask questions, please contact the Parish Office during office hours.

"COME AND SEE." (Jn 1:39) - God may be calling you into something deeper.

ST. PATRICK'S YOUNG CATHOLICS GATHERING

We are thrilled to announce that a gathering for **young adults** will commence this year from September onwards. This monthly gathering will have the same format, but a different faith topic to discuss together each month - starting with a light supper and socialising, then a short presentation and a faith discussion. The gathering will close with the Rosary with the attendees' prayer intentions. Please see the details below:

Dates (for 2025): Every 2nd Saturday—13 Sep / 11 Oct / 8 Nov / 13 Dec

Time: 7.30 pm - 9 pm (after 6.30 pm Mass)

Venue: St Patrick's Parish Office Meeting Room

Please note that this gathering is open to young adults over 18 years old; young Catholics from other Parishes are welcome.

Opening Night will be on Saturday, 13 September. It will be a relaxed night of socialising and a light supper and prayer. You are very welcome to join – we are looking forward to seeing you!

If you have any enquiries or would like to RSVP (for catering purposes), please speak to Fr Andrew or email andrew.choi@cam.org.au

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We give thanks to God and warmly congratulate the children of St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School and Our Lady of the Way Catholic Primary School, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, 5 September, and Saturday, 6 September.

We also extend our sincere gratitude to Very Rev. Fr Anthony Kerin, Vicar General, for celebrating the Confirmation Masses, and to all the school staff for their dedicated guidance of the children.

May the joy of this sacred moment remain in their hearts always, and may they continue to grow steadfastly in faith and love.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK (7-13 SEPTEMBER)

This week, let us renew our commitment to protect and care for all children and those who are most vulnerable. (Next Sunday: Safeguarding Sunday)