

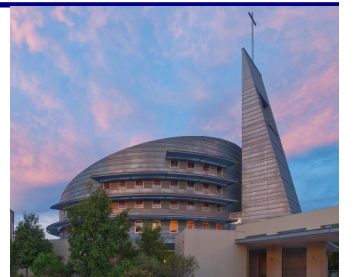


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"He must increase, I must decrease" (Jn 3:30)

16th February 2025
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASS TIMES & OTHER WORSHIP

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil - 5.00pm

Sundays - 7.30am, 9.15am and 5.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: Morning prayer at 8.15am followed by the Mass at 8.30am

Saturdays & Public holidays - 9.00am

Healing Service

First Friday of the month during Mass at 4.00pm

Nursing Home Masses:

Hillview House—3rd Thurs of the month 10.30am

Peninsula Village—4th Thurs of the month 10.00am

BlueWave—2nd Fri of the month 9.30am

Reconciliation/Confession

Fridays—9.00am

First Friday of the month - 3.30pm

Saturdays - 9.30am and 4.30pm

Sundays - 7.00am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday evenings from 7.00pm - 8.00pm

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Mon—Fri - 8.30am—3.00pm

Christian Meditation

Monday evenings - 6.00pm - 7.00pm

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Today, the sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Church invites us to place our trust in God and in his only son, Jesus Christ. Through his resurrection, Christ conquered death and strengthened our faith and hope of eternal life.

So, today's first reading from the book of Jeremiah succinctly reminds us of the consequences of trusting solely on our abilities, on our human strength, and on human beings: "Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the Lord." Through this, we are reminded that all these will fail us because our success and survival do not depend solely on them. Today's first reading calls us to a very deep reflection. We must ask ourselves, in who, and in what have I placed my trust? Placing our trust in God is the best approach to life. Certainly, we must make efforts and do what we must do as humans. However, we must not forget that it is God who sustains, confirms, and blesses our ways and efforts.

We must be conscious of the fact that without him, we are nothing, as the venerable Libermann, C. S. Sp constantly repeated before his death: "God is all, man is nothing, God is all, man is nothing! To place one's trust in God is a great source of blessing and joy. Hence, the psalmist reminds us that: "Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion that can never be shaken" (Ps 125:1)

In the second reading, Paul equally makes the same point. Our hope must not be totally placed on this world, or on our efforts alone, but on Christ, who through his resurrection, has strengthened our hope of eternity.

Hence, Paul tells us: "If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all." In other words, life does not end here. There is something beyond this world, and only our hope in the resurrected Christ will take us there. Simply put, our journey with Christ does not end here, it transcends this world.

While our first reading began with a very strong warning against not trusting in God, today's gospel begins with a blessing for those who are ready to do God's will. The beatitude is a great song that calls us to a life of virtue, reflection, and total surrender to God's will.

It is Christ's song that calls us to trust firmly in God while looking forward to eternity. These blessings are for those who are totally and willingly ready to place everything in God's hands. The beatitudes also remind us that all we do and work for here will gain us eternal life. That is if we do them well and for the sake of God.

Finally, the good news for us today is simple, nothing in this world can rob us of our peace of mind and inner joy, because our trust is not in this world, nor in man. Rather, our trust is in the crucified and risen Christ, the saviour and hope of the world. The psalmist summarised this good news for us: "Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord."

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Parish News:

Morning Tea: Many thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council for hosting a delicious morning tea after 9.15am Mass last Sunday.

Bus drivers needed: We are currently looking for volunteer bus drivers for 7.30am Mass on Sundays. If you can help, please call Jim Dixon on 0417 021 675 for further details.

Cleaners for 21st February: Carmen T Hernandez, Geraldine Baxter, Amanda Gray, Christine French.

Readers for 22nd & 23rd February:

Saturday 5.00pm—Kate Bravo, Dawn Torrens, Leonie King

Sunday 7.30am—Joel Bajo, Veronica Jordan, Isaak Giunta

Sunday 9.15am—Christine French, Emma Baker, Joesie Cameron

Sunday 5.00pm—Marian Bowyer, Kris Aitken, Pio Savea

Servers for 22nd & 23rd February:

Saturday 5.00pm—Jeff Freeman, Joel Bajo

Sunday 7.30am—Peter French, Paul Nolan

Sunday 9.15am—Bob Wilson, Bernie French, Joseph French

Sunday 5.00pm—Charles Kivunja

Baptism: We warmly welcome Fletcher W who will be Baptised this weekend.

