



ONE MISSION, TWO CHURCHES



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C - 16th Feb. 2025

Administrator

Fr Alex Chow

Parish Secretary

Sonya O'Farrell
Wednesdays,
Thursdays & Fridays
10am - 2pm

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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil: 5pm (SL) &
6.30pm (ST)

Sunday: 8:30am (SL),
10:30am (ST), 5pm (ST),
Vietnamese

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues. 6:30pm(SL\*)

Wed. 9:15am(ST)

1st Wed Mass of Anointing
@10am

Thurs. 9:15am(ST)

Fri. 9:15am(SL\*)/6:30pm(ST)

Sat. 9:15am (SL\*)

\*Rosary after Mass at SL

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RECONCILIATION

SL: Tues 5:30-6:10pm
Sat 9:45 - 10:15am
Sat 4:30 - 4:50pm
ST: Fri 5:30 - 6:10pm

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EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT &
EVENING PRAYER

SL: Tues 5:30 - 6:30pm
ST: Fri 5:30 - 6:30pm

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HOSPITALITY AFTER MASS
AT ST. LUKE'S

Second weekend of each
month - bring a plate to
share (optional)

Jeremiah 17:5-8, Psalm 1:1-6, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Gospel Reflection on Luke 6:17-26

Meditation: When you encounter misfortune, grief, or
tragic loss, how do you respond? With fear or faith?
With passive resignation or with patient hope and trust in
God? We know from experience that no one can escape all
of the inevitable trials of life - pain, suffering, sickness, and
death. When Jesus began to teach his disciples he gave
them a "way of happiness" that transcends every difficulty
and trouble that can weigh us down with grief and despair.
Jesus began his sermon on the mount by addressing the
issue of where true happiness can be found. The word
beatitude literally means happiness or blessedness. Jesus'
way of happiness, however, demands a transformation from
within - a conversion of the heart and mind which can only
come about through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit.



Crying Girl, Painted by Roy
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True happiness can only be fulfilled in God: How can one possibly find happiness in
poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? If we want to be filled with the joy and
happiness of heaven, then we must empty ourselves of all that would shut God out of our
hearts. Poverty of spirit finds ample room and joy in possessing God alone as the greatest
treasure possible. Hunger of the spirit seeks nourishment and strength in God's word and
Spirit. Sorrow and mourning over wasted life and sin leads to joyful freedom from the
burden of guilt and oppression.

The beatitudes strengthen us in virtue and excellence: Ambrose, an early church father
and bishop of Milan, links the beatitudes with the four cardinal virtues which strengthen us
in living a life of moral excellence. He writes: "Let us see how St. Luke encompassed the
eight blessings in the four. We know that there are four cardinal virtues: temperance,
justice, prudence and fortitude. One who is poor in spirit is not greedy. One who weeps is
not proud but is submissive and tranquil. One who mourns is humble. One who is just does
not deny what he knows is given jointly to all for us. One who is merciful gives away his
own goods. One who bestows his own goods does not seek another's, nor does he contrive
a trap for his neighbour. These virtues are interwoven and interlinked, so that one who has
one may be seen to have several, and a single virtue befits the saints. Where virtue
abounds, the reward too abounds... Thus temperance has purity of heart and spirit, justice
has compassion, patience has peace, and endurance has gentleness."

No one can live without joy: God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of
abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more
than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world. Thomas
Aquinas said: "No person can live without joy. That is why someone deprived of spiritual joy
goes after carnal pleasures." Do you know the joy and happiness of hungering and thirsting
for God alone?

Jesus, though rich, became poor for us, by Ambrose of Milan, 339-397 A.D.
"'Blessed,' it says, 'are the poor.' Not all the poor are blessed, for poverty is neutral. The
poor can be either good or evil, unless, perhaps, the blessed pauper is to be understood as
he whom the prophet described, saying, 'A righteous poor man is better than a rich liar'
(Proverbs 19:22). Blessed is the poor man who cried and whom the Lord heard (Psalm 34:6).
Blessed is the man poor in offense. Blessed is the man poor in vices. Blessed is the poor man
in whom the prince of this world (John 14:30) finds nothing. Blessed is the poor man who is
like that poor Man who, although he was rich, became poor for our sake (2 Corinthians 8:9).
Matthew fully revealed this when he said, 'Blessed are the poor in spirit' (Matthew 5:3). One
poor in spirit is not puffed up, is not exalted in the mind of his own flesh. This beatitude is
first, when I have laid aside every sin, and I have taken off all malice, and I am content with
simplicity, destitute of evils. All that remains is that I regulate my conduct. For what good
does it do me to lack worldly goods, unless I am meek and gentle?"

