

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward is great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

## BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

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Last Sunday we heard Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. *Apostle* is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in [Matthew 5:1-7,11](#) that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the [Ten Commandments](#). As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the [Beatitudes](#) in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word *blessed* in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.



# Parish Bulletin

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 15/16 February 2025

## GOSPEL

Luke 6:17, 20-26

*Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

### The Gospel of the Lord

## SAUSAGE SIZZLE

By The Knights of the Southern Cross  
after 9:30am Mass on  
**Sunday 23 Feb 2025**  
Thank you for your support!



## IN LOVING MEMORY

Marie Shevlin

## CELEBRATION OF LIFE

11:00am 21st February, 2025

St Joseph's Church Tranmere Parish  
484 Magill Road, Kensington Gardens,  
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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,  
who relies on things of flesh,  
whose heart turns from the Lord.  
He is like dry scrub in the waste-lands:  
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,  
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,  
a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,  
with the Lord for his hope.  
He is like a tree by the waterside  
that thrusts its roots to the stream:  
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,  
its foliage stays green;  
it has no worries in a year of drought,  
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord

*Happy are the poor.*

*Woe to the rich!*

### TRUST IN A YEAR OF DROUGHT.

It is hard to imagine families on the land having no worries in a year of drought. They are fortunate if they are able to put their hope and trust in God in such a difficult time. Happy also are the poor, the hungry and the sorrowful if they turn to God in their plight. Today's Scripture readings call for an heroic trust in God, a trust that will bring great rewards in heaven and surprising rewards on earth as well.

### PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today- our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 1:1-4

*Response:*

*Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked;  
nor lingers in the ways of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord  
and who ponders his law day and night. **R**

2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R**

3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **R**

### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

*If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord

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**Parish Office Hours**  
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**Mass Times**  
Sunday 9:30 am  
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm  
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

**Confessions**  
Saturday 6:00 pm

**Rosary**  
Tues to Fri 8:45am

**Adoration of the Eucharist**  
Friday before Mass 8:30am

**Novena to St. Joseph**  
Wednesday after Mass

**St. Joseph's Primary School**  
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**Vinnies Assistance Hotline**  
1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

**ROSTERS— 22/23 Feb 2025  
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

| Time                      | Commentator/Readers   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>6.30pm Vigil</b>       | Anne Marie Platten<br>Chris Platten<br>Giulia Giuliani              |
| <b>9:30am</b>             | Sandy Mazzarolo<br>Richard Dale<br>Stephanie Roach                  |
| <b>Children's Liturgy</b> | Tania Loro Montin<br>Angela Mealey                                  |
| <b>Count team</b>         | Alan Tyson<br>Denise Rutt<br>Paul Roocke<br>Danielle Roocke         |
| <b>Altar and Flowers</b>  | Dolores Arboit<br>Christina Wong<br>Sarita Ingham<br>and volunteers |

*All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass*

| SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY | 8/9 FEB 2025    |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Open Plate                | \$531.80        |
| Planned Giving            | \$435.00        |
| <b>PARISH TOTAL</b>       | <b>\$966.80</b> |

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$567.45




**Please remember in your prayers**  
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:  
Death Anniversary:  
*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.*

**Sick:**  
*We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.*

**If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.**

**Pope Francis @pontifex**  
 Let us ask the Lord to make our hearts humble and receptive to hear His Word and the cry of our brothers and sisters. May we recognise His presence in the weaknesses and wounds of our world.

**TEMPORARY CHANGE OF MASS TIME:**  
**It will be NO MASS on Tuesday 18th February 2025**  
Thank you for your attention.

**CHILDREN SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025  
ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH TRANMERE PARISH**

**RECONCILIATION**  
Workshops—  
• Monday 3rd March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall  
• Monday 17th March at 6:30pm in Parish Hall  
Celebration— Tuesday 25th March at 7.00pm

**CONFIRMATION & FIRST EUCHARIST**  
Workshops—  
• Monday 12th May at 6:30pm in Parish Hall  
• Monday 2nd June at 6:30pm in Parish Hall  
Rehearsal—Sunday 15th June after parish mass  
Celebration— Sunday 22nd June 11:00am  
Celebrant: Archbishop Patrick O'Regan

For more information, please contact the Parish Office. Tel: 8431 6932  
Email: info@stjosephsparishtranmere.org.au

**ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS**

**Birthline Pregnancy Support**  
Do you have the passion and commitment to assisting women navigating crisis during pregnancy or coping with pregnancy loss? At Birthline, we're searching for caring, empathetic volunteers to join our team of Telephone Counsellors. Whether you have prior experience or are completely new to counselling, our FREE 10-week Telephone Counselling Course (TCC) will equip you with the skills and confidence needed to support those in need. If counselling or a commitment to weekly training isn't the right fit for you, there are other volunteer opportunities available. Please see flyer attached for more information. For enquiries, please email [tcc@birthline.org.au](mailto:tcc@birthline.org.au) or call on 0413 380 883. Website: [birthline.org.au](http://birthline.org.au).

**Homeshare: A solution to the rental crisis for older women in SA**  
Homelessness among older women in Australia is increasing, making them one of the fastest-growing groups at risk of housing insecurity. The Homeshare program offers an innovative solution that fosters shared living based on mutual support and reciprocity—a model that has been successfully running around the world for years.  
A partnership between St Vincent de Paul Society SA, Westside Housing and Shelter SA, the [Homeshare Pilot Program](#) is a fee free service that carefully matches female householders aged 55+ living on their own that have a spare bedroom, with female homesharers that need affordable accommodation from a similar age group that can offer some help around the house. Unlike a traditional flatmate arrangement, the matching process is rigorous: both parties undergo interviews, reference checks and police clearances to ensure a safe and reliable match.  
If you're interested in learning more about becoming a householder or homesharer, please visit: [Homeshare](#).

**St Vincent de Paul Society campaign**  
We can Build a Fairer Australia. In the coming months, and in the lead up to the Federal election, St Vincent de Paul Society nationally will be releasing some ideas on how to improve the quality of life for all Australians, and how to find the funds to make Australia fairer. If this is of interest to you and you would like to comment or hear more, you are welcome to contact the SA Social Needs Analysis and Advocacy Committee – Jennifer Harvey on 8112 8702 or at [svdp@svdpsa.org.au](mailto:svdp@svdpsa.org.au).

**Lefevre Catholic Community – Fr Julian Tenison Woods in the Philippines**  
Sunday February 16 from 4pm to 5pm at the Lefevre Catholic Parish, 253 Military Road, Semaphore.  
Fr Julian Tenison Woods, a pioneer Australian scientist and priest, integrated faith and science in his life and ministry. Fr Roderick O'Brien will present an overview of Fr Julian's three voyages to the Philippines and the treasure trove of scientific papers and articles and correspondence he left for us. For enquiries, please call Sr Marie on 8449 6378. A certificate of attendance is available for professional development. Please register with Sr Marie prior to the event, and on the day.

**Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal**  
We urgently need your support.  
The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long.  
Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild.  
**Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.**  
You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413

**The Kids' Bulletin**

Can you match up the pieces in this puzzle?

Blessed are you when people hate you because of me...  
Blessed are you who are poor...  
for you will be satisfied.  
for the kingdom of God is yours.  
Blessed are you who are now hungry...  
your reward will be great in Heaven.  
for you will laugh.  
Blessed are you who are now weeping...  
Luke 6:20-26


**Hidden Blessings**

**AAA! I'M SO HUNGRY!**  
In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us that people who are poor, hungry, or sad are blessed! Do they sound blessed to you?

Bad things that happen to us have hidden blessings in them. If you are poor then your family and friends are more important to you than money and things. If you are hungry then you appreciate food more. If you are sad then sometimes it's easier to remember to pray.

But things that seem bad have another hidden blessing in them- when you are suffering, you can give your sadness or hurt to Jesus. Tell Him you are offering it up along with Him on the cross. He will give you grace to make your soul stronger. You can offer things up for other people too, and God will use your gift to help them!

Next time you feel unhappy about something, try to find the hidden blessing!

**JESUS, I OFFER THIS UP TO YOU!**  
  
Answers to Cross-Word puzzle:  
Across: 3 who 5 trusts 8 cursed 10 year 11 that 13 barren 14 but 17 beams 19 roots 21 bent  
Down: 1 green 2 is 4 has 6 stream 7 human 9 distress 11 tree 12 he 14 beside 15 Lord 16 from 17 bush 18 in 20 at