

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 5 February 2023



Readings for  
this Sunday

Isaiah 58:7-10  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Matthew 5:13-16



Readings for  
next week:

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Matthew 5:17-37



## Liturgical Jottings

### Second Readings

During the Season of Ordinary Time the first reading and the gospel are connected by a common theme. The second readings are not as they are mainly semi-continuous readings from the letters of St Paul. However this cycle A, by chance or design the second readings of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Sundays also relate to the first reading and the Gospel as detailed here:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – God chooses. In 1 Cor 1:1-3 St Paul is chosen by the Lord.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - God chooses the poor. In 1 Cor1:26-31 God chooses the weak.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Salt of the earth, Light of the world. In 1 Cor2:1-5 Proclaim the crucified Christ to the world.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday – A new law in continuity with the old. In 1 Cor 2:6-10 God's wisdom reveals this ways for our glory.

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### Focus on the Readings

This Sunday's Gospel (Matt 5:13-16) immediately follows last Sunday's (Matt 5:1-2) as part of Our Lord's sermon on the mount. He reveals ways of life that show we are blessed and happy. Now Jesus leads our lives from the state of being to the state of action: "Be the salt of the earth and the light of the world!" Our blessed nature also prompts us to give witness to others. The reading from Isaiah (first reading) prepares the listener to move from being to action. Through the prophet God presents his faithful people with actions of social duties towards the poor.

The second reading from St Paul offers the listener to God's word another way to be light to the world, not only in witness and charity but also by encounter. In encountering the crucified and risen Lord in our lives we become light to the world in encouraging others to encounter the crucified and risen Lord in the dark moments of their lives. We let the light enter into their world and "lighten" their burdens.

"Be Salt of the Earth" is an original and unique saying of Christ. The metaphor is applied to his followers and their innate goodness.

### Quote of the Day

The Family is the salt of the earth and the light of the world, it is the leaven of society. *Pope Francis*

People don't enjoy salt. They enjoy what is salted. We are the salt of the earth. We do not exist for ourselves. *John Piper*

### Prayer for the Week

Heavenly Father, you have called your Church to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Give us vigorous faith and a love that is genuine, so that all may see our works and give you the glory. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.


### Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, 11 Feb

It is also World Day of Prayer for the Sick. For this year's message visit: [www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick.html)

### On the Lighter Side:

Salt is mentioned 39 times in the bible mostly in a negative sense. Yet several times we read that salt gives flavour, purifies persons and land, preserves food and traded for other goods. Also when shared it is the sign of friendship (Lev 2:13) and therefore used as a metaphor for goodness and activating faith.



	<b>Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving</b>	
	<b>For those whose anniversary occurs at this time</b>	Betty Curtis
	<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 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Carol Coulston	Ross Kelly	Doreen Corrigan	Steve & Simone De Lai	Connie Serra	Debbie Worm Trish Warnett
Sun 10:30 am 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Rob Miller	Denice Bourke	Debbie Turvey	Joyce Caiafa & Delphi Hamilton	Steve De Lai	Debbie Worm Trish Warnett
Sun 10:30 am 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Debbie Worm	Dean Filgate	Sheila Gregg	Nita Basile Marg Normington	Leo McGrath	Trish Warnett Choir
Sun 10:30 am 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Carol Coulston	Anne-Marie Nihill	Ricki Waters	Shelia Gregg Mary Vraca	Denice Bourke	Debbie Worm Trish Warnett

## Two Week Mass Timetable Commencing 6<sup>th</sup> February

### Weekday Mass

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> February	No Mass
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> February	No Mass
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> February	9:15 am Liturgy
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> February	No Mass
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> February	9:15 am Liturgy

### Weekend Mass

Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> February	No Mass
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> February	10:30 am Mass

### Weekday Mass

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> February	No Mass
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> February	No Mass
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> February	No Mass or Liturgy
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> February	No Mass
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> February	9:15 am School Mass

### Weekend Mass

Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> February	No Mass
Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> February	10:30 am Mass

In Mooropna  
**Reconciliation** TBC when the next reconciliation will take place

## Welcome Fr Michael Grace

Fr Michael Grace will be celebrating Mass with us at Sacred Heart Parish while Fr. John is back home in India.  
Please keep Fr. Michael in your prayers.

