

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 September 2023



Jeremiah 20:7-9
Readings for this week: Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27



Ezekiel 33:7-9
Readings for next Sunday: Roman 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20



Liturgical Jottings

Eucharistic Prayer part 1

The main elements making up the Eucharistic Prayer in the Mass consist of these:

- a. Thanksgiving
- b. Acclamation: Holy, Holy, Holy
- c. Epiclesis
- d. Institution narrative
- e. Acclamation: Mystery of faith
- f. Anamnesis
- g. Oblation
- h. Intercessions
- i. Concluding doxology
- j. Acclamation: the great Amen.

The Roman Missal contains ten Eucharistic Prayers plus three more for Masses with children that are printed separately. Each Eucharistic prayer contains these elements with some rare, but interesting, exceptions. The centre of the entire celebration is the Eucharistic Prayer, that is, the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. The whole congregation of the faithful joins with Christ in confessing the great deeds of God and in the offering of Sacrifice. Cf. GIRM 78 & 79

Looking at the Readings

The concepts of rejection, sacrifice, suffering and acceptance are contained in the readings this Sunday. While rejection and suffering are not sought by the faithful follower, they are consequences of the greater good that the believer seeks as expressed in the responsorial psalm: "O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting..." Ps 62:2. Jeremiah suffered rejection by his people but accepted it as a consequence of being faithful to his calling as a prophet of God.

Jesus in preaching the good news to the poor and freedom to the captives makes himself vulnerable to the rich and the powerful. He is aware of the passion and fate of Jeremiah as the archetype of his own passion and fate. Peter has not become aware of these things and the direction Jesus is taking. Peter tempts Jesus to take it easy. This is reminiscence of the devil tempting Jesus to take it easy in the wilderness and enjoy the power and good life of the world. Jesus rebukes him and then addresses him and the others to take up the cross, follow his direction and "gain life".

While it takes time and experience to understand and accept, Peter does follow Jesus and is strengthened by the cross and suffering to lead the apostles and the early church after the resurrection. Jesus is able to transform the weak and the doubtful into strong and committed disciples and leaders.

Pope Francis on the Season of Creation 2023

"Let Justice and Peace Flow" is the theme of this year's ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: "Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream" (5:24). The evocative image used by Amos speaks to us of what God desires. God wants justice to reign; it is as essential to our life as God's children made in his likeness as water is essential for our physical survival. This justice must flow forth wherever it is needed, neither remaining hidden deep beneath the ground nor vanishing like water that evaporates before it can bring sustenance.


Prayer for the Week

O God, whose word burns like a fire within us, grant us a bold and faithful spirit, that in your strength we may be unafraid to speak your word and follow where you lead in Christ our Lord. Amen,

On the Lighter Side

A little child in church watched the collectors taking up the collection. When they neared her seat she piped up for all to hear: "Don't pay for me Daddy, I'm under five."



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Fr Steve Bohan, Bill Lally
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Nell Mulchay
	Anniversaries for 19/20 & 27 August	Showrilu Pasala, Mary Ciavarella, Vincenzo Cassetta, Mary Smith, Denise Woodman, Tom Deane, Keith Young
	Our sick and their carers	Santo Vraca, Josie Anderson, Bernie Maher

DAY, TIME, DATE	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	GIFT PRESENTATION	SPECIAL MINISTERS	SCREEN OPERATOR/ORGAN
Sun 10:30 am 10 September	Rob Miller	Debbie Worm	D Corrigan	P Anderson	Connie Sera	Mary Gale Trish Warnett
Sat 6:00 pm 16 September	Carol Coulston	Mary Vraca	P Crombie	D Hamilton J Caiafa	N/A	Mary Gale
Sun 10:30 am 17 September	Rob Miller	Ross Kelly	D Turvey	J & B Lowe	Denice Bourke	Debbie Worm Trish Warnett
Sun 10:30 am 24 September	Debbie Worm	Dean Filgate	D Phelan	A Basile M Sgammotta	S De Lai	Mary Gale Trish Warnett

Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 4 September

Weekday Mass

Mon 4 September No Mass
 Tue 5 September No Mass
 Wed 6 September No Mass
 Thur 7 September No Mass
 Fri 8 September No Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 9 September No Mass
 Sun 10 September 10:30 am Mass

Weekday Mass

Mon 11 September No Mass
 Tue 12 September No Mass
 Wed 13 September 9:15 am Mass
 Thur 14 September No Mass
 Fri 15 September 9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 16 September 6:00pm Mass
 Sun 17 September 10:30 am Mass

Reconciliation 7 October

Project Compassion Thank you

PROJECT COMPASSION 2023 concluded at the end of the financial year. Nationally, Project Compassion 2023 raised \$9.7 million which is an increase of about 1.2% on 2022. Sandhurst Diocese can be very proud of its amazing \$512,591.73 which is an increase of 2.7%. **THANK YOU** for your particular part in this, Sacred Heart Tatura, raised \$1,471.30 towards this year's collection. The theme of Project Compassion this year was FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS so thank you for helping change lives in many impoverished countries FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS.

**Kerry Stone, Diocesan Coordinator
 CARITAS / JUSTICE OFFICE**

Ladies Cuppa and Chat

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

Date: Wednesday 6th September

Time: 2pm.