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**Next Week's Daily Readings 17 February - 23 February 2025**

**MONDAY, Feb 17:** Gen 4:1-15, 25, Ps 49:1, 8, 16-17, 20-21, Mark 8:11-13.

**TUESDAY, Feb 18 :** Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10, Ps 28:1-4, 9-10, Mark 8:14-21.

**WEDNESDAY, Feb 19:** Gen 8:6-13, 20-22, Ps 115:12-15, 18-19, Mark 8:22-26.

**THURSDAY, Feb 20 :** Gen 9:1-13, Ps 101:16-21, 29, 22-23, Mark 8:27-33.

**FRIDAY, Feb 21:** Gen 11:1-9, Ps 32:10-15, Mark 8:34-9:1.

**SATURDAY, Feb 22:** 1 Pet 5:1-4, Ps 22, Matthew 16:13-19.  
The Chair of St Peter, apostle

**SUNDAY, Feb 23 :** 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23, Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13, 1 Cor 15:45-49. Luke 6:27-38.

*(Taken from  
ORDO 2025, Liturgy Brisbane, ACBC 2024)*



**The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Saturday 5pm SL  
6.30pm ST  
Sunday 8:30am SL  
10:30am ST  
5pm ST

**15 and 16 Feb**

Marg Yore  
Kelvin Chen  
Shirley Prabha  
Ryan Yee & Martin Harris  
Youth Group

**22 and 23 Feb**

Catherine Koh  
Maria Deayton  
Peter McKeown  
Joelle Rousetty & Genevieve Hemsley  
Mai Le & Thuy Vu

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Saturday 5pm SL  
6.30pm ST  
Sunday 8:30am SL  
10:30am ST  
5pm ST

Lucy Ferris  
Peter Naughtin  
Melina Barcellona  
Laura Cigana  
Youth Group

Edna Lee  
Mary Italiano  
Margaret Gearon  
Anico Yee  
Hoang Nguyen

**SLIDE OPERATORS**

Saturday 5pm SL  
6.30pm ST  
Sunday 8:30am SL  
10:30am ST  
5pm ST

Volunteer  
Michelle Chen  
Megan McLean  
Lee Min Yee  
Theresa Nguyen

Nigel Tauro  
Michelle Chen  
Paul Tierney  
Manny Gonzalez  
Toan Tran

**SL WELCOMERS 15/16 FEB**

5:00pm Libby Theodore  
8.30am Janette Clark  
10.30am Volunteer

**SL CHURCH CLEANING**

1st March - Bernard's team  
Bernard O'Malley, Joanne Nolan,  
Melina Barcellona & Anne Allsopp

**SL CHURCH FLOWERS**

15th Feb - Ellen Donoghue  
22nd Feb - Edna Lee

**ST CHURCH FLOWERS**

January - Parishioners

**SL WELCOMERS 22/23 FEB**

5:00pm Tony Fernandez  
8.30am Marie Pekish  
10.30am Volunteer

**ST CHURCH CLEANING**

22nd Feb @ 8am  
Hoang Nguyen, Anico Yee,  
Dzung Vu & Trong Nguyen.

**ST COUNTERS**

This week Team 6:  
Peggy & Ngery D'Cruz  
Next week Team 7:  
Barry & Christine Silvester

## WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**All who are sick**, especially Hazel Grealy, Josephine Alexander, Grace Dimattina, Margaret Hogg, Bernadine O'Meara, Kit Bing Fan, Kathryn Holmes, Therese O'Donoghue, Stewart Davis, Jerry Donoghue, Mark, Margaret Hayes, Charmaine Bancroft and all those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend.

**All who have died**, especially Delvis Harridge & Kathryn Norrie who died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially Raji Chelliah, Ronald Johnson, William Mullane, Lina Natoli, Patrick & Marcella O'Reilly, Annamma Mathai, Gwen Cruise, Sr Pauline Hunt, Luisito Natividad, Ann Hilal, Fr Rod Pitts, Tyrone Oosthuizen, Dot Lester, Adrianus van den Boogaard, Flo Bryan, Mary Deering, John Chapman & Stephen Kelly. May they rest in peace.

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## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:

For vocations to priestly and religious life: Let us pray that the ecclesial community may welcome the desires and doubts of young people who feel called to serve Christ's mission in priestly and religious life.

**TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR MINISTERS OF THE WORD**: Sat. March 1st at St Luke's @ 10:30am

## **TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE**

**EUCHARIST**: Save the date - 10.30am on either Sat. 15th March or Sat. 22nd March at St Luke's

## **Short course: 'Faith, Hope and Love'**

Explore the theological virtues at the heart of Christian faith and theology through the 'Faith, Hope and Love' short course. Held over four Wednesday nights (5, 12, 19 and 26 March, 2025) face-to-face session will be led by different ACU experts providing participants an insight into how Christ transforms the understanding and practice of virtue, delving deeply into the meaning and character of faith, hope, and love/charity. Refreshments will be served from 6pm, with the lecture commencing at 6.30pm. Australian Catholic University, Melbourne Campus (Level 2, Saint Teresa Building), 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy. Register now via this link: [acu.edu.au/faith-hope-and-love](http://acu.edu.au/faith-hope-and-love)

## Resources ....

**MELBOURNE CATHOLIC**: [Stories of resilient hope](#)

**MAJELLAN MEDIA**: [It's all about Love](#)

**THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK**: On The Journey This Week: Fr Bernard Gordon says Jesus calls for trust in God's presence and future promise, encouraging those in need to remain open to divine fulfillment. Mother Hilda's story of how she did not meet her own expectation to respond as Jesus would to a visitor. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Pete Gilmore, and Mark Raue. The Journey podcast available at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au).

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## **STEWARDSHIP CORNER:**

*The First collection is for the priest and retired priests.*

*The Second collection is for parish expenses*

**ST**: Last week's Presbytery Stewardship Envelopes: \$100

Last week's Church Stewardship Envelopes: \$125

Vietnamese Donation: \$224

**SL**: Last week's Presbytery Stewardship Envelopes: \$330

Last week's Church Stewardship Envelopes: \$354

## Parish Groups & Contacts

### Volunteers and Rosters

ST: Corrie Quimbo

SL: Margaret Gearon

### Baptism Preparation

ST: Mary Italiano

### Vietnamese Community

Hoang Nguyen

Andy Tran

### Vietnamese Youth

Theresa Nguyen

### Parish Collection Preparers

ST: Barry Silvester &

Michael Kawalewski

### Stewardship Counters

SL: Dale Dixon

Steve Kilroe-Smith

### Parishes Safeguarding Committee

Theresa Nguyen, Mary Italiano,

Darren McLean

Janette Clark

### Parish history

SL: Margaret Gearon

### Parish Accountant

Bernard Negline

### **SL: Hall Hire**

Sonya O'Farrell @ the

Parish Office – 9877 2292

### **Church Sacristan**

ST: Margaret King & Hoang Nguyen

SL: Greg Grant

### **Church Housekeeping**

ST: Margaret King

### **Church Cleaning & Flowers**

SL: Megan McLean

### **Church Linen**

SL: Beryl Chelliah

### **Parish Garden Maintenance**

ST: Des Connors, Leo Watson,

Anico Yee & Vietnamese Community

SL: Darren McLean

### **Parish Choirs**

ST: Mary Italiano & Theresa Nguyen

SL: Lina & Maria Mafi

### **St Vincent de Paul Conference**

For Assistance: 1800 305 330

(Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

### **Parish Contacts:**

ST: John McCoy

SL: Tony Lobo &

Steve Kilroe-Smith

**Entrance Antiphon:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**Response to the Psalm:** Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

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

**Eucharistic Acclamation:** When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**Communion Antiphon:** They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

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**TRY ALPHA: You can ask questions, you can say what you think, you can just listen. You're welcome at Alpha. "WHO IS JESUS" @ St Luke's Blackburn South, Feb 19th 2025, Wednesday 7-9pm. Use this QR Code for registration or visit the Alpha table in the Church foyers for more information.**

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**The Jubilee of Artists** rejoices with gratitude at the creative insights artists bring to human life. The service of beauty is a pathway into the divine and helps us dream of new horizons for the common good. The Jubilee invites artists to contribute to the work of the Church in bringing about a New Creation where people can live in peace and justice. From Pope John Paul II's Letter to Artists (1999):



**Society needs artists ...** they not only enrich the cultural heritage of each nation and of all humanity, but they also render an exceptional social service in favour of the common good. Art and the mystery of the Word made Flesh: On countless occasions the biblical word has become image, music and poetry, evoking the mystery of 'the Word made flesh' in the language of art. In the history of human culture, all of this is a rich chapter of faith and beauty. Believers above all have gained from it in their experience of prayer and Christian living... For everyone, believers or not, works of art inspired by Scripture remain a reflection of the unfathomable mystery which engulfs and inhabits the world.