First Fruits Offering 2025:



Our First Fruits Offering is on this weekend and for the next two Sundays. This program aims to ease the financial burden on our Parish through special regular gifts from our Parishioners. Our Pope has been calling on us to be a more missionary Church—to renew our faith,

become better stewards of what we own, and care deeply for each other. Fr Timothy and some members of the different Parish Committees will address Parishioners at Masses during the next two weekends. Please collect the envelope and take copies of the printed material we have created for our First Fruits Offering. Pray for God's guidance to help you discern your offering. Once you've read the material and considered your financial position, join our program by considering regular giving and/or leaving a gift in your Will (bequest). What a wonderful way to make a lasting contribution to our Parish. Please speak with Fr Timothy about whether you can contribute this way. St John the Baptist Woy Woy is grateful for your offering. God Bless you.

Acolytes/Servers Meeting: The next scheduled meeting of acolytes/servers is on Friday, 28th February at 6.00pm in the Walter Baker Hall followed by a light supper.

Safeguarding: Should a parishioner have any safeguarding concerns please contact our Safeguarding Team Members: Jenny Dempsey 0438 423 293 or Margaret Dixon 0422 277 548. If anyone needs assistance with child restraint installation in vehicles, we have a volunteer who can help. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

El Shaddai: The next El Shaddai meeting is scheduled for Saturday, 15th February from 12pm-4pm in the Walter Baker Hall. 27th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, 1st March from 11.00am to 4.00pm at St John the Baptist Church. Mass at 12.00pm followed by lunch and prayers. Contact Sr Tess

Stephens—0450 399 927/Sr Merlyn Staite—0415 082 466/Sr Emily Radford—0424 732 656.

Sit n Chat: A group of seniors meet every 3rd Monday of the month in the Leo Mahon Room from 1.00pm to 2.30pm. This month's meeting is scheduled for the 17th. Please contact Jane for further information 0419 233 284. Transport can be provided if necessary.

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



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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading 1: Jer 17:5-8

Thus says the LORD: Cursed is the one who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a barren bush in the desert that enjoys no change of season, but stands in a lava waste, a salt and empty earth. Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit.

Responsorial Psalm:

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed are those who follow not the counsel of the wicked; but who delight in the law of the Lord and ponder his law, day and night.

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

They are like a tree planted by the flowing waters, yielding good fruit in due season, and whose leaves shall never fade, and all that they do shall prosper.

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

But the wicked are not so! They are like winnowed chaff driven by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just, but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Reading 2: 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

Brothers and sisters: If Christ is preached as raised from the dead, how can some among you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain; you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are the most pitiable people of all. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Alleluia:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

R. Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."



Readings for the Week:

Monday, 17th February:

Gen 4:1-15, 25/Ps 49:1, 8, 16-7, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, 18th February:

Gen 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10/Ps 28:1-4, 9-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, 19th February:

Gen 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 115:12-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, 20th February:

Gen 9:1-13/Ps 101:16-21, 22-23, 29/Mt 8:27-33

Friday, 21st February:

St Peter Damian - Gen 11:1-9/Ps 32:10-15/Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday, 22nd February:

The Chair of St Peter - 1 Pet 5:1-4/Ps 22/Mt 16:13-19

Sunday, 23rd February:

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Let us keep in our prayers:

Recently deceased: Margaret Ayres, Ray McMinn, Keith Montgomery, Lee O'Brien

Anniversary: Fatima Fawzy, Jaine Saltau

Remembrance: Jose Mendoza Ambrad, Gail Watter

Sick: John Aarts, Alan Ball, Kathleen Bezzina, Lorraine Blandford, Roberto Bocor, Rae Busby, Marie Carr, Bill de Rooy, Anne-Marie Dixon, Ken Dixon, Marie Dixon, Aline Fauvette, Dympna Fitzpatrick, Frances Glanz, Jason Harwood, Janice Hayward, David Hopkins, Bill Hunt, Linda Italiano, Marge Lawrence, Kay McCormack, Betty & Sean McDermott, James Matthews, Ronald Matthews, Oscar James Moretti, Ada-Primrose Murphy, Marta Panczyna, Kenneth John Reddacliff, Susie Simmons, Charlotte Stenson, Barry Tierney, Donna Vella, Minda Valoba, Josie Weate, Pauline White, Willy Woods, Jonathon Zdilar



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Let us pray that the ecclesiastical community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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