

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020



Readings for  
this Sunday

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18  
1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
Matthew 5:38-48



Readings for  
next week:

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11



## Liturgical Jottings

### Shrove Tuesday

The day before or eve of Ash Wednesday is called variously Shrove Tuesday, pancake Tuesday or Fat Tuesday (from the French *Mardi Gras*). Originally it was the day that Christians confessed their sins, then did their penance during Lent and received absolution in Holy Week.

The season of Lent is the most appropriate time for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance. We hear the call to “*Turn away from sin and believe the Good News.*” It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbour and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts.

*Rite of Penance 1975, para 13*

## Focus on the Gospel

The Law of Talion, found in Leviticus 24:17-20, decreed “an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth,” was written to limit retaliation to the same degree as the offence and therefore not exact more. It seemed a just way at the time. In our ears it seems harsh and vengeful. Our Lord, in the final section of Chapter Five on the Sermon on the Mount he suggests a complete turn around: “offer no resistance”, do not retaliate but offer extra goodness and kindness. Indeed kindness and generosity, in Christian experience, unarms the enemy and opens the way restoration.

Therefore the Old Testament reading that accompanies today’s Gospel is not the Law of Talion, quoted above but rather the first reading is from an earlier passage from the same book. It is the second half of the Law of Christ. The first half is: “Love God with all you heart . . .” (Deut 6:5) and then Jesus added the quote from Leviticus 19:18 “You must love your neighbour as yourself.” And he added further in today’s Gospel passage: “You must love your enemies, and pray for them.”

In the liturgical reading of these texts and the celebration of the Eucharist we must become what we are, the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Spirit. Our gestures of kindness, mercy and peace bring forth the Kingdom of God and convert individuals and communities to the way of Christ.

## Pope Francis on the Word of God


Nehemiah, who was the governor [of Israel after the Babylonian Exile], and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, ‘This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep’. For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, ‘Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength’” (Neh 8:8-10). These words contain a great teaching. The Bible cannot be just the heritage of some, . . . It belongs above all to those called to hear its message and to recognize themselves in its words. It cannot be restricted to select groups. It cannot be that way. The Bible is the book of the Lord’s people, who, in listening to it, move from dispersion and division towards unity. The word of God unites believers and makes them one people.

## On the Lighter Side:

A Priest asked his congregation “Hands up anyone who has no enemies!” One elderly man raised his hand and said: “I’m 98 and all my enemies, everyone one of them, are dead!”

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	<b>Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving</b>	Josephine Zollo
	<b>For those whose anniversary occurs at this time</b>	
	<b>Our sick and their carers</b>	Cecilia Bannan, Sean Raymond, Rosario Sorbello

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> February 6.00 pm	Denice Bourke	Sheila Gregg	Ev Leahy	J Caiafa D Hamilton	D Turvey M Gale Joan Webster	Simon Cowan
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 9.30 am	Debbie Worm	Kay Gaffy	Carmel White	Spedding Family	S De Lai J De Lai R De Lai	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
<b>Monday</b>	24 Feb	
<b>Tuesday</b>	25 Feb	5:30 pm Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	26 Feb	9:15 am School Mass 6:00 pm Parish Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	27 Feb	9:15 am Mass
<b>Friday</b>	28 Feb	9:15 am Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	29 Feb	<b>6:00 pm Mass</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	1 Mar	<b>9:30 am Mass</b>
<b>Saturday Reconciliation</b>	29 Feb	11:30 am
<b>Rosary</b>	15 minutes Before Weekday Mass	

DIARY DATES		
Mon	24 Feb	
Tues	25 Feb	6:00 pm Meeting for Readers, Commentators & Special Ministers
Wed	26 Feb	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
Thur	27 Feb	
Fri	28 Feb	
Sat	29 Feb	
Sun	1 Mar	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Children's Mass
Mon	2 Mar	7:00 pm Spirituality in the Pub
Tues	3 Mar	
Wed	4 Mar	
Thur	5 Mar	
Fri	6 Mar	
Sat	7 Mar	
Sun	8 Mar	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent



## Shrove Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February Can you help cook pancakes? Do you like to eat pancakes?

You are most welcome to come along and help cook the pancakes and meet other members of Sacred Heart community.

Please come to the school between 10-11am  
You can bring an egg flip, apron, bowl etc or just yourself.

Donations of pancake mix, lemons, butter, syrup etc would be greatly appreciated and can be sent to school by Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February.

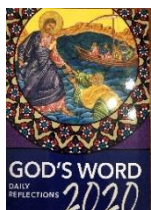
Anyone who would like a pancake can come along to school and share in the fun for a gold coin donation.

All money raised will be go to CARITAS.

If you can help please contact the school office on **58241841**.

### IN GOD'S WORD

There are still just a couple of copies left of the daily reflections 'God's Word 2020'. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to purchase a copy (cost \$15 each).



### PASTORAL CARE

Debbie Worm 5824 1841 ~ Pauline Hindson 5824 1841 ~ Anne Hutchison 5824 3460



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY  
23<sup>rd</sup> February 2020



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **“Go Further Together”**.