**A fruitful alliance between the Gospel and Art:** Every genuine artistic intuition goes beyond what the senses perceive and, reaching beneath reality's surface, strives to interpret its hidden mystery. The intuition itself springs from the depths of the human soul, where the desire to give meaning to one's own life is joined by the fleeting vision of beauty and of the mysterious unity of things. All artists experience the unbridgeable gap which lies between the work of their hands, however successful it may be, and the dazzling perfection of the beauty glimpsed in the ardour of the creative moment: what they manage to express in their painting, their sculpting, their creating is no more than a glimmer of the splendour which flared for a moment before the eyes of their spirit. Believers find nothing strange in this: they know that they have had a momentary glimpse of the abyss of light which has its original wellspring in God. Is it in any way surprising that this leaves the spirit overwhelmed as it were, so that it can only stammer in reply?

**Towards a renewed dialogue:** It is true that, in the modern era, alongside this Christian humanism which has continued to produce important works of culture and art, another kind of humanism, marked by the absence of God and often by opposition to God, has gradually asserted itself. Such an atmosphere has sometimes led to a separation of the world of art and the world of faith, at least in the sense that many artists have a diminished interest in religious themes... [However] art remains a kind of bridge to religious experience. In so far as it seeks the beautiful, fruit of an imagination which rises above the everyday, art is by its nature a kind of appeal to the mystery... It is clear, therefore, why the Church is especially concerned for the dialogue with art and is keen that in our own time there be a new alliance with artists...

**The Church needs art.** Art must make perceptible, and as far as possible attractive, the world of the spirit, of the invisible, of God.



# Happy are the poor.... god's kingdom belongs to you!

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Fill in the missing words for each of Jesus' teachings using the pictures as clues. Draw Jesus preaching.

God will bless you people who are \_\_\_\_\_ .  
His \_\_\_\_\_ will belong to you.



God will bless you \_\_\_\_\_ people.  
You will have \_\_\_\_\_ to eat.



God will bless you people who are  
\_\_\_\_\_. You will \_\_\_\_\_ !



Jesus told his disciples that even though people may be mean to you, as a follower of Christ you will have a great reward in heaven. What do you think your rewards in heaven will be?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Find the opposites of the following words, then use the circled letters to make a word we use that describes heaven.

\_\_\_(O)\_\_\_ < HAPPY

WEAK > \_\_\_(O)\_\_\_

\_\_\_(O)\_\_\_ < FULL

ASLEEP > \_\_\_(O)\_\_\_

HEAVY > \_\_\_(O)\_\_\_

LITTLE > \_\_\_(O)\_\_\_

\_\_\_(O)\_\_\_ < OPEN

Heaven is God's \_\_\_\_\_.

# 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 16 FEBRUARY 2025



## COLLECT

O God, who teach us that you abide  
in hearts that are just and true,  
grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace  
as to become a dwelling pleasing to you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

## READINGS AND REFLECTIONS

Apart from his colourful parables, one of the best-known parts of Jesus' teaching will be the Beatitudes. Normally people would turn to Matthew's gospel (Mt 5:3-12) where Jesus the teacher is giving the Sermon on the Mount to the crowds who have gathered. The story in today's Gospel of Luke may be a bit less familiar. Jesus and the crowds are not on a hillside but on a piece of level ground. Jesus does not address the whole assembly but directs his remarks to the disciples. In Luke, there are just four beatitudes which are matched by four corresponding 'woes'.

Each of the gospels presents a unique picture of Jesus. This enriches our understanding of Christ and deepens our encounter with him.

## A reading from the prophet 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 wastelands:  
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.'

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 1:1–4

**R.** Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man  
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;  
nor lingers in the way 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.**

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.**

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.**

## First Reading

The 'curse' and 'blessing' from this text of Jeremiah correspond to the beatitudes and woes of Luke's gospel. The contrast is between the person who puts trust in human beings as against the one who places trust in the Lord. It is strongly drawn. Each is presented with striking nature imagery which will help to depict the message for the listeners. The reader's voice will convey the contrast: a firmer voice for the first stanza and a warmer tone for the second.

