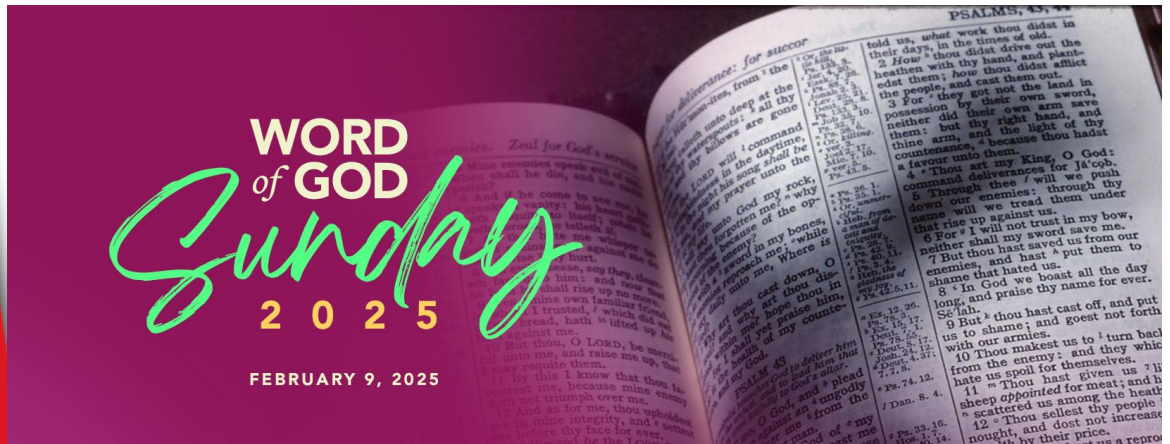


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Word of God Sunday

9th February 2025



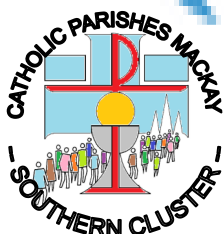
The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on February 9. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God.

REFLECTION

Today we consider the call to continue the mission of Jesus by engaging in some form of ministry. The first and the last readings are call narratives; the epistle contains a statement of the faith that undergirds our response to our call; the psalm response celebrates the gracious goodness of God that makes all of this possible.

Our call is more than a summons to faith; it is a call to ministry. Isaiah is called in order to be sent; the fishermen are called in order to gather others to Jesus. So it is with us. We are called to be sent out to the world. This call comes to us in the ordinariness of life. It will usually come to us as we wash our nets or our dishes, as we teach or raise children, as we prepare a brief for trial or examine a patient; as we repair cars or work at the computer. The call of God comes to us in the ordinariness of life.

We are called to proclaim the message of the resurrection by any and every means possible. Some, like Isaiah and the disciples of Jesus, will witness in open and dramatic ways. They will teach and preach; they will nurse the sick and care for the elderly. Others will witness in less conspicuous ways. They will insist on fair practices in their own workplaces; they will weed out expressions of prejudice and violence so that a new and just world can be fashioned for themselves and for their children. Called in the ordinariness of their lives, they will witness to the death and resurrection in that very ordinariness, thus transforming everything into extraordinariness. © Dianne Bergant CSA



Bishop Michael has released a pastoral letter following the opening of the Jubilee Year in our Diocese. You can find the letter here: <https://rok.catholic.net.au/pastoral-letter-year-of-jubilee-2025/>

More information on the Jubilee year can be found on the Diocesan web site.

