



8th February 2026

The Chimes Dallas & Meadow Heights

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY, 2026

1st Reading: Is 58: 7-10

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 2: 1-5

Gospel: Mt 5: 13-16

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School Office: 9309 1620

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Dallas: Tues - Fri. 9.15 am

1st Fri. Anointing Mass: Dallas 10 am

WEEKEND MASSES:

Sat. Dallas Vigil Mass 6.00 pm

Sun. Meadow Heights 9.00 am

Dallas 11.00 am

***Note: Vietnamese Mass**

2nd Sunday of the Month: 9.00 am HFC

4th Sunday of the Month: 11.00 am HFC

RECONCILIATION

Dallas Saturday 5.15 - 5.45 pm

Thursday 8.45 - 9.00 am

LEGION OF MARY

Eng. Tues after 9.15am mass – Dallas

Viet. Sat. at 9 am at Holy Family Centre

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays 8:45am (English) Dallas

1st Friday 9.30 am before Mass

Fridays 6.30 pm (Viet) Holy Family Centre

Holy Hour: 5.30 – 6.30pm @ Meadow Heights

BAPTISMS

Contact Parish Office during office hours

WEDDINGS

Please contact Parish Office

Preferably 6 months before the wedding



To understand this text, it is important to place it alongside the Beatitudes that immediately precede it (you could read these together first). In that text, the virtues to be cultivated by followers of Jesus are outlined, but the danger with taking the Beatitudes on their own is that faith can become contented peacefulness and somewhat inward-looking. To avoid this risk, Matthew follows the Beatitudes with this text, which teaches disciples about the task of Christians in the world. They have been given the gifts; they are the salt of the earth. But if they just see their blessedness and rest there, they risk becoming 'tasteless' and good only to be 'trampled underfoot'. Instead, the disciples are urged to place their light high on a hill and to let it shine for all to see. They are witnesses to God's living presence, not just for the nation of Israel but for all the world. In seeing the way that Christians live and act—their 'good works'—others will be drawn to God through their active witness to faith. Others will come to give praise to God in heaven. This is an amazing responsibility, and Jesus acknowledges that some salt may lose its taste and some lights be hidden. The challenge for Christians, new and old, is not to take the gift of faith for granted and let it become tasteless; not to keep the light confined to private moments but to allow others to see the difference faith makes so that they can know the presence and power of God. (Source: summit on-line)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY, 2026

1st Reading: Sir 15:15-20

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118: 1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 2:6-10

Gospel: Mt 5: 17-37

Responsorial Psalm: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

HOLY CHILD PARISH LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION 2026 - DALLAS

Lunar New Year Eve Mass will be held on Monday, 16 February 2026 at 6.00pm followed by celebrations and raffle draw.

Holy Child Parish....

Is committed to a safe nurturing culture for all our children.

BOOKING THE HOLY FAMILY CENTRE

The Holy Family Centre is Available for any group or parishioners to book.

Please call the Parish Office on 9412 8409 to make a booking.

SCHEDULING APPTS WITH FR JOE

Please note that Parishioners are encouraged to schedule an appointment with Fr Joe as walk-in meetings are not always ideal.

PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

(Names of the sick will only be printed for a month, unless the Office has been notified otherwise)

SICK: Joan Lobs, Shirley Martin, Adrian Zuccato, Nguyen Thi Thin, Le Thi Quy, Dina, Jack Ward, Lien, Connie, Miriam Smith, Florentino Casimiro, Farif Ashlaq.

REMEMBRANCES: Percy Cartwright, Alfred Barbara, Candido Barros, Lucia Maria De Fatima Abrantes, Anthony Vella, Virginia Ribeiro, Francis Xavie, Tran Van Thien, Joseph Edwards, Tekla Buttigieg, Richard Knight, Dominador Villanueva, Coral Assey, May O'Halloran, Biaggio Tambasco, Carmel tambasco, Candido Barros, Paul, Maria, Goan Kim, Magdobna Tornsos, Beatris Lamoc, Kim Thi Tran.

RECENT DEATHS:

**BAPTISM PREPARATION AND
BAPTISM DATES**

Baptism Preparation Day
Wednesday 4th March 2026
Holy Family Centre.
Baptism Date:
Sunday 1st March, 2026

NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES - RENEWAL

We will be organising new thanksgiving envelopes this year and for this reason Fr Joe and Carol will be contacting some families with regards to renewing of Thanksgiving envelopes for the commencement of the new set of envelopes for 2026. Thank you!

2026 HOLY CHILD CATHOLIC PARISH LUNAR NEW YEAR RAFFLE

Ticket Sales Dates:

Start: 17 January, 2026 End: 15 February, 2026 Draw date: Lunar New Year Eve,
Max Tickets Printed: 1,500 Price Per ticket: \$5 (or book of 5 for \$25) Monday 16th February, 2026 @ Dallas

The proceeds from ticket sales will go towards building a new fence for the Parish Centre (Meadow Heights) and supporting the ongoing maintenance of Holy Child Parish. PRIZES:

First Prize: \$1,500 in Travel Vouchers (Kim Travel) Third Prize: \$300 Woolworths Gift Card
Second Prize: \$500 Woolworths Gift Card Fourth Prize: \$200 Woolworths Gift Card
Fifth Prize: \$100 Woolworths Gift Card

Join us in celebrating and supporting our Parish! GOOD LUCK to all participants!

