

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

22 January 2023



*Readings for this week:* Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17  
Matthew 4:12-23



*Readings for next Sunday:* Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
Matthew 5:1-12



## Liturgical Jottings

### Greetings

The Roman Missal provides three texts from which the priest may choose to greet the people. There is a fourth option which a bishop may use to greet the people and express the office he holds as peacemaker and unifier: “Peace be with you!” All have scriptural origins from the letters of St Paul and the Lord Jesus himself in the four gospels.

In the second reading last week, we started the first letter of St Paul to the Christians at Corinth. He acknowledged their call to faith and commitment to Christ. His words are also aspirational for later in his letter he must reprimand them for their disagreements, faults and infighting as we hear in the passage today. Last weeks’ passage concluded with the greeting that is a template for the liturgical greetings we use at the beginning of our Masses.

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## Looking at the Readings

The Gospel this Sunday, Matthew gives the account of the beginning of Christ’s public ministry in three ways. First Christ fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah in bringing light into a darkened world; secondly he continues to preach the message of John the Baptism: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand”. And thirdly Christ chooses his first apostles who will be with him from the outset to the end. His mission to proclaim the Good News, bring forth the kingdom of peace, justice, mercy and love and establish of enduring community of faith. At the end of his public ministry before he ascends to the Father he entrusts his mission to the apostles he has chosen, empowered and commissioned. We also hear the call to follow And to spread the good news in word and action.

## The Lands of Zebulun and Naphtali

Zebulun and Naphtali were two of Jacob’s sons (see Gen. 35:23-26), and their descendants settled in the northern region. They were the first tribes of the northern kingdom of Israel to be deported by the Assyrians about the time of Isaiah and 700 years before Matthew wrote his Gospel. The prophet and evangelist recall what happened to these people. They were humbled (Is 8:23, Matt 4:15) by their misdeeds and misfortunes and now are given consolation by God and hope of salvation.

## Day of Prayer: Australia Day 26 January

The Roman Missal for use in Australia (2010) contains “Australia Day” It is not a feast day or a day of commemoration but named a “Day of Prayer”. The Prayers and Readings carry many intentions for the land, the people old and new, the nation, for peace and justice, shelter and safety and blessing. Symbols of Australia may decorate the church: native plants, local artwork and aboriginal artefacts, southern cross, native animals, national flags and music.

## On the Lighter Side

12 is a significant number in the bible: the 12 sons of Jacob: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Dan, Naphtali, Gad, Asher, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph and Benjamin. There are 12 Minor Prophets Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. The 12 apostles are Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James, Thaddeus, Simon, and Judas. The number 12 shows up in the Book of Revelation 22 times particularly in relation to the New Jerusalem.



## Sacred Heart Parish Six Month Financial Report as at 31 December 2022

Starting from this month we will be letting you know our financial situation each quarter. As we work on the Financial Year we are now half way through the year and are providing you with information as at 31 December 2022. Each Quarter we will provide you with the quarterly financial situation.

The figures below are for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 December 2022.

### INCOME

Planned Giving	\$19,639
Collections*	\$10,380
Rental (Convent & Hall)	\$29,659
Other Income	\$620
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$65,298</b>

\* This does not include special collections as these do not come into our Parish Income

### EXPENSES

General Admin	\$8,666
Insurance	\$3,645
Property Costs (incl Maintenance)	\$8,549
Utilities	\$4,620
Priest Stipend (including Food, medical car expenses etc)	\$12,687
Wages	\$11,607
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES (excluding Loan Interest)</b>	<b>\$49,774</b>
Loan Interest *	\$10,902
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE (including Loan Interest)</b>	<b>\$60,676</b>

\*The Profit and Loss statement will only display the interest you pay on your loans, not the principal, which is why the loan interest is included in the expenses. However, the loan interest does not impact the cashflow of the Parish.


In addition to the expenses we also had the Convent Renovation Loan Repayments

Loan Repayments	\$22,555
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<b>Total Payments (Including Expenses and Loan Repayment - excluding Loan Interest)</b>	<b>\$72,329</b>
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### Convent Loan

Opening Balance (1 July)	\$472,106
Interest on Loan	\$10,902
Loan Repayments	\$22,555
Closing Balance (31 Dec)	\$460,453

	<b>Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving</b>	Anna Rosa Mercuri, Phyllis Newman
	<b>For those whose anniversary occurs at this time</b>	Nella Gallo, Jack Woodman
	<b>Our sick and their carers</b>	Bernie Maher, Vito Prinzi

