



Readings for  
this week:

Jeremiah 20:10-13  
Romans 5:12-15  
Matthew 10:26-33



Readings for  
next Sunday:

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16  
Romans 6:3-4,8-11  
Matthew 10:37-42



## Liturgical Jottings

### Letter to the Romans (1)

From the 9<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> Sundays in Ordinary Time, we read, this year, St Paul's Letter to the Romans. The Apostle writes to the Christians in Rome to expound his preaching, in broad outline, hence, the tone of the letter which has a more rigorous structure than his other letters. One of the core ideas of Paul's doctrine regards the salvation of all humankind through God's grace, granted to those who believe in Jesus Christ. None of us can boast of our own righteous-ness, not even that coming from the Law. There is only one true righteousness which comes from God and is received through faith.

Paul had not yet visited Rome. He did not know the city's Christian community. Besides, he had a rule not to meddle where others had preached the gospel (Rom 5:20). As a result, his letter does not deal with the concrete questions that might have faced the community.

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## Looking at the Readings

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises.

Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering. © Dianne Bergant CSA

## Prayer for the Day

True and faithful God, you give courage to the fearful and endurance to martyrs. Sustain us as followers of your Son Jesus, that with boldness and conviction we may acknowledge him before the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord.


Feast of Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles (29 June)

There is one day for the passion of two apostles. But these two also were as one; although they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, Paul followed. We are celebrating a feast day, consecrated for us by the blood of the apostles. Let us love their faith, their lives, their labours, their sufferings, their confession of faith, their preaching. Sermon by Saint Augustine.

## On the Lighter Side

When Paul went to Rome, he preached and taught many but did he print jokes in the Parish Bulletin? From the Roman Archives: "Scholasticus volens videre an decore dormiret, clausis oculis speculum intuebatur." The student, wanting to see if he slept soundly, looked into the mirror with his eyes closed.



	<b>Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving</b>	Kathleen Geisler, Teresa Muto (1 Month)
	<b>For those whose anniversary occurs at this time</b>	Ange Milanese
	<b>Our sick and their carers</b>	Santo Vraca, Josie Anderson, Bernie Maher, Bill Moroney, May Turvey,

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

## Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> June

### Weekday Mass

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

### Weekend Mass

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> July 6:00 pm Mass  
 Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> July 10:30 am Mass

### Weekday Mass

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> July No Mass  
 Tue 4<sup>th</sup> July No Mass  
 Wed 5<sup>th</sup> July 9:15 am Mass  
 Thur 6<sup>th</sup> July No Mass  
 Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July 9:15 am Mas

### Weekend Mass

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> July No Mass  
 Sun 9<sup>th</sup> July 10:30 am

**Reconciliation** 1<sup>st</sup> July

## Planned Giving Envelopes And Letters

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2023/2024 are in the Narthex for collection. There is also a letter for all those in the planned giving program.

If you would like more information on becoming a planned giver please speak to Mary.

## "a beautiful reminder in the life of a Christian that our lives here are only temporary" FR WILLIAM CHOW

This week on the Journey (Ep 516)  
 On the Journey this week: Fr William Chow says that the point of Jesus' parable is don't worry about the body being killed, it is more serious if our soul were to be killed. Mother Hilda says God wants to recycle the junk baggage in our life. Plus, Byron & Francine Pirola on the disciplined pursuit of less in marriage, Trish McCarthy says that there are five ways through which God can enter and touch our lives, Deacon Josh Clayton wonders what our churches would be like if we volunteered with them same passion as we do for sporting clubs, and more great music!

Visit [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime

## 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.

Sacred Heart Parish, Tatura. PO Box 110 Tatura VIC 3616, 03 5824 1049, e: [tatura@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:tatura@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)  
 The presbytery office is open on  
 Wednesdays & Fridays from 8:30 am until 1pm

## Themes for 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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The readings for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A are a call to trust in God. Although our circumstances can be unsettling or frightening, God is always caring for us. The first reading Jeremiah trusts in the Lord even though he is being plotted against. The psalm expresses hope that God will hear our prayers in times of distress. The second reading reminds us that Jesus rescued us even though we are sinners. And in the gospel, Jesus tells us “Fear no one” and that we are loved and cared for by God.

**Perseverance in the face of opposition:** The first reading from Jeremiah portrays the challenges and opposition that the prophet faced in fulfilling his calling. Despite the persecution, Jeremiah remained steadfast in his faith and trust in God. This theme encourages believers to persevere in their faith, even when confronted with adversity or opposition.

**Trust in God’s faithfulness:** Jeremiah exemplifies unwavering trust in God’s faithfulness and protection, recognizing God as a “dread warrior.” This emphasizes reliance on God’s strength during difficulties. The Gospel stresses trust in God’s providential care, assuring disciples of His awareness and urging trust in His guidance, care, and protection.

**Redemption and salvation:** The second reading for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A delves into the concept of redemption and salvation. It discusses how sin entered the world through Adam, leading to death and separation from God. However, through the gift of Jesus Christ, redemption is offered, and believers can be reconciled with God. This theme emphasizes the transformative power of Christ’s sacrifice and the opportunity for new life and salvation. **Fear and courage:** The Gospel reading from Matthew addresses fear and courage in the context of proclaiming the message of Christ. Jesus reassures His disciples not to fear those who oppose them but to trust in God’s providence and protection. This theme encourages believers to overcome fear and rely on the courage that comes from faith in God.

**God’s care for individuals:** The Gospel reading further emphasizes the value that God places on each individual. Jesus affirms that God’s care extends even to the smallest details of His creation. This theme reminds believers of their worth in God’s eyes and reassures them of His intimate knowledge and care for them.

## Reflection Questions for 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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## 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.