ASH WEDNESDAY - the day of Fast and Abstinence.

Ash Wednesday will be on the 18th of February this year. There will be two Masses:

At 9:15 AM, we will celebrate Mass with our school community in Dallas.

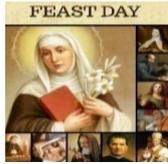
At 7:00 PM, Parish Mass in Dallas.

Due to the sacredness of Ash Wednesday, the Mass for the second day of the Lunar New Year will **not be held** at Holy Child Parish. Any Vietnamese parishioners wishing to celebrate the second day of the Lunar New Year are advised to attend the celebration at **St Vincent Liem Vietnamese Chaplaincy Centre or other designated locations across the Archdiocese that have received special permission**, following the specific Lenten guidelines. Ashes will not be distributed at Holy Child Parish on the Friday of Lent, 20 February.

Do tính thiêng liêng của Thứ Tư Lễ Tro, Thánh lễ ngày Mồng Hai Tết sẽ không được cử hành tại Giáo Xứ Holy Child. Giáo dân người Việt nào muốn cử hành ngày Mồng Hai Tết được khuyến cáo tham dự Lễ tại Trung tâm Mục vụ người Việt Thánh Vinh Sơn Liêm hoặc các địa điểm được chỉ định khác trong Tổng Giáo phận đã được cấp phép đặc biệt, tuân thủ các hướng dẫn cụ thể về giữ chay Mùa Chay. Tro sẽ không được phân phát tại Giáo xứ Holy Child vào Thứ Sáu Mùa Chay, ngày 20 Tháng Hai.

PARISH PASTORAL CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2026

- 3 RCIA: 6 - 7.30pm @ Meadow Heights
- 6 Holy Hours: 5.30 - 6.30pm @Meadow Heights
- 8 Formation for Choirs: 3.00 - 5.00pm @ Dallas
- 10 RCIA: 6 - 7.30pm @ Meadow Heights
- 11 Finance Council: 6.00 - 9.00pm @ Meadow Heights
- 12 Catechetics Prep Meeting for Confirmation: 5.00 - 6.00pm @ Dallas
- 13 Holy Hours: 5.30 - 6.30pm @Meadow Heights
- 16 Lunar New Year Celebration: 5.00 - 10.00pm @ Dallas
- 17 RCIA: 6 - 7.30pm @ Meadow Heights
- 18 Ash Wednesday 9.15am Mass with School; 7.00pm Parish Mass both @ Dallas**
- 19 Pastoral Council Meeting: 6.00 - 9.00pm @ Meadow Heights
- 20 Holy Hours: 5.30 - 6.30pm @Meadow Heights
- 24 RCIA: 6 - 7.30pm @ Meadow Heights
- 26 Catechetics Class for Confirmation: 5.00 - 6.00pm @ Dallas
- 27 Holy Hours: 5.30 - 6.30pm @Meadow Heights



Feast Day During the Week

- 2 Feb – The Presentation of the Lord
- 3 Feb – St Blaise & St Ansgar
- 5 Feb – St Paul Miki & Companions
- 7 Feb – Blessed Virgin Mary

Thanksgiving Collection

Loose: \$400.60
 Church (Actual): \$1196
 Church (Pledge): \$1324.46
 Presbytery (Actual): \$896.30
 Presbytery (Pledge): \$950.55



Special Collection

Flowers Donated By



COUNTING ROSTER FOR FEB 2026

Hai, Loan, An, Mai	-----
Judy, Juanita, Mele & Sr V	-----
Hai, Loan, An, Mai	-----
Judy, Juanita, Mele & Sr V	10/2/26

DALLAS CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER FOR FEB 2026

Group	Names	Date
A	Mele, Sarah Kempen, Magina Musingarabul	-----
B	Viet Legion of Mary	14/15 Feb
C	Sam & Vicky Buhagiar, Cynthia Juico	21/22 Feb
D	Van My Nguyen Family	28 Feb/ 1 Mar

THIS Weekend ROSTERS: (7 – 8 Feb 2026)

	(SAT) 6.00 pm	(SUN) 9.00 am	(SUN) 11.00 am
Readers	Damian	Hai Vu	Cong
Commentators	Hanh Nguyen	Chi Nhu	Adorabella
Special Ministers	Sr Veronica	Volunteer	Jacinto
Money Collectors	As Per	Volunteers	At Each Mass

NEXT Weekend ROSTERS: (14-15 Feb 2026)

	(SAT) 6.00 pm	(SUN) 9.00 am	(SUN) 11.00 am
Readers	Sr Veronica	Dahn Tri Pham	Anita B
Commentators	Damian	Judy	Lahra
Special Ministers	Vicky B	Juanita	Mele
Money Collectors	As Per	Volunteers	At Each Mass



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