This passage and Psalm 1 which is used for today's response share the same material – the content and the imagery is the same. It is unclear which one is borrowing from the other.

Inclusive language is difficult here. The NRSV puts it into the plural; although this may not be the best solution, it is, at least, a translation which is available.

## Responsorial Psalm

Given the shared material between Psalm 1 and Jeremiah 17, it is no surprise that this text is set as the response in today's Lectionary.

The 'law of the Lord' is not a whole collection of rules and regulations. When they ask Jesus what is the greatest commandment of the Law, he answers: Love God with all your heart... and your neighbour as yourself. The one who is happy in the psalm takes delight in this law of love.

As with the first reading, the tone and spirit should be varied by the cantor/reader in keeping with the imagery. The second stanza needs a joy and lightness which will be missing in the more sombre third stanza.

The stanzas are longer than usual and uneven: six lines in the first and then five lines in the second and third stanzas. The cadence at the end of each stanza should clearly cue the response for the people.

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul  
to the Corinthians 15:12, 16–20**

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.

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke 6:17, 20–26**

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 who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

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.'

**Second Reading**

In these weeks before Lent, the second reading is taken from the fifteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians. It is devoted to the resurrection. Those who proclaim these texts should read the whole of 1 Cor 15 to put the selections into context.

It seems that some of the community in Corinth were questioning the possibility of our resurrection after death because they tended to discount the body and focus only on the spirit. Paul's argument goes back and forth: Christ is raised, so all are raised. If all are not raised, Christ is not raised... but in fact, Christ has been raised and this is our hope.

The Paschal Mystery is about transformation from death to life – for Christ and for all of us who are joined to Christ. If we only see what happens in this life, we see only the dying and not the emergence of new life. If death is the end, we perish. But Paul is teaching hope. Christ lives and will lead those who follow him to life.

The reader should treat the text decisively and with positive hope, despite the fact that the bulk of it is couched in quite negative terms.

**Gospel**

Happy are you... Alas for you...

The two sets of beatitudes and woes correspond exactly. They deal with the concrete realities of poverty, hunger, grief and rejection. But surprisingly they do not promote the opposites of riches, surfeit, laughter and status. Instead, Jesus' teaching affirms that God stands with and blesses the marginalised. The implication being that if this is what God does, then so should we; and if we find ourselves in these situations, we can be reassured that God is by our side.

This taps into the great themes of Luke's gospel. His picture of Jesus is one of enormous compassion and mercy for the poor and the lowly, the outsider and the disadvantaged. It is a gospel of universality and inclusion.



## CONCLUDING PRAYER

May almighty God always keep every adversity far from us  
and in his kindness pour out upon us the gifts of his blessing.

**Amen.**

May God keep our hearts attentive to his words,  
that they may be filled with everlasting gladness.

**Amen.**

And so, may we always understand what is good and right,  
and be found ever hastening along  
in the path of God's commands,  
made coheirs with the citizens of heaven.

**Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
come down on us and remain with us for ever.

**Amen.**

(Adapted from the Solemn Blessing for Ordinary Time V, Roman Missal p. 716)

*An alternative translation of the scripture readings is given here from the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV). This may be particularly useful for those in parishes which use the NRSV Lectionary.*

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING ( NRSV)

**A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah 17:5–8**

Thus says the Lord:

"Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,  
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.  
They shall be like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see when relief comes.  
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

"Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.  
They shall be like a tree planted by water;  
sending out its roots by the stream.  
This tree shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit."

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM ( NRSV)

**Psalm 1.1-2, 3, 4+6 (R. Ps 40.4)**

**R.** Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,  
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;  
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law they meditate day and night. **R.**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season,  
and their leaves do not wither.  
In all that they do, they prosper. **R.**

The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish. **R.**

## SECOND READING ( NRSV)

### A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 15:12, 16–20

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead,  
how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?

For if the dead are not raised,  
then Christ has not been raised.  
If Christ has not been raised,  
your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.  
Then those also who have died in Christ have perished.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ,  
we are of all people most to be pitied.  
But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead,  
the first fruits of those who have died.

## GOSPEL ( NRSV)

### A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 6:17, 20–26

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place,  
with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people  
from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.

Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.  
Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.  
Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.  
Blessed are you when people hate you,  
and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you  
on account of the Son of Man.  
"Rejoice in that day and leap for joy,  
for surely your reward is great in heaven;  
for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.  
Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.  
Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.  
Woe to you when all speak well of you,  
for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."



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