



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43



Readings for next
Sunday:

Isaiah 25:6-10
Philippians 4:12-14,19-20
Matthew 22:1-14



Liturgical Jottings

Viaticum

The last sacrament of the Christian is called Viaticum. In addition to the Anointing of the Sick, the Church offers those who are about to leave this life the Eucharist as viaticum. Communion in the body and blood of Christ, received at this moment of "passing over" to the Father, has a particular significance and importance. It is the seed of eternal life and the power of resurrection, according to the words of the Lord: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." The sacrament of Christ once dead and now risen, the Eucharist is here the sacrament of passing over from death to life, from this world to the Father.

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Looking at the Readings

There are two lessons in today's Gospel. We must heed both lessons with renewed minds and hearts to avoid a wretched end and to be received into the divine vineyard: the Kingdom of Heaven.

Again Jesus addresses another parable to the priests of the Temple and the elders of the people. They are aware of the social situation of the day where absent landowners reap considerable wealth from their underpaid servants. With whom do they side? Here is a lesson on social justice, just wage, and care for the poor.

The parable also contains a lesson on the way to salvation. The first reading shows the vineyard as God's house and the people as the vine and grapes. Responsibility for good yields rests with the owners and the workers: indeed a shared responsibility with the Creator and God's People. Jesus challenges his hearers to be just, fair and dutiful, honest and trustworthy. Owners and workers both may come to a wretched end All must be worthy of the gift of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Feast of the Week: *St Francis of Assisi 4 October*

Because this feast falls on a Sunday, it may only be celebrated in places that observe it as a Solemnity. Celebrations of St Francis may also be remembered on another suitable day.

Season of Creation 5

GREETING: We gather recognising all creation. We recall St Francis relationship with the Sun. Earth, Moon, Water and all living creatures as brothers and sisters.

REFLECTION: St Paul urges us to keep on doing good things and the God of peace will be with us. St Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. His motto: Pax Et Bonum ... Peace and Goodness.

Quote of the Week


Pope Francis' Message for World Day of Prayer for Creation gave us 5R's to reflect upon: Remember; Return; Rest; Restore and Rejoice. He concludes with: "Let us all rejoice that our loving Creator sustains our humble efforts to care for the earth, which is also God's home where his Word "became flesh and lived among us" and which is constantly being renewed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Full text at www.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html and follow the link "Messages"

On the Lighter Side

A simile walks into a bar, as parched as a desert.

A metaphor walks into a bar and is hit between the eyes.



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Teresa Muto, Timothy Joseph Howell
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	
	Our sick and their carers	

WHAT CAN WE DO? – TO CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME.

You are invited to join a 'Zoom' gathering Friday October 9th 2.00-3.00 pm to discuss suggestions and resources for action, for parishes, community groups, families and individuals. To receive zoom link email: adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au OR caritasjustice@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

*An evening 'Zoom' gathering will be offered later in October.

Spirituality in the Pub

Sydney's Paddington SIP group have invited us to join them online for SOS on **Wed 7th Oct 7.30 – 9pm** Two notable speakers - **Geraldine Doogue** AO, well-known Australian journalist & broadcaster and **Dr Fr Michael Whelan** sm PP of St Patrick's Parish, The Rocks, Sydney & Director of the Aquinas Academy, will address the topic **20/20 Vision – the 2020 Plenary Council**. Both Geraldine & Michael are founding members of [Catalyst for Renewal](#) – the parent body for Spirituality in the Pub. You are all very welcome to join them - email kmstone@bigpond.net.au to receive Zoom link

World Cerebral Palsy Day. October 6.

About 1 in 700 babies in Australia is born with some degree of cerebral palsy. Muscle coordination is impaired due to damage to the brain at or before birth. There is no cure so rehabilitation, medication and orthopaedic management are used to improve motor skills and communication. Because of modern technology, many people with CP can live independently and join the workforce with some adjustments made to equipment and schedules.

Dear God, we lift up all those who are living with cerebral palsy today. We ask that you bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Mary Pianta. Disability Contact Coordinator.



What are the National Themes for Discernment?

After the analysis was carried out on the submissions sent in from the Listening and Dialogue stage of the Plenary Council journey, the National Council for Pastoral Research conducted qualitative analysis on these submissions to group them into categories that had similar aspects. After reflection and prayer, the six "National Themes for Discernment" emerged.

In looking at the National Themes for Discernment for the Plenary Council journey, we are asking all Australians to communally discern how God is calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is:

- Missionary and evangelising
- Inclusive, participatory and synodal
- Prayerful and Eucharistic
- Humble, healing and merciful
- A joyful, hope-filled and servant community
- Open to conversion, renewal and reform

People are encouraged to continue to consider, reflect on and discuss those themes from a local and national perspective as we move towards the Plenary Council assemblies.

Marian Festival

For the last 45 years, the Marian Festival has been celebrated every year in the Bendigo area as a special day of prayers and devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima.

The festival has grown in size over time and in recent years hundreds have come from all over the Sandhurst Diocese as well as from Melbourne, Ballarat and Geelong.

This year, because of the lockdown restrictions, the festival will be streamed online so people can participate from at home. It will take place at St Liborius Church, Eaglehawk on Sunday, October 11th. To watch online or to find out more, go to www.bendigofatima.com.