

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, ‘When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, “Give up your place to this man.” And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, “My friend, move up higher.” In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.’

Then he said to his host, ‘When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

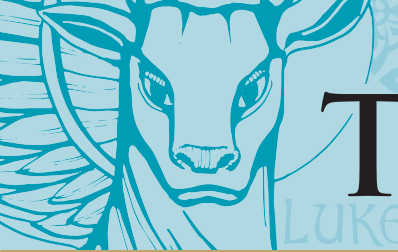
MEAL-TEACHINGS

Today’s opening Gospel verse sets the scene for what will unfold. It is a Sabbath, a day of rest when Israelites emulate the action of God in the creation story in Genesis 1. A meal now provides this for Jesus. What follows is in two parts.

The first is an analysis of social structure and hierarchy in Luke’s day. Jesus notices how some presume to sit in the places of honour. They presume entitlement. We are in a world where one of the most important social dynamics concerns the importance of ‘honour’ and ‘shame.’ Honour is a publicly recognised value by which people are confirmed or grow in their social standing; shame is its antithesis. Honour is a limited commodity which is either inherited or acquired. Those who ‘shame’ another grow in honour. Luke’s Jesus uses this social dynamic to reflect on self-exaltation and humility: ‘Those who exalt themselves will be humbled and those who humble themselves will be exalted’.

The second part of today’s Gospel further explores what happens at meals. The common expectation would be to host a meal with one’s friends and people of similar social standing. Jesus upends such meal etiquette. Rather than inviting social equals he encourages meal invitees to be the poor and those from the lower echelons. Payment for such graciousness will occur in the time of resurrection. These meal-teachings from Luke’s day, of humility and welcoming of the poor, continue to speak to us today.

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

31 AUGUST 2025

FIRST READING Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Sirach
Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man’s malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage’s dream.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. cf. v. 11

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, / they shall exult and dance for joy. / O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; / rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, / such is God in his holy place. / God gives the lonely a home to live in; / he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: / when your people were starved you gave them new life. / It was there that your people found a home, / prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**



SECOND READING Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a ‘first-born son’ and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

31 AUGUST 2025

The Christian life is not a striving for status, visibility, or recognition by others, but a humble assent to truth—the truth of who we are before God. At the heart of the Gospel is this paradox: greatness in the eyes of God is found not in self-assertion, but in self-forgetfulness; not in being seen, but in serving.

Humility, then, is not the denial of our gifts, but the proper ordering of our hearts. It is the quiet acknowledgement that all we have is received and that what we receive is given for the sake of others. In this way, humility becomes the atmosphere in which grace bears fruit and faith matures.

This week, we rejoice with our parish schools' Year 6 children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Our Lady of the Way Primary School—Friday, 5 September
St. Patrick's Primary School—Saturday, 6 September

In Confirmation, the Holy Spirit seals the gift first given in Baptism and strengthens these young members of our parish for the mission ahead. They will receive the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit: **Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord**—not just for personal growth in the life of faith but also for the building up of the Body of Christ. I ask you, dear parishioners, to keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers so that they may remain attentive to the voice of the Spirit and grow in holiness through fidelity, humility, and joy.

As a universal Church, we are now journeying together in the Jubilee, proclaimed by former Pope Francis with the theme **Pilgrims of Hope**. A Jubilee is always a time of renewal, mercy, and new beginnings—a sacred opportunity to rediscover our identity as a people on pilgrimage, walking together in faith, strengthened by hope. It invites us to pause, to reflect on the gift of salvation, and to recommit ourselves to the mission Christ has entrusted to us all.

Let us renew our hearts. May the Holy Spirit stir within us a deeper longing for holiness, a stronger sense of communion, and a renewed hope that does not disappoint. Also, let us seek not places of honour, but the place of the servant where Christ Himself has gone before us.

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

Lorrae Clancy, Dorothy Verna Leahy, Frank Zoch, Duncan Rae, Daniel Clancy, Brenda Kelly, Fr Brian Quillinan, Barry Thomas Garlick, Agnes Annie Scully and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time.

Recently Deceased

CHURCHES

ST. PATRICK'S
37 Sutherland St, Kilmore

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
Cnr The Parade & McKenzie St, Broadford

OUR LADY OF THE WAY
30 Alcantara Blvd, Wallan

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 (30/31 AUG)

BROADFORD (5pm, Sat 30 AUG)

Reader: P. Kelly
EMHC: B. O'Dwyer

KILMORE (6.30pm, Sat 30 AUG)

Reader: TBA
EMHC: C. Clancy
PowerPoint: P. Duff

WALLAN (8.45am, Sun 31 AUG)

Reader: N. Ross
EMHC: S. Buckley
EMHC: T. Cooney
PowerPoint: R. Quinn

KILMORE (10.45am, Sun 31 AUG)

Reader: S. Ramganathan
EMHC: TBA
PowerPoint: K. Curry

FLOWERS: C. Eid

HOME COMMUNION: J. Dixon
M. Donovan

CLEANERS KILMORE: TBA

FOR NEXT 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: I. Pirie

FLOWERS: E. Ferraresi

HOME COMMUNION: TBA
TBA

CLEANERS KILMORE: TBA

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WORD OF A SAINT

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT
(Feast day: 3 September)

"The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist."

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.

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2025

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2025 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated!

If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese. **Campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards are still available in the foyer in each church.** You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

Your generous gift supports
ministries across the Archdiocese
—bringing the Good News to life
not only in word, but in action.

Thank you.

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CARITAS AUSTRALIA: GAZA PLEDGE (CLOSES THIS SUNDAY 31 AUG)

By September 9, changes to registration processes for international NGOs threaten to drastically reduce the already insufficient flow of food, water, and medicine into Gaza. While Caritas Australia's locally embedded partners remain unaffected, Caritas Australia has launched a pledge to acknowledge the devastating impact of any further reduction in aid to Gaza.

To learn more and sign the pledge: caritas.org.au/gaza

Support through signing and sharing the pledge - closes this Sunday 31 August 2025.

LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE IN LOVE

A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple



Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome.

- **October 3-5:** Tooleybuc Sporting Club / Tooleybuc Club Motor Inn, Tooleybuc NSW (35 mins from Swan Hill)
- **October 10-12:** St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm. Please check our website (www.wwme.org.au) for more details and contact **Mercy and James** for bookings: **0409 183 676** or vicbookings@wwme.org.au

AUSTRALIAN PLANT SOCIETY MITCHELL—ANNUAL PLANT EXPO

From 9 am—3 pm, Saturday 6 September, at Wallan Multipurpose Community Centre. Huge flower display, plant sales and books.