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We Remember in Prayer

Those who are sick: Michael Wright, Jeanne Maree Vassallo, Jane Zammit, Angelina Barracano, Daniel Muscat, Maria Zammit, Rick Crouse (USA), Debbie Kirkman, Ester Cabalfinllarenas (P'pines), Dan Vickers (Bris), Fr Peter Tonti, Clyde Hoffman, Freddy Ahwang, Sue Christensen, Debbie Jones, John Bugeja jnr, Jim Scriha, Debbie Hagger, Gavin Carter

The faithful recently departed: Mary Vassallo, Emmanuel Ellul, Dulcie Villotet (T'ville), Kevin Hare, Nicolas Evangelista, John Turnbull, Joyce Raffaldi, Renato Garcia, Jake Kessel, Brian Voller (G'cst), Sr Pasqualina Attard (Malta), Domenica Scriha (Malta)

Anniversaries of death: Del Pinder 14/2, Ross Willis 25/1, Ryan Shields 16/2, Peter Fry 17/2, Guiseppa Sant 26/1, Joseph Sant 6/2, Lawrence Comben 14/2, John Ryan 19/2, Jim Breen 20/1, Tony Bugeja (G'cst) 18/1, Patrick Scriha 12/1, Carmel Azzopardi 26/1, Ian Scott 31/1, Paul Gauci 10/1

We remember those for whom Mass has been requested: Jason Cooney, Vicente, Eduardo & James Ranili, Frances Mifsud, Jean & Richard Sciberras, Bernard McGuire, Joachim, Tuoc & Hach Nguyen (V'nam), Polly Cappello, Joe, Grace & Jim Attard, Sr Betty Attard, Joe, Paul & Tona Bartolo, Robert Bryan, Trevor Lamb, Charlie, Angie & John Caruana, Rose Neaton, John Styles, Jan Webb, Bill & Carmel Daley, Rita Steindl, Margaret Hackett, Grace & Joe Mifsud, Cesare Del Dot, Raymond Gunning, Jim, Anna & Joseph Rostirolla, Antonio, Maria & Vincenza Rostirolla, Francesco, Phillip Sanfilippo, Pietro & Prassede Raiteri, Jim Vella, Frank Vella, George Vella, Kathleen Carroll, Marlene Comin, Doris McSherry, Peter & Francis Corby, Brian Hill, Gerard Hill, Ben Faa, Mary & Joe Camilleri, Tony & Vera Galea, Louis & Grace Bezzina.

****Please Note: Permission must be sought from the person for their name to be added to the sick list. Names of recently deceased family members and names for anniversaries will only remain in the bulletin for 30 days. There is no correlation between offering Mass Stipends and names of the sick or deceased being added to the bulletin****

Safeguarding Training will be delivered in our Parishes 10.00am & 5.30pm on Tuesday 25th February, at the Southern Cluster Parish Centre.

All Clergy, Religious, Parish Staff and Church Volunteers are required to attend.

To register please contact the Parish Office:
Phone 4957 4807 or email cluster@smky.catholics.org.au

The Professional Standards and Safeguarding Office team look forward to seeing you at the training.

Safeguarding: The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (2022) and is committed to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and adults at risk. For further information or support please contact the Diocesan Professional Standards and Safeguarding office: Response line: 1800 830 113 (free call) or Email: pssomanager@rok.catholic.net.au For more information see the Diocesan website: <http://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/> Queensland Professional Standards Office: www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/

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Eleanor Ivy Gardner

will be Baptised at St Patrick’s Church this weekend.
Please pray for *Eleanor and her family*,
as we welcome them into our Faith Community.

Please note the changes in Masses for the following week:

Francis of Assisi Mass on Monday morning will be an anointing Mass
and celebrated at 9.30am.

No Mass will be celebrated at St Michael’s Church on Thursday morning.

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Women’s League first meeting of the new year will be
on Friday 14th. February, starting 9am, at the Parish Centre. Just a reminder that
yearly fees are due at this meeting. New members are very welcome.

The South Mackay Cluster is seeking applications for the role of Cluster Finance
Administrator. Primarily the role includes managing the financial reporting and
administration for the four Parishes in the Cluster including the entry of financial data
into MYOB, preparing Parish accounts for payment and working with the Parish
Priest, Finance Councils and the Pastoral Council. Secondly the successful applicant
would be required to assist the Cluster Secretary in their duties as required. Book
Keeping experience and experience with MYOB are highly desired. The role is a
Permanent/Part Time position initially for 15 hours per week.