Venue: St Mary's Hall - Please bring a plate

Can you help – we need more Readers, Commentators and Screen Operators – please talk to Mary or Trish

Rosario italiano

Il Rosario italiano si terrà venerdì 8 settembre alle ore 14 in Chiesa. Tutti sono invitati a partecipare.

Italian Rosary

The Italian Rosary will be held on Friday 8 September at 2pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

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

Themes for 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

<https://young-catholics.com>

The readings for the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A focus on our natural longing for God. In the first reading Jeremiah realizes he cannot escape his burning desire for God. The second reading tells us that we must allow ourselves to be transformed to be one with Christ. And in the gospel Jesus explains that following him means making sacrifices. Are we willing to do what it takes to be a disciple?

Unwavering Resolve: In the first reading, Jeremiah affirms his commitment to proclaiming God's message despite the challenges. This theme reflects the determination to persevere in one's calling, even in the face of adversity.

Living Sacrifice: The second reading encourages believers to present themselves as living sacrifices to God. This theme emphasizes the idea of offering one's whole life in dedicated service to God.

Suffering Messiah: The gospel highlights Jesus' prediction of His own suffering, death, and resurrection. This theme emphasizes the sacrificial aspect of His mission.

Human Ambitions vs. God's Will: Jesus rebukes Peter for opposing His path of suffering. This theme underscores the contrast between human desires and God's divine plan.

Self-Denial and Cross-Bearing: Jesus talks about taking up the cross to follow Him. This theme stresses the need for self-denial and a willingness to embrace difficulties for the sake of Christ.

Sacrificing Earthly Gain: Jesus mentions gaining the world but losing one's soul. This theme highlights the importance of prioritizing eternal values over temporary worldly gains.

Judgment and Reward: The passage discusses the Son of Man coming to reward each person according to their deeds. This theme emphasizes accountability and the ultimate consequences of one's choices.

Reflection Questions for h Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Jeremiah faced doubts while fulfilling his calling. How do you handle doubts or challenges in your faith journey?
- Have you ever felt conflicted between your feelings and what you know to be your mission or calling?
- In what ways can you relate to Jeremiah's struggle of staying faithful to your purpose in the face of adversity?
- How do you define "offering yourself as a living sacrifice" in your everyday life?
- What are some practical ways you can renew your mind and not conform to the world's ways?

- Can you think of a time when renewing your mind led to a change in your actions or perspectives?
- How do you typically react to suffering? Is it something you try to avoid or confront?
- What can you learn from Jesus' perspective on suffering and how it can be transformed?
- In what ways can you provide support or accompany someone who is going through a period of suffering or doubt?

Season of Creation 1 September 3rd - Matthew 16:21-27 by Bishop Martin Hayes

Jesus came among us and is with us to nurture life. The fulfilment of that purpose meant his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus faced the reality of opposition filled with the hope of new life. Jesus, in stating that he was destined to go Jerusalem was indicating the beginning of the final stage of his earthly ministry - his upcoming suffering, death, and resurrection.

Peter tried to stop him, but Jesus makes it clear that it is not God's way and reminds us that we too must take up our cross and follow him. We are called to live in harmony with the rhythm of the life of Jesus. We are, of course, assured that Jesus is with us always, yes, until the end of time (Mt 28:20).

As we begin our Season of Creation, we give thanks believing that creation in all its beauty and diversity communicates the mystery of God's presence.

Pope Francis in his message for the Season of Creation, in accord with the theme, 'Let Justice and Peace Flow', calls us to live in harmony with creation. He says that just as the heartbeat of babies in the womb are in harmony with that of their mothers so we can sense the maternal heartbeat of the earth. In calling us to renew our relationship with the earth, Pope Francis states that it involves our relationships with God, with each other, with creation and with ourselves. We are interconnected with all of life (LS 66).

In entering the rhythm of the life of Jesus, the Son of God, we enter the rhythm of God's gift of creation, the Common Home of our interrelationships. The climate crisis, as highlighted by the sciences, and impacting upon the poor, opposes that rhythm of life. As Christians, we are called to enter the flow of justice for humanity and for creation. Indeed, St. Paul (2nd Rd.) calls us not to model our behaviour on this world, but 'let your behaviour change'. Jesus, filled with a fire burning in his heart, like Jeremiah (1st Rd.), stayed with the flow of his calling to go to Jerusalem. His urge to keep going despite opposition was irrepressible. We too are called to tune into this urge of Jesus to renounce everything for the sake of the cause of justice and peace. Pope Francis in his Season of Creation Message urges us to enter the flow of justice for the earth by changing our lifestyles and advocating for the public policies that care for our Common Home.

May we, in trusting in the rhythm of life of Jesus, be renewed in our caring for our Common Home.

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.

Marian Festival

Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary



Sunday 15th October 2023

at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo.

11:00 am - Mass celebrated by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson

12 noon - BYO Lunch in the Colonnade

1:00 pm - Festival begins

3:45 pm - Festival concludes with afternoon tea in the colonnade.

Piety stall in cathedral

— **PRAY THE ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE** —

Finally my immaculate Heart will Triumph

- Our Lady of Fatima, July 15th, 1917