



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

30 AUGUST 2026

FIRST READING

Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my
heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

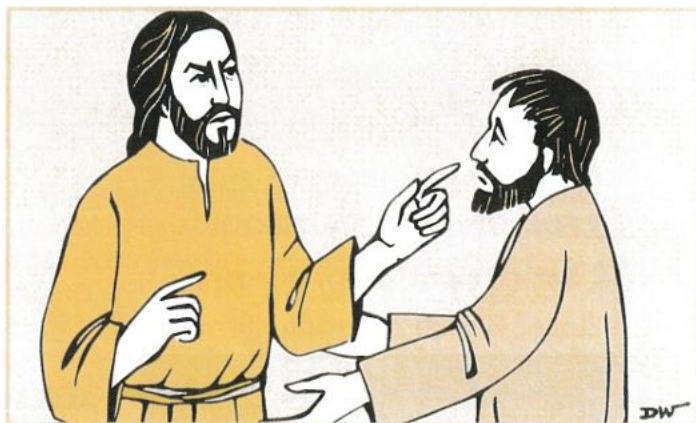
Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v. 2

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; /
for you my soul is thirsting. / My body pines
for you / like a dry, weary land without
water. **R.**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary / to see
your strength and your glory. / For your love
is better than life, / my lips will speak your
praise. **R.**

3. So I will bless you all my life, / in your
name I will lift up my hands. / My soul shall
be filled as with a banquet, / my mouth shall
praise you with joy. **R.**



4. For you have been my help; / in the shadow
of your wings I rejoice. / My soul clings to
you; / your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and
worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy
of thinking beings, by offering your living
bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God.
Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of
the world around you, but let your behaviour
change, modelled by your new mind. This is
the only way to discover the will of God and
know what is good, what it is that God wants,
what is the perfect thing to do.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Eph 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia! / May the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ / enlighten the eyes of
our heart, / that we might see how great
is the hope / to which we are called. /
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that
he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer
grievously at the hands of the elders and chief
priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be
raised up on the third day. Then, taking him
aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him.
'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This
must not happen to you.' But he turned and
said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are
an obstacle in my path, because the way you
think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone
wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce
himself and take up his cross and follow me.
For anyone who wants to save his life will lose
it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will
find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins
the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has
a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the
glory of his Father with his angels, and, when
he does, he will reward each one according to
his behaviour.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

GENUINE DISCIPLESHIP

Today's Gospel follows on immediately from
last Sunday's Gospel and the question posed
to Jesus' disciples in Matthew's day, and to us,
about his identity. Jesus then outlines what
awaits him in Jerusalem—his suffering, death
and resurrection. These words seem either
incomprehensible to his disciples, represented
by Peter, or are rejected.

Whatever the reason for Peter's reaction,
following God's anointed one on a path
of suffering, death and resurrection is
unfathomable. The disciples imagine a
triumphant, powerful figure who will overcome
Roman opposition. Success and status are
their vision for the future of discipleship!

Today's Gospel is a sobering reminder that
suffering is not excluded from discipleship.
Life's tragedies and concerns are not the
opposite of following Jesus; they can be
authentic expressions of it. Disciples are not
called to seek suffering nor to become victims.
Rather, suffering can be integrated into
genuine discipleship. These are important
insights especially for some who think that
they must 'prove' their loyalty to Jesus by
seeking out further pain or suffering. We
know that suffering is part of life; we need not
look for it further. We are surrounded by a
world of suffering.

Today we acknowledge the sufferings of those
who gather with us in our Assembly, especially
those borne silently or through violence,
including domestic violence.

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Weekday Mass Feasts:

Thursday St Gregory, Pope & Doctor, p1985

Friday Spring Ember Day

Saturday Votive Mass of Mary, p2224

What are 'Ember Days'?

Traditionally Ember Days were three days to sanctify each season with focused fasting, abstinence and prayer. Vatican II no longer required their observance as before, though bishops still encourage the observation of attentive prayer, fasting and prayers, especially for vocations, on the first Friday of Spring and Autumn.

PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS:

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PRAYER CORNER

Prayer Intentions for the sick

Kevin Bell - hospice care

Bonnie Brown

Mary Sheehan

Andrew Azzaro

Tess Howden

Trevor Clark

Dennis Denoual

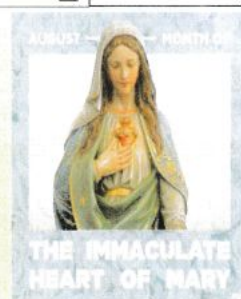
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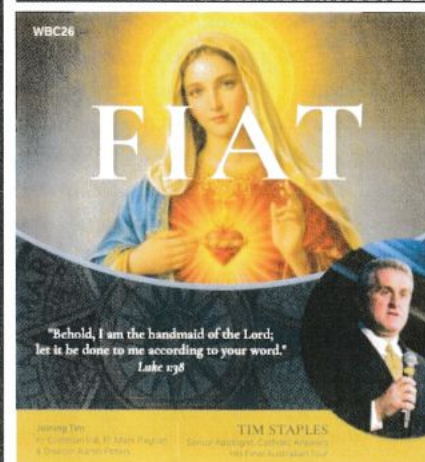
NEWS, EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION:

Prayer and Salvation Pt 1

Our exploration of the Catholic Faith continues Sunday 1045-1130am looking at the understanding of prayer and salvation. For those of you who have been on your faith journey for a while, your generous presence at these conversations is a concrete way to support and meet these new people exploring the faith and help them feel welcome. Such connections can also provide authentic sponsors of genuine support and accompaniment. Please pray for those exploring the Catholic faith, especially those with a view to become initiated towards November.

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER - DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC ANSWERS TO VISIT PERTH OCT 1-3



This conference has been running yearly for 10 years, bringing quality international speakers to Perth. This year the theme is 'FIAT' and will be held 1-3 October at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Scarborough. People might like to carpool?

Tim Staples as a protestant was deeply skeptical of Mary, now, he works full time helping others discover the deep truth of the Catholic faith! Come experience the three days of teaching, worship and mission.

CUPPA AFTER MASS NEXT WE!

Remember to pray for fathers next weekend and we are hoping to offer a simple sausage sizzle after Mass in celebration of fatherhood.



Thank you to the Hocking family who have donated a comfy and robust floor mat to the patio space that's easy to access below the outdoor pew. Parents and children are welcome to make use of it any time. At parent's discretion, there is a small box also under the same pew with some simple blocks etc, that are available if needed to occupy/distract etc.

While electrics in the Church are a little tricky, a trial of using an inexpensive, mounted portable gas heater to provide the option of a little warmth on cold or stormy days seems to be very effective.

Perhaps in warmer months with the windows or doors open, the audio carries to the patio space, but acknowledge that it's been hard sometimes to hear outside, so will work to attend to this. We have some big Masses coming up, so this will be good.

RECOMMENDATIONS REQUESTED

If anyone can recommend a good local electrician please email the parish. The 3 phase load needs to be better balanced so the entire Church and House block won't continue to switch off whenever a kettle or urn is switched on while multiple ACs are on.

COMMITMENT MASSES

Next Saturday Sept 5th and Sept 12th at the Saturday Vigil, there are a significant number of children from Sacred Heart Primary who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation will be present with their parents. Please pray for them to be drawn into a deeper discipleship of the Lord through their preparation for this Sacrament.

There will be Sacraments celebrated on the weekend of the 19th of September.

Let's be mindful of welcoming new faces, and practicing some 'pew hospitality' when people might be looking to slip into the end of a pew for a seat at some busy masses. :)