To apply for this role please send a brief letter of application and your resume to
cluster@smky.catholics.org.au

If you have any further questions please contact Paul Reaston 0419 739 708.

Mother Effect meets fortnightly at 10.30am on a Wednesday in St Joseph’s Parish
Hall, North Mackay. Next gathering will be 12th February. All are welcome!

St John’s Hoy, Mini Cent Sale and Morning Tea will be held on Tuesday 11th
February, commencing at 9.30am in St John’s School Hall Walkerston. Come along
for a great morning out. All welcome.

Metanoia – Lenten Program 2025. The Diocese of Wollongong has produced a
Lenten Program for 2025 titled Metanoia. Bishop Michael warmly welcomes this
Lenten resource and encourages us to use this program to assist in making our Lenten
journey a time of real renewal and repentance. Our Cathedral Bookstore can assist with
ordering these resources.

They can be contacted via email cathedralbookstore@rok.catholic.net.au or phone
4921 2170. The bookstore is open Wednesday to Friday, 10am to 3pm. Bulk ordering
will assist in keeping costs for individuals lower. The Bookstore will look to place an
order week beginning 10th February.

Jubilee of Families Date Claimer: Our diocese is hosting a Jubilee of Families this
Labour Day weekend, running from 3pm on Saturday the 3rd of May through to
Monday morning. This event will be an opportunity to connect with other families
from throughout the diocese and to grow in faith and in living out our vocation as fam-
ilies. The weekend will feature fun and games, talks, discussion, prayer and sacra-
ments and will feature presentations from Brendan Malone and our diocesan NET
team. The venue for the Jubilee is Discovery Parks – Coolwaters, Yeppoon, and ac-
commodation can be booked now by saying that you are with the Catholic Diocese of
Rockhampton and quoting booking reference 11005357. The event will be focussed
on families but absolutely everyone is welcome to attend. Event registration and fur-
ther details to be provided soon.

For more information or any questions please contact
Michael.otto@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973.

**Week Day Masses
(week commencing
10th February)**

Monday
St Scholastica, virgin
Anointing Mass
9.30am Francis of Assisi
12.10pm St Patrick’s

Tuesday
World Day of Prayer for the Sick
8.00am St Mary’s


Wednesday
8.30am St Francis Xavier
4.00pm Francis of Assisi Chapel

Thursday
5.30pm St Mary’s

Friday
Sts Cyril, monk and Methodius, bishop
6.30am St Francis Xavier
12.10pm St Patrick’s

Saturday
7.00am Francis of Assisi Chapel

Devotions - St Patrick’s

Tuesday
6.30pm Rosary 
7.00pm Novena & Benediction

Friday
11.00am Exposition of the
Holy Eucharist
12 noon Angelus

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Francis Xavier Church
Friday after 6.30am Mass

St Patrick’s Church
Friday & Saturday
11.30am - 12.00 noon

Sunday Mass

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Saturday 15th February

5.00pm St Mary’s
6.00pm St Francis Xavier

Sunday 16th February

7.00am St Patrick’s
7.30am St Therese’s
9.00am St Francis Xavier
9.00am St Michael’s
10.45am Francis of Assisi Chapel
6.00pm St Patrick’s
(only Sunday night Mass in Mackay)

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This Week's Scripture

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah *Here am I! Send me.*
In the year of King Uzziah's death
I saw the Lord seated on a high throne;
his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs,
each one with six wings.
And they cried out to one another in this way,
'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth.'
The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice
of the one who cried out,
and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:
'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'
Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand
a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.
With this he touched my mouth and said:
'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'
Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:
'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'
I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

Response: In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians *I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.*
Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.
Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.
I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke *They left everything and followed him.*
Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.
When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.
When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

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