

# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

6 SEPTEMBER 2026

## FIRST READING

Ezek 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

**R.** O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**



## SECOND READING

Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Love is the fulfilment of the Law.*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! / God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; / and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. / Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mt 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

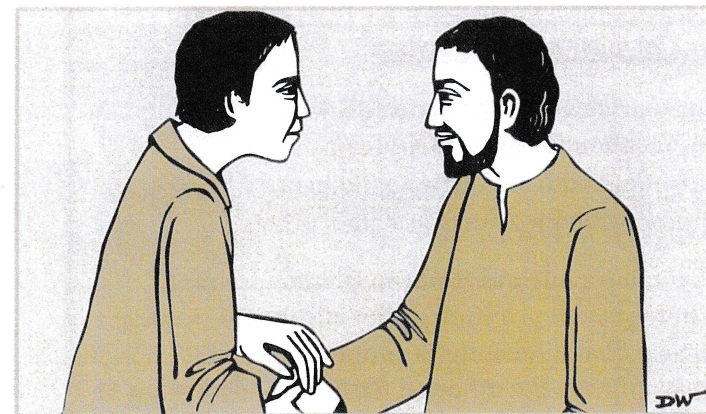
*If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Breaking Open the Word

## SEEK RECONCILIATION

Last Sunday reminded us that following Jesus is not free from struggle. Challenges, even misunderstandings, will be part of the disciple's vocation. This Sunday, the evangelist moves deeper to highlight further concerns that beset the community of disciples—internal struggles, tensions, even rejection.

The evangelist draws on the wisdom of Jesus to address these realities and suggests a three-step process towards reconciliation. It begins with personal dialogue. The one wronged seeks to invite the wrongdoer to reconciliation. If this fails, witnesses to what has happened verify the authenticity of the issues and encourage resolution. If this fails then the whole faith community, the *ekklesia*, witness to the wrong that has created the division, inviting the wrong doer to a change of heart and reconciliation.

Even if this third step fails then Matthew advises to treat the wrong doer 'like a pagan or tax collector.' In other words, as Jesus welcomed strangers and invited a tax collector to become one of his disciples, the door must always be left open. The final words of the Gospel contain Jesus' assurance that he is always present to even a small discipleship gathering, of even two or three, no matter what they are dealing with.

Today's Gospel is as relevant for our day as it was in the time of Matthew. No faith community is tension free. Disagreements arise and, sometimes, are not easily resolved by faith leaders. Rather than gossiping or character assassination, personal approaches that invite conflict resolution and community building are essential. In everything, Jesus is present.

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## Weekday Mass Feasts:

Tuesday The Birth of the B.V. Mary, p1988

Saturday Votive Mass, B.V. Mary, p2224

*Did you notice that the date of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, 8<sup>th</sup> Dec, is celebrated on the calendar 9 months before?*

## FIAT: Why Be Catholic Conference 2026

Your invited 1-3 October to Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Scarborough, for the 2026 Why Be Catholic Conference.

Our headline guest is **Tim Staples**, Senior Apologist with Catholic Answers, appearing on what may be his final Australian tour. Tim was also a guest at our very first conference in 2015.

Early bird tickets close 1 September.

Visit [www.evangelisationaustralia.com](http://www.evangelisationaustralia.com) for details & registration.

## PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS:

**1<sup>st</sup> Collection: Priest upkeep**

'The Roman Catholic Archbishop'

BSB: 086006

A/C #: 985196641

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: Parish upkeep**

'The Roman Catholic Archbishop'

BSB: 086006

A/C #: 673418807

## PRAYER CORNER

Prayer Intentions for the sick

Kevin Bell - hospice care

Eric Nordberg

Bonnie Brown

Mary Sheehan

Andrew Azzaro

Tess Howden

Trevor Clark

Dennis Denoual

Bill Makely

**ARE YOU OR SOMEONE  
YOU KNOW UNWELL?  
UNABLE TO GET TO  
MASS?**

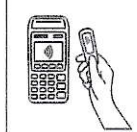
We'd love to explore how we can help you or someone you know access the Eucharist.

