

O'SHEA SHIELD 2026



Guidelines

Scripture Reading

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To be adjudicated in two sections

1. Candidates should be kept apart during the whole event in a designated holding room.
2. Candidates must surrender cellphones, devices, and smart watches to their coaches or parents before entering the holding room.
3. Candidates will be given the FOUR readings to prepare, from which one will be allocated to each candidate to be read in the event.
3. For each reading, the candidate will read out:
 - a) The title in black at the top: 'A reading from ...'
 - b) The reading includes the phrase: 'The Word of the Lord' at the end
4. Have the correct English congregational response displayed - 'Thanks be to God'.
5. Applause is not permitted.
6. The four texts will be chosen from the Inclusive Lectionary. The readings are taken from the Lectionary – Sundays and Solemnities using the New Revised Standard Version from the Bible (edited by National Liturgical Office; approved by Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops Ottawa – Canada 1992). An email copy of the readings chosen for the event will be sent to each school. It is recommended that where possible there should be equivalence of length and difficulty with the readings, relevance to the community, and the potential for spiritual impact.
7. The readings may include readings from the Old Testament (not Psalms or Proverbs), or the New Testament. Gospel readings will NOT be included.
8. Candidates will be allocated one of the four readings to proclaim, chosen at random. When each candidate arrives in the venue from the Holding Room, they will be given their allocated reading and 30 seconds to prepare, before proceeding to the lectern, where a copy of the reading will already be placed.
9. Candidates will bow to the altar before and after their reading, if the event is held in a chapel or church.
11. No food or drink of any kind is permitted in the venue, if it is the chapel or church

Guidelines for Adjudication of Scripture Reading

Can I hear and understand the words?

Is the voice projection, articulation, and word management clear?

Does the reader:

- A) Relax me to listen? - confidence, timing.
- B) Make the meaning clear – phrasing, inflection, emphasis.
- C) Involve me? – establish connection with the listeners; establish a shared experience.

Marks and Awards

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| 6 points | Distinction award | Excellent standard | 86 - 100% |
| 5 points | Distinction award | High standard | 76 - 85% |
| 4 points | Merit award | Good standard | 66 - 75% |
| 3 points | Merit award | Average standard | 51 - 65% |
| 2 points | Participation award | Completed, below average | 31 - 50% |
| 1 point | Participation award | Incomplete or inadequate | 0 - 30% |



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Adjudication Sheet

Name:

College:

| | Marks gained |
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| 1. Voice projection, articulation, word management, | /20 |
| 2. Confidence, timing, phrasing, inflection, emphasis | /20 |
| 3. Clarity of meaning | /20 |
| 4. Identification with the reading; understanding of and insight into the reading | /20 |
| 5. Establishment of relationship with the assembly, to create shared worship; sense of involvement of the reader | /20 |
| TOTAL | /100 |
| Convert to Points 1 - 6 | |

Comment:

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English Scripture Readings 2026:

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| 1. | Deuteronomy 7: 6 - 11 | The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Year A |
| 2. | 1 John 4: 7 - 16 | The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Year A |
| 3. | Philippians 2: 1 - 11 | 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A |
| 4. | 1 Kings 3: 5 - 12 | 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A |

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people:

- 6 "You are a people holy to the Lord your God;
the Lord your God has chosen you
out of all the peoples on earth to be
his people, his treasured possession.
- 7 It was not because you were more numerous than any other people
that the Lord set his heart on you and chose you —
for you were the fewest of all peoples.
- 8 It was because the Lord loved you
and kept the oath that he swore to your fathers,
that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.
- 9 Know therefore that the Lord your God is God,
the faithful God
who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him
and keep his commandments to a thousand generations,
and who directly repays with destruction
- 10 the one who rejects him.
He does not delay
but repays directly the one who rejects him.
- 11 Therefore, observe diligently the commandment —
the statutes, and the ordinances —
that I am commanding you today."

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

- 7 Beloved,
let us love one another,
because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
- 8 Whoever does not love does not know God,
for God is love.
- 9 God's love was revealed among us in this way:
God sent his only-begotten Son into the world
so that we might live through him.
- 10 In this is love,
not that we loved God but that he loved us
and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
- 11 Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we also ought to love one another.
- 12 No one has ever seen God;
if we love one another, God lives in us,
and his love is perfected in us.
- 13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us,
because he has given us of his spirit.
- 14 And we have seen and do testify
that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world.
- 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God,
God abides in them, and that person in God.
- 16 So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.
God is love,
and the one who abides in love abides in God,
and God abides in them.

The word of the Lord

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brothers and sisters:

- 1 If there is any encouragement in Christ,
any consolation from love,
any sharing in the Spirit,
any compassion and sympathy,
2 then make my joy complete:
be of the same mind,
having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind.
- 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.
- 4 Let each of you look not to your own interests,
but to the interests of others.
- 5 Let the same mind be in you
that was in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
8 he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.
- 9 Therefore God highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

A reading from the first book of Kings

- 5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night;
and God said, "Ask what I should give you."
- 6 And Solomon said,
"You have shown great and steadfast love
to your servant my father David,
because he walked before you in faithfulness,
in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you;
and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love,
and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.
- 7 And now, O Lord my God,
you have made your servant king in place of my father David,
although I am only a little child;
I do not know how to go out or come in.
- 8 And your servant is in the midst of the people
whom you have chosen, a great people,
so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.
- 9 Give your servant therefore an understanding mind
to govern your people,
able to discern between good and evil;
for who can govern this, your great people?"
- 10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.
- 11 God said to him,
"Because you have asked this,
and have not asked for yourself long life or riches,
or for the life of your enemies,
but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right,
12 I now do according to your word.
Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind;
no one like you has been before you
and no one like you shall arise after you."

The word of the Lord.