

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 June 2023



Readings for
this week:

Exodus 19:2-6
Romans 5:6-11
Matthew 9:36-10:8



Readings for
next Sunday:

Exodus 19:2-6
Romans 5:6-11
Matthew 9:36-10:8



Liturgical Jottings

Hell in the Apostles' Creed

This creed is one of the most ancient statements of beliefs. Not written by the apostles it, however, contains their teachings. Prior to 2010 English Missal the sentence "Jesus descended to hell" was rendered: "He descended to the dead" as in the 1969 Missal. Yet earlier in prayer books the newer version was used. In the baptismal promised based on the Apostles' creed we simply hear: "He rose again from the dead." These passages from the Catechism may assist us:

"Scripture calls the abode of the dead, to which the dead Christ went down, "hell"- *Sheol* in Hebrew or *Hades* in Greek, because those who are there are deprived of the vision of God. Jesus did not descend into hell to deliver the damned, nor to destroy the hell of damnation, but to free the just who had gone before him."

Para 634: "The gospel was preached even to the dead." The descent into hell brings the Gospel message of salvation to complete fulfilment ...

(Also see para 631-2, 635-7)

From The English Translation of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* © 1994 St Pauls /Libreria Editrice Vaticana

Looking at the Readings

The major themes today are call and discipleship. Most of us are rather insignificant in the eyes of the broader society. And even those who are well known or in some way famous are still just simple human beings with needs and fears and dreams like the rest of us. Yet we have been called by God. This is what makes us special. Paul picks up this theme in his development of justification. He argues that we are special because when we were still sinners we were justified. All this has come to us as a pure gift from God. It is God who calls; it is God who chooses; it is God who justifies. If we are to boast, we must boast in God.

Paul further teaches that good works do not gain faith. It is the other way around. It is faith that manifests itself in works. In the gospel we see that the disciples are sent out to give to others the gift of faith which had been given to them. They proclaim the gospel, the good news that the time of fulfilment has come, and then they perform mighty works that demonstrate what they preach. We too have been called to discipleship; we have been made God's special people. To us has been entrusted the good news of salvation to proclaim to others. We must be the healing touch of Christ in our world. We must comfort those who mourn, bring back to life those who are in despair, embrace those who have been ostracised by society, drive out anger and fear and hatred. © *Dianne Bergant CSA*.

Ancient Homily for Holy Saturday

This text is quoted in the Catechism to assist our understanding of the Creed. Attributed to St Epiphanius (403) PG 43, 440A, 452C

God has died in the flesh and Hell trembles with fear. He has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, He has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, He who is both God and the Son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the Cross, the weapon that had won Him the victory. At the sight of Him Adam, the first man He had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone, "My Lord be with you all." Christ answered him, "And with your spirit." He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying, "Awake, O sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

On the Lighter Side


A bloke walks into a bar and asks for fruit punch. The barman says "Sure. Just get in line." The guy looks over and gets confused because there's no punchline.

A tennis ball walks into a bar.

The barman says, "Have you been served?"

© Diocese of Sandhurst 2023



| | | |
|---|---|--|
|  | Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving | Antonio Villani |
| | For those whose anniversary occurs at this time | Jim Nihill, Hugh Nihill |
| | Our sick and their carers | Santo Vraca, Josie Anderson, Bernie Maher, Bill Moroney, May Turvey, |

| DAY TIME DATE | CO-MINISTRATOR | READER | GOSPEL PROCESSION | OFF PRESENTATION | SPECIAL MINISTERS | SCREEN OPERATOR/MORGAN |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Sun 10:30 am 25 June | Debbie Worm | Dean Filgate | D Hamilton | D Bourke D Turvey | Anna Ciavarella | Mary Gale Trish Warnett |
| Sat 6:00 pm 1 st July | Carol Coulston | Shelia Gregg | P Crombie | J Caiafa J Hamilton | N/A | Mary Gale |
| Sun 10:30 am 2 nd July | Rob Miller | Anne-Marie Nihill | A Basile | Barry & Jan Lowe | Evert Worm | Debbie Worm Trish Warnett |
| Sun 10:30 am 9 th July | Debbie Worm | Rob Miller | D Corrigan | D Phelan | Connie Serra | Mary Gale Trish Warnett |
| Sat 6:00 pm 15 th July | Carol Coulston | Mary Vraca | S Gregg | J Caiafa J Hamilton | N/A | Mary Gale |
| Sun 10:30 am 16 th July | Rob Miller | Denice Bourke | D Turvey | A Basile M Sgammotta | Debbie Worm | Mary Gale Trish Warnett |
| Sun 10:30 am 23 rd July | Carol Coulston | Anne-Marie Nihill | D Phelan | S Gregg M Vraca | Denice Bourke | Debbie Worm Trish Warnett |
| Sun 10:30 am 30 th July | Rob Miller | Mary Gale | | Steve & Simone De Lai | Ross Kelly | Debbie Worm Trish Worm |

Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 19th June

Weekday Mass

Mon 19th June No Mass
 Tue 20th June No Mass
 Wed 21st June 9:15 am Liturgy
 Thur 22nd June No Mass
 Fri 23rd June 9:15 am Liturgy

Weekend Mass

Sat 24th June No Mass
 Sun 25th June 10:30 am

Weekday Mass

Mon 26th June No Mass
 Tue 27th June No Mass
 Wed 28th June 9:15 am Mass
 Thur 29th June No Mass
 Fri 30th June 9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 1st July 6:00 pm Mass
 Sun 2nd July 10:30 am Mass

Reconciliation 1st July

Volunteering at Prison

Are you interested in volunteering with our Prison Chaplaincy team to attend Mass on a Friday and/or become a volunteer driver to bring the Prisoners to Mass on a Sunday.

For full information on what is required please talk to Denice Bourke 0408 572 112.



Baptism

We congratulate the Theodore Charlie Worm on her Baptism this weekend and welcome him into our Parish family.

Theodore Charlie is the son of Meghan and Louis Worm



Are You Retired or Seeking A Deeply Rewarding Ministry to Others?

We invite you to join Heart of Life's Taster Session on Tuesday 20 June 2023, 7pm-8.30pm, via Zoom, where we'll share with you information on our formation programs to become a spiritual director, pastoral supervisor, spiritual leader and contemplative listener to others. Our programs develop a compassionate, listening heart.

The session will include a facilitated reflection session led by formation team members at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/taster-session/> or email info@heartoflife.melbourne for more details.

POSITION AVAILABLE SACRAMENTAL CO-ORDINATOR

(To prepare children for the Sacraments of Initiation)

ST BRENDANS CATHOLIC PARISH

121 Knight Street Shepparton

9am – 2pm

1 (one) day/week

Permanent Part-Time

CLOSES Thursday 29th June 2023

Enquiries and/or copies of Position Description

5821 2633 OR email

Shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

"we all get what they got, an invitation to become a shepherd of the Lord's flock"

FR BENEDICT MACKENZIE FSF

This week on the Journey (Ep 515)

On the Journey this week: Fr Benedict Mackenzie FSF says that we are all called to be Jesus' labourers, to be shepherds to the lost sheep. Mother Hilda tells how to console God's heart, Jude Hennessy interviews Fr Tony Percy about his book: Australia: What Went Right, What Went Wrong, plus, Fr Dave Callaghan MGL on listening to the voice of the true shepherd, and more great music!

Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime

60th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Monsignor Peter John Jeffrey

If you wish to attend the meal after Mass for the celebration of Monsignor Peter Jeffrey's 60th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood. Please fill in the form in the Narthex and we will make a group booking.

In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop – Bookings for Australian National Pilgrimage Now Open

Bookings are now open for pilgrims to participate in the popular Australian National Pilgrimage: *In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop* run by [Mary MacKillop Place](#) and [The Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart](#).

The next pilgrimage will be running from **17 - 28 October 2023** and will visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry in Victoria, South Australia and NSW.

The Pilgrimage is led by Sr Anne Bond rsj, a Sister from the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and Mr Garry McLean, the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, East Melbourne.

"This is a unique opportunity for participants to enter more deeply into the life and spirituality of Saint Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods and to appreciate Mary's role as our first canonised Australian saint," says Sr Anne.

"The notion of going on a pilgrimage and being a pilgrim is a very ancient one that belongs to the spiritual tradition of all great faiths. It is a very personal experience, but it is usually a journey with others: seeking, listening, reflecting and seeing the hand of God at work in our own lives."

