

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sunday 16 June 2024**



Readings for  
this week:

Ezekiel 17:22-24  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10  
Mark 4:26-34



Readings for  
next week

Isaiah 49:1-6  
Acts 13:22-16  
Luke 1:27-66,80



## Liturgical Jottings

### Creation and Liturgy 2

We acknowledge creation in the prayers over the gifts, as they are presented on the altar: “Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread, ... the wine.” Through God’s creation we have not only food to sustain us in body but also in our spiritual growth. Indeed the body, soul and spirit are inter-connected in one being. The Collect in the Mass for giving thanks to God for the gift of human life reads: “O God, who adorn creation with splendour and beauty and fashion human lives in your image and likeness, awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of human life.” All creation is blessed and has the touch of God. Human life, also within God’s creation has a special role to reverence and nurture God’s creatures.

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## Focus on the Readings

The cedar tree (Ezekiel’s allegory/parable on the kingdom of David) parallels with the mustard tree (Jesus’ parable on the Kingdom of God). The cedar tree is a mighty noble tree and stands for the restoration of the Judaic monarchy after the Exile. Its timbers are used for the reconstruction of the Temple. Ezekiel’s prophecy finds its fulfilment in the Kingdom of Christ.

The mustard tree in Christ’s time and place was a scrawny bush, the complete opposite to the cedar. Listeners would have wondered where Jesus is taking them in this parable. He begins with the allusion to the cedar: it provides a home and shelter for the birds. Following with the allegory, the mustard tree in what the kingdom of God is like. The big differences are notable: small beginnings, humble existence yet for all a home and shelter, a visible presence of the new kingdom on earth: the church as the people of God and the body of Christ. In the light of the first parable in today’s Gospel, the growth on the kingdom of God requires God’s wisdom and might and the participation of humankind to do the planting. From small beginnings comes the final consummation.

## 2024 Declaration on Human Dignity 3

There is widespread agreement today on the importance and normative scope of human dignity and on the unique value of every human being. However, the phrase “the dignity of the human person” risks lending itself to a variety of interpretations that can yield potential ambiguities that lead us to wonder whether the equal dignity of all human beings [...] is truly recognised, respected, protected and promoted in every situation.” This brings us to recognise a fourfold distinction: ontological (or innate) dignity, moral dignity, social dignity, and existential dignity. The most important among these is the ontological dignity that belongs to the person as such simply because he or she exists and is willed, created, and loved by God. This dignity is indelible and remains valid beyond any circumstances in which the person may find themselves. *DI 7.*


### Quote of the Week

Little things are indeed little, but to be faithful in little things is a great thing. *St Teresa of Calcutta*



## On the Lighter Side

Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. What you have caught on film is captured forever... it remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything. However, if you use digital cameras they last only until the new operating system or new image formats.

	<b>Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving</b>	Gabriella Scarcella
	<b>For those whose anniversary occurs at this time</b>	Antonio Villani, Jim & Hugh Nihill
	<b>Our sick and their carers</b>	Ellie Kleindienst

## ROSTERS

### Sunday 23 June 10:30am

Commentator: Mary Gale  
 Reader: Rob Miller  
 Gospel Procession: Connie Serra  
 Gifts: A Basile & M Sgammotta  
 Special Minister: Anna Ciavarella

### Sunday 30 June 10:30am

Commentator: Rob Miller  
 Reader: Debbie Worm  
 Gospel Procession: Sheila Gregg  
 Gifts: De Lai Family  
 Special Minister: Connie Serra

### Saturday 6 July 6pm

Commentator: Carol Coulston  
 Reader: Domelina Phelan  
 Gospel Procession: Denice Bourke  
 Gifts: J Caiafa & D Hamilton  
 Special Minister: Not required

### Sunday 7 July 10:30am

Commentator: Rob Miller  
 Reader: Dean Filgate  
 Gospel Procession: Doreen Corrigan  
 Gifts: A Basile & M Sgammotta  
 Special Minister: Evert Worm

## Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 17 June

### Weekday Mass

Mon 17 June No Mass  
 Tue 18 June No Mass  
 Wed 19 June 9:15am  
 Thu 20 June No Mass  
 Fri 21 June 9:15am

### Weekend Mass

Sat 22 June No Mass  
 Sun 23 June 10:30am Mass

### Weekday Mass

Mon 24 June No Mass  
 Tue 25 June No Mass  
 Wed 26 June 9:15am  
 Thu 27 June No Mass  
 Fri 28 June 9:15am

### Weekend Mass

Sat 29 June 6:00pm Mass  
 Sun 30 June 10:30am Mass

*Feast of the Sacred Heart shared lunch following Mass*

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 6 July 5pm

## Plate Collection and Envelopes

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

Last week: \$ 621.05

## ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS

Just a reminder if you are a volunteer at Sacred Heart Parish you need to have the following:

1. A current Working With Children Check that is linked to Sacred Heart
2. Complete the Sandhurst Safeguard Training

Sacred Heart Parish Tatura is a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults.

### 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 year. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice, and reconciliation.

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### **Feast of the Sacred Heart celebration lunch.**

Fr Uday would like to have a shared parish lunch in St Mary's Hall following Mass on June 30<sup>th</sup> as a belated celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Parishioners are invited to bring food to share, there will be a list in the Narthex for parishioners to put their name down and the food they will bring. This is a great opportunity for parishioners to get together and share a meal – all welcome.

## **Themes for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- **God's Nurturing Power:** God takes a small shoot and grows it into a great tree. This shows His ability to nurture small beginnings into something great.
- **Faith and Trust:** We are called to walk by faith, not by sight. Trusting in God's plan, even when we cannot see the outcome, pleases Him.
- **Judgment by Deeds:** We will be judged by Christ for what we have done. Our actions matter and we should strive to do good.
- **Humility and Exaltation:** God humbles the proud and exalts the humble. He values humility and lifts up those who are lowly.
- **Parable of the Mustard Seed:** The kingdom of God starts small like a mustard seed but grows large. This shows the power of faith and the growth of God's kingdom.

This Sunday's readings remind us to trust in God's power and care. They encourage us to live humble, faithful lives, knowing God will grow and nurture our faith.

*Heavenly Father, help us to trust in Your plan and be faithful in our small efforts. Give us the courage to live by faith and to act with humility. Use our lives to build Your kingdom and bring glory to Your name. Amen.*

### **PRISON MINISTRY**

Here at Sacred Heart we have a team of dedicated Prison Chaplains who go with Fr. Uday to attend Mass at Dhurringile Prison. Chaplains also visit weekly to pray with the men and encourage them in their faith.

Dhurringile is a minimum-security prison where the men are transitioned back into their families and society.

We, as a Parish are privileged to again be a part of this process as we work with Prison Management to re-establish the Community Church Program, by which three/four men will attend Mass at Sacred Heart Church. We look forward to welcoming them.

Prison Ministry Team

### **THE WORLD'S WORST JACKAROO:**

The Central Victorian Irish Association will be presenting "The World's Worst Jackaroo" in narrative, bush poetry and song. An inspiring story of how the Brigidine nuns in Echuca turned round a young exiled Dublin delinquent and useless jackaroo to eventually become a high British World War II Government Minister. More information in 'The Sandpiper'. Performance date - Saturday 22nd June at 2.30 pm in the La Trobe Art Centre, View Street, Bendigo. Admission \$5 cash at the door.

### **Parish Pastoral Council Members**

Fr Uday Marneni, Debbie Worm, Jasmine De Lai, Jamie McDowall, Deb Turvey, Denice Bourke, Domelina Phelan & Ron Powles.