



Readings for this week: Job 7:1-4,6-7
1 Cor 9: 16-19,22-23
Mark 1:29-39



Readings for next Sunday: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
Mark 1:40-45



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Christian Life 4 *The Word of God and human communications*

The unity of word-sacrament as proclaiming and realising the Kingdom of God must always be kept in mind. The Word of God is a gift and requires human effort both from the presenter and the listener if it is to be effectively received. And with Humanity as gift, they are to be recognised, accepted, celebrated and enjoyed in the liturgy and in life. What we celebrate as the word and truth of God in liturgy must exercise its liberating power and function of the Kingdom of God in the church and in the larger human community. Christians have a duty to promote this true and proper worship. The word of God as a two-edged sword remains a permanent challenge to all genuine human communication in life and in liturgy.

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Looking at the Readings

I remember reading the desperate line in the novel: “One day in the life of Ivan Denisovich” by Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. It went like this: the day was so cruel I could not wait to evening; the evening was so cold I could not wait for morning. Misery was unrelenting in that Russian labour camp. Similarly Job reflected on his plight: “Lying in bed I wonder, ‘When will it be day?’ Risen I think, ‘How slowly evening comes!’ ” Undeserved suffering of the innocent is one of the most agonising problems to confront the human mind. There are no ready and definitive answers. The book of Job does confront suffering, drudgery, pessimism. Job’s three comforters offer little comfort or wisdom. While there are no simplistic answers we can look to those who have suffered and have endured. Jesus knew suffering, he took on our sufferings and endured injustice, insults and execution. Yet it is by the cross and resurrection we are saved.

The Gospel passage for this Sunday presents: “One day in the life of Jesus Christ.” In the morning he was teaching in the synagogue, in the afternoon he was in Peter’s house and healed his mother-in-law. In the evening many people came to him with the sick and the possessed whom he cured. Before dawn the next morning Jesus went to a lonely place to pray (Mark 1:29-35).

Jesus skilfully combines prayer to the Father with faithfulness to his mission of proclaiming the Kingdom. One strengthens the other. He created opportunities for both: prayer in the morning long before dawn and ministry of healing that evening, after sunset. We cannot create time but we can create opportunities!

Quote of the Day

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved. *Helen Keller*

Pope Francis: Three Attitudes on Discipleship 3


The third attitude of a disciple is the willingness to get our hands dirty and get involved in helping our brothers and sisters, We are called to be brave, to have “that evangelical courage which springs from knowing that there are many who are hungry, who hunger for God, who hunger for dignity, because they have been deprived.”
(Medellin 9/7/2016)

On the Lighter Side

Time you enjoy wasting, was not wasted. John Lennon

The only reason for time is so that everything doesn't happen all at once. Albert Einstein



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Angela Poppa
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Bob Warnett, Peter Warnett
	Our sick and their carers	Jillian Taylor, Marg Normington

Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 5 February

Weekday Mass

Mon 5 February No Mass
 Tue 6 February No Mass
 Wed 7 February 9:15 am Anointing Mass
 Thur 8 February No Mass
 Fri 9 February 9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 10 February No Mass
 Sun 11 February 10:30 am Mass

Weekday Mass

Mon 12 February No Mass
 Tue 13 February No Mass
 Wed 14 February 9:15 am Mass
 Thur 15 February No Mass
 Fri 16 February 9:15 Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 17 February 6:00 pm Mass
 Sun 18 February 10:30 am Mass

Reconciliation: Saturday 2 March 11:30 am

Plate Collection and Envelops

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of our Parish. May God bless you always.

\$537.80

Ladies Cuppa and Chat

Everyone is invited to join the ladies for a Cuppa and Chat.

Date: Wednesday 7th February 2024,

Time: 2pm

Venue: St Mary's Hall.

Please bring a plate to share.

CAN YOU CROSS STITCH?

I was wondering if there are any parishioners able to cross stitch, a small cross + or the initial R onto some Men's handkerchiefs (which will be provided) Ryerson will be able to carry these handkerchiefs in his pocket whilst at the seminary.