DAY, TIME, DATE	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	GIFT PRESENTATION	SPECIAL MINISTERS	SCREEN OPERATOR/ORGAN
Sun 10:30 am 29 January	Debbie Worm	Anne-Marie Nihill	Connie Serra	Domelina Phelan Fely Sweet	Steve De Lai	Mary Gale Trish Warnett

## Two Week Mass Timetable Commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> January

### Weekday Mass

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	No Mass
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> January	No Mass
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> January	9:15 am Mass
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> January	No Mass
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> January	9:15 am Mass

### Weekend Mass

Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> January	No Mass
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> January	10:30 am Mass

### Weekday Mass

Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> January	No Mass
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup> January	No Mass
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> February	9:15 am Liturgy
Thu 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	No Mass
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	9:15 am Liturgy

### Weekend Mass

Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> February	6:00 pm Mass
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> February	10:30 am Mass

**Reconciliation** No reconciliation until March 4<sup>th</sup>



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## "how much salt does this person need to draw out their flavour"

PETE GILMORE

### This week on the Journey (Ep 494)

On the Journey this week: The Gospel reflection by Fr John Littleton on sorrow and repentance. Mother Hilda's story about God's interaction with St Jerome. Plus, we welcome back one of our presenters from earlier years, Marilyn Rodrigues, with her new segment, the Urban Contemplative. Trish McCarthy says keeping balance and focus in life is easy if we make Christ our focus point, Pete Gilmore wonders how much salt do each of us need to draw out our flavour, and more great music!

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## 2023 Roster Development

If you have not yet put your name on the Roster From in the Narthex and you would like to help us please do so this weekend. This will help us develop the Roster over the coming 12 months.

We are looking for Commentators, Readers, Gospel and Gift Processions, Special Ministers.

Sacred Heart Parish, Tatura.

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The presbytery office is open on Wednesdays & Fridays from 8:30 am until 1:00 pm

## Themes for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

<https://young-catholics.com>

The readings for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A inspire us to understand that Jesus has saved us and we are called to spread that good news to others. In the first reading we hear that Jesus ushers in a new era of freedom and salvation. The psalm reaffirms that the Lord is our salvation. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading Paul reminds us that we must be united in our efforts to evangelize. And in the Gospel we hear Jesus calling Simon Peter and Andrew to join him in spreading the Good News.

- Vocations
- Evangelization
- Salvation

## More Thoughts for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

### Light and Darkness

Zebulun and Naphtali were part of the Northern Kingdom of Israel, which was destroyed when the Assyrians invaded. The people were sent into exile. Even in this time of darkness, God provided hope and light.

The time of Jesus was also a time of darkness, with oppression by the Romans. Jesus provides light in this time by proclaiming the Kingdom of God.

### Good Enough?

In Jesus' time, rabbis would call people to follow him. But typically they would call people who were knowledgeable and "good enough". But Jesus is calling fishermen and other people who in Jewish society of the day would not have been considered worthy.

God doesn't require us to measure up. We do not have to be wise or learned or skilful. We just need to be willing. He can work with whatever we have to offer.

### Corinth

The early Christian community at Corinth included Jews and Gentiles who were following "The Way". But rivalries developed and cultures clashed. Paul urges them to develop a sense of community instead of becoming a group of rival factions.

They should use their diverse gifts and talents for the good of the whole rather than dividing into multiple groups. Diversity is good within the Christian community when it enriches the mission. Instead of suppressing different voices, we should seek to learn from each other and build strength from our differences.

## Bishop Shane Mackinlay requests your presence on Wednesday, 15 February 2023, at this Diocesan Assembly.

Location: VISY Community Centre, Parkside Drive, Shepparton

Time: Arrivals will begin at 8:30 am and the assembly will conclude at 4:30 pm.

The time has finally arrived, the gathering of the Sandhurst Diocese is here!

This is the first gathering of the entire Diocese in living memory and we are looking forward to a day filled with prayer, listening, dialogue, reflection, and music. Invitees will include our Parishes and a number of Parishioners, Catholic Education, Schools and a number of students, Catholic Care and other Catholic organizations within the Diocese.

Sacred Heart Parish has been allocated 9 places at this event. Please let Fr John, Trish or Mary know if you are planning on attending.

Please follow the link below to reserve your seat. Please ensure that you provide all the details asked within the website including any dietary requirements you may have.

RSVP via this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/CEMGN>

## Reflection Questions for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

- Where do I see light and darkness in our world today?
- How can I use my strengths and weaknesses to build up my parish community?
- Do I avoid cliques and factions in my Christian communities?
- How can I encourage and listen to diverse voices in the groups I belong to?



## Acknowledgement to Country

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside Aboriginal Australians in truth and justice