Please call or email  
Fr Stephen



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## SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil - 6.00pm @ Sacred Heart

Sunday - 7.30am @ Our Lady of

Good Counsel, Chidlow

- 9.30am @ Sacred Heart

## Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 8.30am

Wednesday 8.00am

Thursday 8.30am

7.00pm Men's prayer group

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> wk of the month

Friday 8.30am

9.00am Adoration, Confession

Saturday 8.30am

9.00am Rosary & Cenacle

## Reconciliation:

Friday 9.00am (Sacred Heart)

Saturday 9.00am (Sacred Heart)

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month 12-1.00pm

(Our Lady of Good Counsel, Chidlow)

\*Or any time by request\*

## Parish Cuppa:

Mundaring: 1st Weekend of the Month

Chidlow: Following each Sunday morning Mass ALL WELCOME!

For information about Baptism or other sacraments please visit our website, email or phone the parish.

# NEWS, EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

## Happy Fathers Day!

We wish all our fathers a very happy Father's Day! In a time where it is perhaps not always easy to see examples of virtuous fatherhood and masculinity in our culture, we **thank you** and pray God will bless you to use your gifts and strength for others in sacrificial service.

"But when this fatherhood does not exist, when it is experienced only as a biological phenomenon, without its human and spiritual dimension, all statements about God the Father are empty. The crisis of fatherhood we are living today is an element, perhaps the most important, threatening man in his humanity. The dissolution of fatherhood and motherhood is linked to the dissolution of our being sons and daughters." Pope Benedict XVI

Some inspiring and entertaining podcasts around growing in virtue and becoming saints, faithful fathers, husbands and leaders: [The Catholic Gentleman](#), [The Catholic Man Show](#) or [The Manly Catholic](#).

## CUPPA AFTER MASS

In honour of the gift of fatherhood, the BBQ is fired up for a sausage sizzle.

Thank you to EASTERN HILLS

BAKERY for baking the delicious fresh rolls and their kind support over the years.



## COFFEE AND CONVERSATION gatherings:

No formal discussion this weekend.

## TEENS 24/7 CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP: WHERE TO AFTER CONFIRMATION?

Having a peer group the is supportive of the faith is **essential** for teens.

For Grade 6-12, Midland hosts a 2x monthly youth group hub on Friday nights that continues that faith journey with fun, food and friendship.

Continue to live as a disciple of Jesus, 24/7 with the inspiring witness and support of leaders and friends.

**24:7 YOUTH MINISTRY**

**MIDLAND**  
YOUTH GROUP

**2ND | 4TH | 5TH FRIDAY NIGHTS**  
7.00 - 9.00 PM  
FOR EVERYONE IN GRADES 6-12  
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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT  
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## COMMITMENT MASSES

Please pray for our Catholic school children both in the parish school and in other schools who are will be preparing for the sacrament on September 19th. We pray for them to be drawn into a deeper discipleship of the Lord through their preparation for this Sacrament.

## 6PM SAT 19<sup>th</sup> MASS

With a large number of children and guests visiting at the Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Saturday 6pm Mass, the Church will **almost certainly be full**. There will be a large amount of seats reserved for the children receiving sacraments. There will be extra seating setup outside and will be able to still see and hear Mass. Everyone is welcome, but being full and a little bit of a longer Mass, you **might consider attending Sunday morning**.

## TENNIS CLINIC - IMPACT ON PARKING

Friday **Sept 11, Sept 18, Sept 25** there will be a school tennis clinic occurring on the basketball courts. Please be mindful whether as parents for school drop off, play group, or as parishioners after Friday Mass on that time.

If you're attending Holy Hour after Friday Mass, if you can generously shift your vehicle from the basketball court, that would be much appreciated.

## ENROLMENTS UNDERWAY FOR 2027 AT SACRED HEART PRIMARY

Our parish school has been growing a lot! Application for Enrolment forms can be downloaded from [www.sacredheartps.wa.edu.au](http://www.sacredheartps.wa.edu.au) or are available from the school office.

If you have any questions in relation to our Kindergarten program or the enrolment process, please do not hesitate to contact Nikki or Cassandra in the office on 9295 1562 or [admin@sacredheartps.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@sacredheartps.wa.edu.au)

**KINDERGARTEN**

**THREE YEAR OLD  
KINDERGARTEN**

Our school's success, centred in Jesus is based on our shared belief that it takes a community to raise unique individuals, empowering dignity, positive partnership, responsibility and a desire for excellence