



CANNON HILL CATHOLIC PARISH

Under the pastoral care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate



The call of Jesus Christ, heard within the Church through people's need for salvation, draws us together as Missionary Oblates of Mary.' (Oblate Constitution 1)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

15TH FEBRUARY 2026

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbour.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

Source: Loyola Press



Resurrection,

Painting by Ivanka Demchuk (Ukrainian, 1990–),
Painted in 2018, Mixed media on wood

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See art reflection here: <https://tinyurl.com/3xynjydp>

*Do not think that I have come to abolish
the Law or the Prophets.*

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Saints Cyril and Methodius - 14th February (Memorial)

Saints Cyril and Methodius were brothers whose friendship, faith, and brilliance changed the course of Christian history in Eastern Europe. Born in the 9th century, they became missionaries to the Slavic peoples, believing that everyone should be able to hear and understand the Gospel in their own language. To make this possible, they created the Glagolitic alphabet—laying the groundwork for what would later become the Cyrillic script—and translated Scripture and liturgical texts into Slavonic. Their work didn't just spread Christianity; it honoured culture, language, and human dignity. Today, Saints Cyril and Methodius are remembered as patrons of Europe and powerful reminders that faith truly takes root when it speaks to the heart in a familiar tongue.

See *My Catholic Life* article here: <https://tinyurl.com/355hhkbf>



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading - Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Creation of our first parents, and sin.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 50:3

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading - Romans 5:12, 17-19

Where sin increased, there grace abounded all the more.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Mass Intentions

Week beginning 15th February - 9 am

- 17/02 Tuesday: Vocations
- 18/02 Wednesday: Fremantle/Care Centre
- 19/02 Thursday: Cannon Hill Parish
- 20/02 Friday: Mazenod College, VIC

Weekend Masses offered for the intentions of all in the Parish

MASSES & MEETINGS

Cannon Hill - St Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 9:00am
Saturday - 6:00pm; Sunday - 9:30am

Tingalpa - Holy Family Catholic Church:

Thursday - 9:00am; Sunday - 8:00am

Reconciliation: Saturday, 5:00pm - 5:30pm - St Oliver Plunkett Church

Prayer Intentions Prayer Group: Every Friday at 9.30am - St Oliver Plunkett Church (exc. during Lent).

Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Friday of the month following 9:00am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church (except during Lent).

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month held after the 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church. (*Welcoming Mass combined with the Baptism Mass.*)

Little Lanterns Liturgy: 1st Sunday of the month (except January) during the 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church. All primary school-aged children are welcome to attend.

Hospitality - Parish Morning Tea: 1st Sunday of the month following Mass at both Churches; Every Wednesday after 9:00am Mass in the Parish Hall.

THIS WEEKEND

14 FEB - SAT: RCIA - Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens, Sat, 6pm at St Oliver Plunkett Church. St Valentine, priest and martyr; St Cyril, monk; St Methodius, bishop (MEM).

15 FEB - SUN: School Sponsored Mass, SOP, 9.30am

COMING UP...

17 FEB - TUE: 200th Anniversary of the Papal Approval of the Constitutions and Rules 1826 by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate; Shrove Tuesday morning tea, SOP, 9.30am; Fr. Vasanthan away.

18 FEB - WED: ASH WEDNESDAY, 9am - Holy Family, Tingalpa and 6pm - St Oliver Plunkett Ch, Cannon Hill.

NB. There will be no 9am Mass at Cannon Hill.

21 FEB - SAT: Rite of Election (RCIA Candidates).

22 FEB - SUN: First Sunday of Lent; Baptisms.

23 FEB - MON: St Polycarp (MEM).

REGULAR MEETINGS

MON: Cannon Hill St Vincent de Paul Conference

Fortnightly at 6:15pm

Next meeting: **Monday, 16th February**

Contact: Paul 0418 750 367

TUE: Parish Leadership Team

Fortnightly at 6:00pm

Next Meeting: **Tuesday, 17th February**

WED: Parish Liturgy Meeting

Monthly at 4:30pm

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, TBA**

THU: Parish Finance Council Meeting

Bi-monthly at 4:30pm

Next Meeting: **Thursday, 19th March**

Plate Collections - 8th February 2026

1st Collection (Oblates): **\$577.25** | 2nd Collection (Parish): **\$489.55**

Thank you for your ongoing support.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL - MATT 5:17-37

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading - Sirach 15:15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

Responsorial Psalm - 118

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 5:17-37

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Sacred Scripture, which is the inspired Word of God, and Sacred Tradition, the living memory of the Church, are intimately bound together. They form the one Deposit of Faith, which helps us navigate the complexities of life to reach our eternal home in Heaven.

Pope Leo XIV, Feb 2026

JOIN US FOR MORNING TEA

**on 17th February
for Shrove Tuesday**

at St Oliver Plunkett Church - after 9am mass

Come & enjoy pancakes made for you by Norma.