Could you please see Simone after Mass to receive a handkerchief to take home. Thankyou

Rosters

Sunday 11 February – 10:30AM

Commentator: – Rob Miller
 Reader: – Ann Marie Nihill
 Gospel Procession: - Connie Serra
 Gifts: – P Morone & D Corrigan
 Special Minister: – Steve De Lai

Saturday 17 February– 6:00 PM

Commentator: – Carol Coulston
 Reader: – Peter Crombie
 Gospel Procession: - Mary Vraca
 Gifts: – J Caifa & D Hamilton
 Special Minister: – Not Required

Sunday 18 February– 10:30AM

Commentator: – Rob Miller
 Reader: – Ross Kelly
 Gospel Procession: - Barbara Miller
 Gifts: – A Basile & M Sgammotta
 Special Minister: – Connie Serra

Dear Parishioners,

On Sunday the 11th of February we will celebrate a farewell Mass at 10:30am for Ryerson De Lai before he enters the Seminary.

Following the Mass everyone is invited for morning tea in St Mary's Hall.

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

God Bless,
The De Lai Family

Rosario italiano

Il Rosario italiano si terrà venerdì 9 febbraio alle ore 14 in Chiesa. Tutti sono invitati a partecipare.

Italian Rosary

The Italian Rosary will be held on Friday 9th February at 2pm in the Church. All are welcome to attend.

Clergy and Seminary announcements

As the routines of the new year get underway, I wish to advise you about a number of matters related to clergy and seminarians.

Director of Clergy Life and Ministry

After seven years of generous service as Director of Clergy Life and Ministry, Father Brian Boyle has been succeeded in this role by Father Jake Mudge, who assisted Father Brian in this role last year to ensure a smooth transition.

Father Henry Onyirioha

In 2022, Father Henry Onyirioha, from Nigeria, served for three months in the Parish of Yarrowonga, during the early months of Father Steve Bohan's illness. Father Henry's visa has now been approved for an extended period of ministry in the Diocese, which will commence around the end of February.

Father Andrew Fewings

Last week, Father Andrew Fewings departed for Europe, where he will have a vacation and then undertake a sabbatical program in Ireland. He will return to the Diocese around mid-May.

Jhunel Mendez

During last year, Jhunel Mendez commenced seminary formation at Corpus Christi College, while residing and assisting in Holy Cross Parish, Basak Pardo, Cebu. His visa has now been approved, and he will arrive in Australia next Sunday, in time for the beginning of the new academic year at Corpus Christi College.

Come and See program

Because of delays in obtaining a suitable visa for Abishek Madanu and Anil Madanu to travel from India, the *Come and See* program planned for the coming months has been postponed.

Yours sincerely,
Most Rev Shane Mackinlay
Bishop of Sandhurst

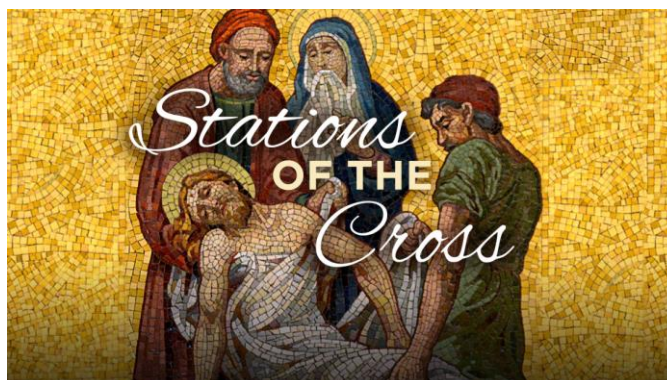
Can you help your parish?

We are looking for people to become part of the Communion to the Sick & Bereavement Team. Please talk to Trish Warnett or Fr Uday for more information.

If you have some time and are willing to help you will need the following:

- A current Working with Children's Check
- A recent National Police Check

You will also need to undertake the Sandhurst Safeguarding Training if you have not already done so.



Every Friday during Lent immediately after Mass we will be doing Stations of the Cross.