The Australian National Pilgrimage will begin in East Melbourne on 17 October and conclude at Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney on 28 October. Along the way pilgrims will visit historic sites and towns including Portland, Penola, Robe and the Mary MacKillop Chapel in North Sydney.

Get in early! The current prices are fixed until 30 June 2023. After this date prices may need to be negotiated dependent on oil and fuel costs.

Website:

<https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/retreats-spirituality/australian-national-pilgrimage>

Email: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

Phone: (02) 8912 4818

INDIGENOUS VOICE WEBSITE At the heart of the upcoming Referendum is recognition of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples, the world's oldest continuing culture, in the Australian Constitution. As Catholics, we have a responsibility to listen to the voices of First Australians and to work towards a more just and equitable society.

The site NATSICC & Caritas Australia have launched www.indigenousvoicechurch - a hub for Catholic support of the Voice to Parliament which empowers Catholics to make an informed decision at the Referendum. It contains a collation of statements from Bishops, including our own Bishop Shane.

Additionally, there are resources to assist in discernment particularly CSTs for the Journey **National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC)** is the peak advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops.

Themes for 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

<https://young-catholics.com>

The readings for 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A call us to look for how God is working in our lives. In the first reading the Israelites are reminded that God led them out of Egypt. The psalm tells us that God cares for us. In the second reading, Paul tells us that God proves His love for us because Christ died for us. In the gospel, we hear how Jesus cared for the people and sent his disciples to do the same.

God's love and compassion for humanity: The readings for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A emphasize God's love for His people and His desire to save them from sin and death. God's love is demonstrated through His mercy and grace towards His people, and through His sending of Jesus Christ to die for our sins.

The importance of obedience to God's commands and covenant: The first reading from Exodus emphasizes the importance of obeying God's commands and covenant in order to receive His blessings and remain in a right relationship with Him. The Israelites are reminded of their covenant with God and encouraged to follow His laws in order to remain in His favour.

The role of Jesus Christ as the saviour of humanity: The second reading for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A from Romans describes how Jesus' death and resurrection has made it possible for humanity to be reconciled with God and receive the gift of eternal life. Through faith in Jesus Christ, we can be saved from the power of sin and death.

The value of serving others with love and generosity: In the gospel for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A from Matthew, Jesus sends out His disciples to serve others and proclaim the good news of the kingdom of heaven. The disciples are instructed to freely give what they have received, encouraging them to serve others with love and generosity.

The importance of proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of heaven: The passage from Matthew emphasizes the importance of proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of heaven. Jesus sends out His disciples to share the message of salvation and reconciliation with others, calling them to repentance and faith in God.

Reflection Questions for 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

- How can we cultivate a deeper sense of obedience to God's commands in our lives? What areas of our lives might we need to surrender to Him more fully?

- In what ways have we experienced the radical love of God in our lives? How can we more fully embrace and share this love with others?
- What are some practical ways we can evangelize and share the good news of the Gospel in our daily lives? How can we cultivate a spirit of openness and receptivity to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in this area?
- Who can we share the Good News with today? Are there people in our lives who may be in need of hope and encouragement? How can we share the love of Christ with them?
- Am I comfortable sharing my faith with those outside of my church family? Why or why not? Are there any fears or doubts that might be holding me back from evangelizing to others? How can I overcome these obstacles and embrace my role as a missionary disciple?
- Where do we see God shining light in our lives? Are there any areas of our lives where we are experiencing His love, mercy, and grace? How can we share these experiences with others and use them as a way to spread the light of Christ to those around us?

60th Anniversary of the Ordination to the Priesthood of Monsignor Peter John Jeffrey Ordained | 27-7-1963



St Mary's Parish warmly invites you to attend a
Mass of Thanksgiving for the 60th Anniversary of the
Ordination to the Priesthood of
Monsignor Peter John Jeffrey.

on

Thursday the 27th of July 2023 at 5:00 pm
at St Brendan's Catholic Church, Shepparton.
At the conclusion of the Mass we also invite you to join us
for a Dinner at the GV Hotel.

No RSVP is required to attend the Mass
We ask that if you would like to attend the Dinner that you
use the Eventbrite URL to make a booking:

monsignor.eventbrite.com

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 First Nation Australians in truth, justice, and reconciliation.