NB. there will be no morning tea on Wednesday, 18th Feb.



PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

OUR SICK

Please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is sick and would appreciate a home visit. **We pray for those in the community who are sick. May the healing spirit of Christ bring them comfort and hope.**

Gary Smith, Margaret Kykkanen, Lameki Eketi, Damon Stokes; Eli Jorna, Marina Gilbert, Edgar Tan, Vincy Law Tan, Sam Swann, Athol Young, Ken Drego, Karen Marrinan, Carol-Ann Marrinan, Jeanette Hill, Lucia Giaccio, Rob Connolly, Ashley Anthony, Daniel Normyle, Lani Clow, Carol Flannigan, Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika, Harry Lynas, Michael Simpson, John la Spina, Von Leeman, Imelda Khoo, Lorretta Stephenson, Brian Crimmins, Angela White, Mary Stevenson, Veronica Roberts, Melisa Duffy.

ANNIVERSARIES

Connie McGlynn (1st)
Owen Grimes (1st)

Names will remain on Our Sick list until advised otherwise. Please submit any items for the newsletter, including sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, by Thursday morning at the latest (preferably via email). Thank you.

200th Anniversary of the Papal Approval of the Constitutions and Rule 1826



On Tuesday, 17 February, we mark the 200th anniversary of the papal approval of the Constitutions and Rules of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. In 1826, Pope Leo XII formally recognised the congregation founded by St Eugène de Mazenod, affirming their mission to follow Christ and bring the Gospel to the poor and most abandoned. This bicentenary invites us all to renew our own call to live with courage, compassion, and missionary spirit.

Lord, renew in us a missionary heart, ready to serve with faith, generosity, and love. See more here: <https://tinyurl.com/4ufkf858>



ASH WEDNESDAY - 18TH FEBRUARY

There will be two Ash Wednesday services at Cannon Hill Parish:

9am Mass at Holy Family Church & 6pm Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church

We are collecting blessed palms left over from last year's Palm Sunday services over the coming weeks. Please place them in the basket in the church foyer. These palms will be burnt to create the ash used during the Ash Wednesday service.

NB: There will be no 9am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett.



URGENT - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St Vincent de Paul Conference in Cannon Hill is in URGENT need of volunteers. This group has been supporting our community since 1932, and we would like to see this vital ministry continue. If you are able to help, please speak with Paul (Tingalpa), Gwen, Kryz, Wendy or Tom (Cannon Hill), or call Paul on 0418 750 367.

The Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens

This weekend, our RCIA participants will take an important step in their journey of faith through the *Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens*. During this celebration, those who are unbaptised publicly express their desire to follow Christ, and the Church formally welcomes them as Catechumens. Marked with the Sign of the Cross and supported by our parish community, they begin a deeper period of formation, prayer, and participation in the life of the Church as they prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter.



St Oliver Plunkett Catholic Primary School

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Iona College Catholic Boys College

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OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00am - 2.30pm

ADDRESS

St Oliver Plunkett Church & Parish Centre

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Sachin Rasquinha, Ronda Vorrasi, Guy Elliot, Michael Hill



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To learn more go to www.omi.com.au

DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME

Thank you for your generous support, which impacts the lives of those we serve. Your donations directly foster the growth and prosperity of our community and sustain our ministries. Donations can be made via the EFTPOS terminal at the church entrance (split between 1st and 2nd collections) or through our secure online direct debit system (call the Parish Office to organise). Please consider including our *Perpetual Endowment Fund* in your Will to help continue our mission for future generations. For more Bequest info. contact the Catholic Foundation on 3324 3200 or call the Parish Office. Donate using the QR Code or go to <https://tinyurl.com/parish-donate>



OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS



Join Brisbane Catholic Professionals for a lunch event with

ARCHBISHOP SHANE MACKINLAY

In conversation with ABC Radio's Loretta Ryan, His Grace will share reflections from his years of ministry and his experience of walking alongside communities through seasons of change and opportunity.

All members of our Catholic Community are welcome!
 Guest tickets discounted to \$100.

Enjoy a two-course lunch with beverages as you hear from our new Archbishop. **For bookings and further information**, please see the contact details below :



Scan the QR code, call us on 07 3324 3200 or go to catholicfoundation.org.au/event/bcp-archbishopshane



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Q1 Program

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15 Feb

6:00 PM

• Youth Mass & Dinner

• Iona College Chapel

24 Feb

6:00 PM

• Lenten Bible Study

• Lindumere, Iona College

12 Mar

6:00 PM

• Games & Sports Night

• Hannah Hall, Iona College

27 Mar

Time TBA

• Archdiocesan Reco Rally

• Location TBA

3 Apr

9am - 1pm

• Good Friday Retreat

• Iona College Chapel

Ages 15-25 welcome. Registration Essential.

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PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion Sunday

14-15 of February 2026

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

Envelopes and boxes now available in the foyer.

MEDIA SPOTLIGHT



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