Commencing Friday 16th February

LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful.

This program is FREE and you can sign up here:

<https://BruceDownes.org/Lent>

Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.



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Office Hours 8:30 am – 1 pm Wednesday & Friday

Thoughts for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

<https://young-catholics.com/>

Human Suffering and Quest for Meaning: Job's lament in the first reading highlights the profound struggle of human suffering and the search for meaning amidst life's trials. This theme resonates with anyone grappling with pain, loss, or hardship.

Divine Compassion and Healing: Contrasting with human suffering, the Responsorial Psalm and the Gospel emphasize God's compassion and healing power. This theme underscores the Christian belief in a God who cares deeply about human affliction and actively works to restore and heal.

Service and Sacrifice in Ministry: Paul's reflections in the second reading on his role as an apostle underscore the themes of selfless service and sacrifice. His commitment to preaching the Gospel without seeking personal gain highlights the Christian call to serve others.

The Power of Jesus' Ministry: The Gospel reading showcases Jesus' authority over illness and evil forces, underlining the theme of the transformative power present in Jesus' ministry. It shows the inauguration of a new era of divine action in the world.

Solitude and Prayer: Jesus seeking solitude for prayer, despite the demands of his ministry, emphasizes the importance of prayer and communion with God. This theme is a reminder of the need for spiritual nourishment and reflection in the midst of active service.

The Role of the Community in Faith: The interactions between Jesus and those he heals, as well as the actions of the disciples, highlight the theme of community in the Christian journey. It shows how faith is lived and experienced within a community, and how the community plays a role in supporting, nurturing, and participating in the mission of the Church.

These themes for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B collectively offer a rich and multifaceted insight into Christian life, emphasizing the balance between personal spirituality and communal engagement, between human struggle and divine grace, and between active service and contemplative prayer.

Reconciliation

Effective from March Reconciliation on the first Saturday of the Month at 5pm.

Next Reconciliation Saturday 2nd March 5pm

Reflection Questions for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

- How does the healing ministry of Jesus in Mark 1:29-39, particularly the healing of Simon's mother-in-law, challenge our understanding of physical and spiritual wellness?
- Reflecting on the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, in what ways can we see Jesus' actions transcending social and religious boundaries of his time, and how does this influence our approach to inclusivity in our communities today?
- Considering Jesus' retreat to solitude for prayer after performing healings, how can we better integrate moments of quiet reflection and prayer in our own busy lives?
- In what practical ways can we follow Jesus' example of reconnecting individuals to their communities and God, especially those who feel isolated or marginalized?
- Reflect on a time when you felt spiritually restored or renewed. How did this experience change your perspective or actions?
- How does the theme of restoration in Jesus' ministry, highlighted on the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, resonate with your personal journey of faith?
- What steps can we take to become more active participants in Christ's mission of restoration in our current context?
- How can St. Paul's urging to evangelize, as discussed in the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B readings, be actualized in our daily interactions and relationships?
- In what ways can we embody the message of hope and healing in our own communities, following Jesus' example?
- Reflect on the balance of action (like Jesus' healing) and contemplation (like his prayer) in your life. How can you strive for a healthier balance between these two aspects in your spiritual journey?

Welcome to Victoria's First Mosque

VICTORIAN MOSQUE OPEN DAY 2024

YOUR LOCAL MOSQUE...

Shepparton Mosque - Albanian Moslem Society
8 Acacia st, Shepparton 3630, VIC

Sunday,
25th February

OPENING HOURS...

From 10 AM to 3 PM

ACTIVITIES...

- Morning Tea & Coffee: All Day
- Mosque Tour: All Day
- Q&A: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm
- BBQ: 1:30 pm
- Try on Hijab: All Day
- Gift Bags

The Victorian Mosque Open Day is an annual event that seeks to bring the Victorian community closer with Muslims around the state.

In Islam we believe in the power of community, outreach and sharing our faith traditions with all who wish to learn more.

Join us on the 25th of February for a day of fun, faith and friendship.

For more information please scan the QR code below...



We look forward to seeing you!

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.