



Readings for  
this week: Sirach 27:4-7  
1 Corinthians 15:54-58  
Luke 6:39-45



Readings for  
next Sunday Deuteronomy 26:4-10  
Romans 10:8-13  
Luke 4:1-13



## Liturgical Jottings

### Book Of Sirach

This Old testament book from the wisdom literature is attributed to Ben Sirach the Wise. This collection of sayings was, until recently, known as Ecclesiasticus, a name given to it by Christians since the time of Cyprian (bishop of Carthage martyred in 258) because it was used to instruct catechumens.

The four sentences read this Sunday concern speech (27:4-7) a common theme in Sirach who denounces lies, gossip, swearing, quarrels and hypocrisy. Luke often quotes Sirach in his Gospel and presents us with a collection of wise sayings to live by and recognise speech as a gift from God. (DOTL Vol 6 p60)

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## Looking at the Readings

A sense of judgement pervades the first reading and the gospel: The Reader is encouraged to test the goodness of a person's speech and the disciple to maintain self-integrity in giving advice or in passing judgment on another. Simple but valuable images are used: sieve, kiln, fruit to judge the truth and worth of a person's words (Sirach). Jesus, in his parable, also presents us with dynamic and effective images: guiding the blind, avoiding the pit, the splinter or plank in the eye, rotten or sound fruit. Cartoonists go to town on these images, which are helpful to display on the screen during a homily.

Ben Sirach is acquainted with and a victim of bad talk and hypocrisy yet he also recognises the gift of speech and its effectiveness in revealing the Word of God.

Last week's Gospel contained a warning not to judge (Luke 6:36) and to show mercy. This week Jesus exhorts his disciple to see the faults and pitfalls in their actions and others. To judge or test but not to condemn; to guide and to seek the goodness in one's heart is far better than to judge, condemn and complain.

## Quote of the Day

The Church is in an extremely critical state, we have churches, money & everything else; people come here every day; surely this is something? It is that we lead a truly Christian life; every day we make ourselves spiritually richer, bearing fruit, Who is a better person for frequenting the church all month? Do you believe that the truly Christian life consists in not missing a prayer meeting or Mass? This is nothing, if we do not derive fruit from it. If we bring nothing to fruition through it, it would be better to stay at home."

*St John Chrysostom (344-407) Homily on the Acts of the apostles 29:3*


## Ember Days

Four times a year, on the Friday at the beginning of a new season (winter, spring, summer and autumn), the Church sets aside a day to ask for blessings and to pray in gratitude upon creation. We also pray for fruitful harvest, favourable weather, the environment and our stewardship of the world resources. These days are marked with prayer, fasting and abstinence and stress spiritual renewal. It is appropriate that this Friday 4 March is the first Friday of Lent which captures the themes of the autumnal Ember Day.

## On the Lighter Side

A hyperbole is, without any doubt the single most magnificent thing that has ever happened in the world ever."



	<b>Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving</b>	
	<b>For those whose anniversary occurs at this time</b>	Eileen O'Donovan, Margaret Carney
	<b>Our sick and their carers</b>	Sue McDonald

## Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> February

### Weekday Mass

Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	No Mass
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	No Mass
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	9:15 am Mass
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	No Mass
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:15 am Mass

### Weekend Mass

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	6pm Mass
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00 am Mass

### Weekday Mass

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	No Mass
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	No Mass
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:15 am Mass
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	No Mass
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	9:15 am Mass

### Weekend Mass

Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Mar	No Mas
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	10:00 am Mass

**Reconciliation** (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month)  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2022

## Time and Talent Sheets

If you have your Time and Talent Sheet, please drop them in the box in the Narthex.

The next step is Mary will collate them and organise the various training that will be required for people and will be in touch with you. We are hoping that the training day will be after Mass one Sunday.

Very Rev John Paul Pasala

## Ladies Chat and Cuppa


Everyone is welcome to come along to the Ladies Chat and Cuppa

Date: Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February


Time: 2pm.