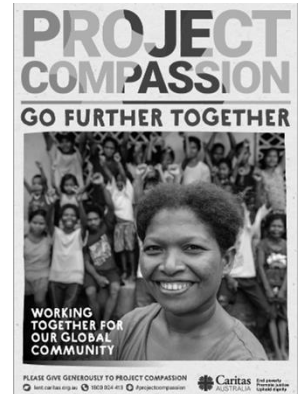
As Teresa of Calcutta said, “Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love.”

You will be helping empower our world’s most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

**Project Compassion boxes and envelopes will be handed out at the end of each Mass this weekend.**



**26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2020**

9:15 am School Mass

6:00 pm Parish Mass

All parishioners are invited to come along to the School Mass on Ash Wednesday at 9.15am. For those of you who work or cannot attend the School Mass, evening Mass will be held at 6.00 pm.

**READERS, COMMENTATORS AND SPECIAL MINISTERS**

Fr John Paul would like to invite all Readers, Commentators and Special Ministers to a meeting to be held on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** at 6:00 pm in the church to discuss these roles.

**LENT 2020 LEAFLETS**

Lent Leaflets for reflection and prayer featuring short readings and quotes from spiritual writers, are free from the Sandhurst Diocese. Printed sets are available in the Narthex, or they can be downloaded or read online at:

[www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1622-lent-resources-for-2020-news](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/1622-lent-resources-for-2020-news)

**SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB**

Spirituality in the Pub at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** from 7.30 – 9pm (meals from 6pm optional).

Come and meet our new Bishop and join the conversation as **Bishop Shane Mackinlay** shares his thoughts on **Where are we? Where are we heading? In Sandhurst? In the Church?** Then you have an opportunity to share yours!

More information is available on fliers in the Narthex. Enquiries: Kerry 0408 579904, Frank 5821 4362 or Fran 5829 0301.



**ALONG THE TRACK –  
“Now is not the Time”**

“We live in an extraordinary time. We live in a time of enormous change, in a time of the greatest movement of people across the globe, a time of amazing medical and scientific advancements, with communication techniques only dreamed about not so long ago. It is a time of extraordinary prosperity for some, a time of peace for many nations. ...”

This is the first paragraph of Jim Quillinan’s Along the Track article. For the full article online visit [http://www2.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/Along\\_the\\_Tracks.aspx](http://www2.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/Along_the_Tracks.aspx)

**Copies of the Along the Track are in the Narthex.**



### INSTALLATION MASS

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, Bishop Shane will be here for an installation Mass for Fr John Paul.

Following Mass the Bishop will join us for a Cuppa in the Mercy Centre.

If you are able to help with the catering on the day you please advise Mary in the Parish Office.

### THE KINGDOM OF GOD An exposition of scripture and theology.

What do we know? Why believe it?  
All are welcome.

7.30 - 9.00 pm.

February 25. March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre, behind  
St Brendan's Catholic Church.  
Coffee and tea provided.

Each night will include teaching about the Kingdom of God with an opportunity for questions and discussions. Bring your bibles!

Contact 0438 071 630 for more information.

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF SANDHURST NOMINEES FOR DELEGATES TO THE PLENARY COUNCIL

Bishop Shane Mackinlay received a total of eleven expressions of interest from people in the diocese about being a delegate to the Plenary Council.

It is anticipated that there will be two delegates appointed for the Diocese of Sandhurst. However, Bishop Shane has been asked to nominate four people as potential delegates to the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council, who will choose two of these.

Bishop Shane has nominated the following four people (in alphabetical order):

- Angela Finn (St Augustine's Parish, Kyabram / St Mary's School, Echuca)
- Cathy Jenkins (Catholic Education Sandhurst)
- Ruth Lawlor (St Therese's Parish, Kennington / Sandhurst Youth Ministry)
- David Walker (St John's Parish, Numurkah / Catholic Education Sandhurst)

Those chosen by the Bishops Commission for the Plenary Council will receive a letter formally calling them to be a delegate in early March.

Bishop Shane looks forward to the continuing involvement of people across the diocese in preparation for the first session of the Council in October.



The poster features a festive design with colorful bunting flags at the top. In the upper right corner, there are logos for Sacred Heart School Tatura and Sacred Heart Parish Tatura. A circular badge on the left says 'wristbands \$20'. The central focus is a large blue circle containing the text 'Sacred Heart Parish School FETE Friday 20th March 2020 5-8PM'. Below this, it lists 'Major Raffle', 'Amusements, Rides and Activities', 'BBQ, Food & Refreshments & much more!'. At the bottom, the address '69-75 HOGAN STREET TATURA' is printed.

### SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL FETE

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

5.00 – 8.00 pm

This fantastic event brings together our school community, Parish and wider Tatura community for a fun filled evening!

We have some parents & parishioners already preparing for the event but we need loads more help!

We are in desperate need for someone to help Co-Ordinate the Super Spin. The committee can support you in this role please contact Sam Quinlan on 0423611033.

Do you own a business or are associated with a business that could donate goods or services? Prizes for our Super Spin are very welcome.

#### ***How can I help in another way?***

Keep your eyes open for the fete roster which will be up and ready for you to put your name down as a helper.

See Debbie in the school office or contact Maria Spedding on 0418129528 or Sam Quinlan on 0423611033 with any questions.