## Opening School Mass Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Fr. Jackson will be celebrating the Opening School Mass for Sacred Heart School Tatura on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 9:15 am. All Sacred Heart Parishioners are invited to join our students at this Mass.

## Saturday Masses

Please remember there are no 6pm Saturday Masses in February or on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March. The next Saturday Mass will be on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

A memorial mass dedicated to the late

## FR PETER QUINN

Who served our parish from 1986 until 2005

Will be offered on

**SUNDAY, 12th February, at 10.00am**

**ALL ARE WELCOME** to attend and to join us for a cuppa in the Marian Centre afterwards.

( St Marys in Mooropna )

## On-Line Safeguarding Training

The Diocese has now launch their new On-Line Training for volunteers required to undertake the safeguarding training. You will receive an email inviting you to register for the training you. Once registered you will have 30 days to complete the module, it takes about 30 minutes to complete. It is not timed so you can suspend the module at any time and log back in (within the 30 days) it will take you back to where you left off.

The Parish Office will be notified when you complete the training.

## Themes for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

<https://young-catholics.com>

The readings for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on evangelization and service. The first reading tells us that when we care for those in need, the darkness in our lives will turn to light. The second reading helps us remember that we do not rely on our own wisdom when we speak and act, but on God. And the gospel tells us that we should boldly spread the Light of Christ throughout the world.

- Evangelization
- Works of mercy
- Justice

## More Thoughts for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

The reading from Isaiah tells us that being devoted to God means taking care of those who need our help the most. God wants us to care for those on the margins. The list of actions which we should take are closely related to the Corporal Works of Mercy. Worshiping God also means using the gifts we have been giving to work for a just society.

We must do more than just pray for people. We are called to act. When we do this, then the darkness of society will be overcome with light. Malicious speech, hate, and condemnation will be less visible when our acts of love shine.

The gospel also uses the image of light. The good things we do glorify God, for the Light of Christ is shining through us. This is how the Kingdom of God grows.

Jesus also tells us that salt loses its flavor, then it is no longer really salt. Similarly, if we are all talk, but we don't understand the message of Christ crucified then we are missing a crucial characteristic of Christians. When people see our good works, then people can encounter Christ through us.

## Reflection Questions for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

- When I see darkness in the world, do I try to bring light?
- How have I been a light recently?
- Where does my light need to shine this week?

## CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE (Germany)

**ST BRENDAN'S CHURCH**  
121 Knight Street, Shepparton  
**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**  
8pm – 10pm (15mins interval)  
(Doors open from 7pm)

Tickets can be purchased from:

- The Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre,  
530 Wyndham Street [5832 9330]  
or
- At the door of the church (1 hour prior) to  
the Concert from 7pm (CASH SALES ONLY).

Cost for the Tickets:

Adults - \$40  
Pensioner - \$35  
Students - \$30  
Children under 6 – Free

Sunday, 19th February 2023 at 8 pm  
**SHEPPARTON**  
ST. BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
**VIVALDI**  
THE FOUR SEASONS  
4 Concertos for Violin, Strings and basso continuo  
**MOZART**  
Divertimento F Major KV 138 »Salzburg Symphony«  
**SAINT-SAËNS**  
»Introduction & Rondo Capriccioso« for Violin and Orchestra op. 28  
**PAGANINI**  
»Moses-Variations« for Violoncello and Orchestra - played on one string  
**CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE**  
(Germany)  
Sergey Didorenko \* Violin      Dmitrij Gornowski \* Violoncello

Tickets available at  
Greater Shepparton Visitor Centre, 530 Wyndham Street, Tel. 03 / 5832 9330  
<http://visitshepparton.com.au>  
and at the door one hour prior to the concert from 7 pm (cash sales only)

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