

## **Sacred Heart Parish Tatura**

Fr Uday Kumar Marneni – Parish Priest

#### Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time



Job 38:1,8-11 Readings for 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 this Sunday Mark 4:35-41

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Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15 Mark 5:21-43

Sunday 23 June 2024



### Liturgical Jottings Liturgy and Creation 3

The three great passages giving the accounts on creation are found in the Book of Genesis ch 1&2 (read at the Easter Vigil); Job 38-40 (partly read today) and Psalm 104 (Pentecost Sunday Psalm response) and in the Office of Readings, on the Sundays Week 2 (eg 10<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> week of Ordinary Time). Psalm 104 verses follow the sequence of Creation in Genesis 1 but in the form of a prayer of praise and awe and wonder on God's marvellous creation, actions and presence in the universe. From the heavens, and the earth, wind and fire, plants and beasts, food and wine, we see his wisdom, power and love. The last verse reads:

"I will sing to the Lord all my life, make music to my God while I live. Bless the Lord, my soul." Ps 104:33-34. Also, the canticle in the book of Daniel (Sunday morning prayer) has all creation give praise to the Lord, not just human persons but all the elements and creatures of the universe. "Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord."

## Focus on the Gospel

The book of Job is a classical work of literature both in our sacred scriptures and in our world generally because of its style, insights into human suffering and understanding of nature, divine, human and universal. Today's reading (38:1, 8-11) only gives a snippet of God's creation. It is well worth reading chapters 38-42 - you won't be able to put the book down. Job is waiting for God's response to his questions. The patience of Job ran out at the end of chapter two, but his faithfulness and righteousness lasted throughout the book. Now in Chapter 38 God responds but not in answers Job expected but in questions: "Where were you when ...?" God's power, sovereignty, creativity are manifested. His purpose and concerns for his creation may be discerned. Job is overwhelmed. We, too, come to gaze upon the enormity of God's creation and our own lowliness in the grand design of nature. Job learns more about his suffering and its place in God's love and purpose.

The Gospel only picks up one strand of God's sovereignty: his mastery of the sea and the wind. Like Job, the unnamed and unnumbered disciples are suffering and asking questions: "Does God not care? Is Jesus not listening?" We suffer storms personally and within our church. We are in the "same boat" as the disciples and seek help and answers. Jesus answers with two questions: "Why are you so frightened?" and "How is it that you have no faith?" Lord, increase our faith!

## 2024 Declaration on Human Dignity 4

When we speak of social dignity, we refer to the quality of a person's living conditions. For example, in cases of extreme poverty, where individuals do not even have what is minimally necessary to live according to their innate dignity, it is said that those poor people are living in an "undignified" manner. This expression does not imply a judgment on those individuals but highlights how the situation in which they are forced to live contradicts their inalienable dignity. No. 8 Born and raised in humble conditions, Jesus reveals the dignity of the needy and those who labour. Then, throughout his public ministry, he affirms the value and dignity of all who bear the image of God, regardless of their social status and external circumstances. Jesus broke down cultural and cultic barriers, restoring dignity to those who were "rejected" or were considered to be on the margins of society. No. 12.

## On the Lighter Side



You'll always stay young if you live honestly, eat slowly, exercise moderately, sleep sufficiently, work industriously, worship faithfully and lie about your age.

Daniel 3:1

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Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving For those whose anniversary occurs at this time Our sick and their carers Ellie Kleindiens	t
ROSTERSSunday 30 June 10:30amCommentator:Rob MillerReader:Debbie WormGospel Procession:Sheila GreggGifts:De Lai FamilySpecial Minister:Connie Serra	Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 24 JuneWeekday MassWed 26 June9:15amFri 28 June9:15am (School staff Mass)Weekend MassSun 30 June10:30am MassFeast of the Sacred Heart shared lunch following Mass
Saturday 6 July 6pmCommentator:Carol CoulstonReader:Domelina PhelanGospel Procession:Denice BourkeGifts:J Caiafa & D HamiltonSpecial Minister:Not required	Weekday MassWed 3 July9:15am (Anointing Mass)Fri 5 July9:15amWeekend MassSat 6 July6:00pm MassSun 7 July10:30am MassReconciliation:Saturday 6 July 5pm
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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 welcomeing environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults.

If you have any questions please speak to our Safeguarding Officer: Deb Turvey 0407 804 317

#### 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. Sacred Heart Parish, Tatura PO Box 110 Tatura VIC 3616 Phone: 0436 112 232 Email: tatura@sandhurst.catholic.org.au Website: http://www.sacredheartparishtatura.com.au/ Facebook: Sacred Heart Parish Tatura

#### 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.

This will also be an opportunity to thank Mary for her service to the Parish as Secretary.

## **Reflection for the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

POPE FRANCIS:

HOW OFTEN WE LEAVE THE LORD IN A CORNER. AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BOAT OF LIFE. TO WAKE HIM ONLY IN A MOMENT OF NEED! LET US ASK FOR THE GRACE OF A FAITH THAT NEVER TIRES OF

SEEKING THE LORD. OF KNOCKING AT THE DOOR OF HIS HEART.

# It's **World Refugee Week**...Did you know that over 120 million people have been forced to flee their homes worldwide? That's an increase of 10 million people from the same time last year. Today we offer a prayer for refugees and displaced people around the globe.

#### God of Love,

You walk with all your people. You welcome the neighbour and the stranger. May we do likewise, acting for justice so that all people know peace and freedom, at home and far away.

#### God of Care,

You feed the hungry and make room for all who are displaced. May we do likewise, acting with compassion so that all people fleeing poverty and fear find what they need to live well.

#### God of Freedom,

you meet us where we are and make the way for life. May we do likewise, acting in solidarity with all people, especially migrants and refugees, to realise hope together.

Amen.



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