Venue: St Mary's Hall


Please bring you own snacks




**Project Compassion Sunday**  
 27th February 2022



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

After receiving communion today, you are invited to take a Project Compassion Box & a set of Envelopes. This action reminds us of the challenge which is Eucharist.

As we say "AMEN" to the Body of Christ, we are also saying "AMEN" to being the Body of Christ.

We who eat must be the healing, loving, transforming presence of Jesus in our world today.


Weekly Envelopes are a great way of sharing our lives through Lent.

Each envelope features a Caritas story of a real person whose life is transformed through your support.

It's a good idea to keep a Box on the dinner table as a reminder, then each week transfer the contents to your envelope to bring to Mass.

Bringing the envelope to Mass each week links

**OUR LENT, OUR LIVES & OUR LITURGY** so together we can make a real difference and build a better world **FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS**



Mass at 9:15 am  
Wednesday  
2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022

**Reconciliation**  
**Saturday 5th March**  
**at 11:30 am in the church**

## Sandhurst Diocese Lent leaflets 2022

'Going Forward Together ...' is the theme of the Sandhurst Diocese Lent leaflets for 2022. These simple resources for individual or small group reflection and prayer, draw upon Scripture readings for Lent, the insights of 'Fellow Travellers' from our faith tradition, and reflections on Pope Francis 'Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future'.

Copies of these are in the Narthex or you can view or download these Lent leaflets online please go to the Sandhurst Diocese Website "Items of Interest" towards the bottom of the opening page or follow the link below <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/2089-lenten-resources-for-2022-news>

## ITALIAN ROSARY

Il Rosario italiano sarà recitato in Chiesa venerdì 11 marzo alle ore 14.00.

The Italian Rosary will be recited in the Church on Friday 11th March at 2.00pm.  
All Welcome

## Prayer for Ukraine

Gracious God, we pray for the people of Ukraine suffering from war.

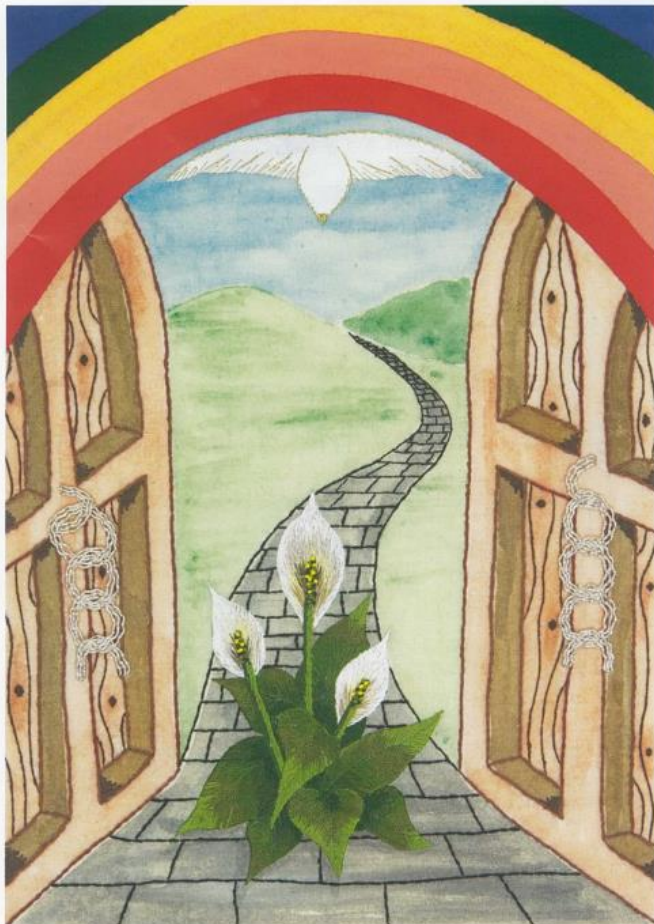
May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure their suffering and hardship.

Transform the hearts and minds of those who perpetuate the violence and oppression.

Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference.

We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen



## World Day of Prayer 2022

### England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Date and time: Friday  
4th March 2pm

Location:  
Tatura Uniting  
115 Hogan St Tatura

Contact person:  
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