

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 7 July 2024



*Readings for  
this week:* Ezekiel 2:2-5  
2 Corinthians 12:7-10  
Mark 6:1-6



*Readings for  
next Sunday:* Amos 7:12-15  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
Mark 6:7-13



## Liturgical Jottings

### “Son of Man”

The Prophet Ezekiel is called by God to go to the rebel Israelites to preach to them. The Lord calls Ezekiel: “Son of man.” This title is used 87 times for Ezekiel in the book but in two senses: he is set apart from others for a special mission to bring the Word of God to others. Yet he is not God but human, a son of man, it is a down to earth expression. However, Daniel is the only other prophet given this title. In Dan 7:13 & 8:17 the title expresses that Daniel is greater than others; it also has Messianic overtones. Jesus adopts this title in addressing himself as the “Son of Man” more than any other title.

This expression appears in the liturgy eleven times but only in the Communion Antiphons e.g.: “The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 20: 28).

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## Focus on the Gospel

It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. The people to whom Ezekiel was sent were hard of face, obstinate of heart, a rebellious house. The Galileans who heard Jesus' words were no better. They questioned his authenticity because they thought he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to act superior. We so often resent people who can do what we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.

True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. God seems to prefer to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are obstacles to personal transformation. However, when we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and hearts and shine forth from us to all around. There will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes through us, it comes from God. The receptivity of Paul in this matter is in sharp contrast to the rebellion of the people at the time of Ezekiel and the resistance of those who thought that they knew Jesus so well. © *Dianne Bergant CSA*

### *Vatican City goes 100% Solar Energy*

With the Encyclical *Laudato Si* on Care for Our Common Home 2015, I invited all of humanity to become aware of the need to make changes to lifestyles, production and consumption, in order to counteract global warming, ... Vatican City State, accedes to the UN Convention on Climate Change. There is a need to make a transition to a sustainable development model. ... We have the technological means to deal with this environmental transformation and its pernicious ethical, social, economic and political consequences, and, among these, solar energy plays a key role. *Letter: Fratello Sole by Pope Francis, 21 June 2024*

### *Quote of the Week*

Learn the lesson that, if you are to do the work of a prophet, what you need is not a sceptre but a hoe. *St Bernard of Clairvaux*

### **On the Lighter Side**

It is appropriate that Pope Francis' letter authorising the building of a solar power plant for the Vatican state is called *Fratello Sole (Brother Sun)* taken from the hymn *Laudato Si (Canticle of the Sun)* by St Francis of Assisi. Other expressions in the hymn are Brother Wind and Sister Water, perhaps for wind farms and hydro-electric plants!





<b>Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving</b>	Sr Mary Crowe FCJ
<b>For those whose anniversary occurs at this time</b>	Maria Assunta Carrafa
<b>Our sick and their carers</b>	Ellie Kleindienst

### NEXT TWO WEEK'S ROSTERS

#### Sunday 14 July 10:30am

Commentator: Carol Coulston  
 Reader: Domelina Phelan  
 Gospel Procession: Steve De Lai  
 Gifts: B & J Lowe  
 Special Minister: Debbie Turvey

#### Saturday 20 July 6pm

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

#### Sunday 21 July 10:30am

Commentator: Rob Miller  
 Reader: Ann Marie Nilhill  
 Gospel Procession: Barbara Miller  
 Gifts: De Lai family  
 Special Minister: Anna Ciaveralla

### Three Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 8<sup>th</sup> July

#### Weekday Mass

Wed 10 July 9:15am  
 Fri 12 July 9:15am

#### Weekend Mass

Sun 14 July 10:30am Mass

#### Weekday Mass

Wed 17 July 9:15am  
 Fri 19 July 9:15am

#### Weekend Mass

Sat 20 July 6:00pm  
 Sun 21 July 10:30am

#### Weekday Mass

Wed 24 July 9:15am  
 Fri 26 July 9:15am

#### Weekend Mass

Sun 28 July 10:30am

### GRATITUDE

Fr Uday thanks all parishioners for your active participation for the Sacred Heart Feast. Thanks to all the volunteers and supporters who helped me to organize the Mass and lunch.

### Plate Collection and Envelopes

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of parish. May God bless you always.  
 Last week: \$ 442.75

### ATTENTION PLANNED GIVERS

In the Narthex are Letters and Envelopes for all envelope Planned Giver and also a letter for all Planned Givers who contribute by direct deposit and credit cards. Please make sure you take your letter and envelopes.

### BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS

This weekend we welcome into our faith community **Remi and Lexi Kezerle** through the sacrament of baptism. We pray that the Holy Spirit may guide them and fill them with his gifts. Thanks to the Parents and God Parents for accompanying these children. God bless you all.

### ST DONATO FESTA - TATURA

Saturday 10 August 10am Mass at Sacred Heart church. 11.30am doors open to Tatura Italian Social Club, upon entry Liquor and biscuits served. Followed by Antipasto, Buffet lunch and dessert. Adult \$60 Youth (5-12 years) \$25. Entertainment by Mick Tenance. Bookings essential by 1<sup>st</sup> August. Phone: Nick Lagozzino 0412 726 481, Pino Lagozzino 0427 677 943, Anothony Lagozzino 0407 553 831, Mary Zobec 0427 190 282, Frank De Palma, Joe Gagliardi 0438 579 989. Prepay Tickets: BSB: 083 709 ACC: 9191 54865, reference your name please.

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B readings show us how God works through human weakness and the importance of faith. These themes help us understand how God empowers us and calls us to trust in Him.

- **God's Empowerment of Prophets:** God empowers Ezekiel to speak to the rebellious people of Israel. This shows that God will make His presence known even if people do not listen.
- **Strength in Weakness:** Paul talks about how his weaknesses are opportunities for Christ's power to shine. This teaches us that God's strength is perfected in our weaknesses.
- **Rejection by Own People:** Jesus is rejected by the people in Nazareth because of His humble background. This shows how lack of faith can limit what God can do in our lives.
- **Faith and Healing:** Jesus is only able to heal a few sick people in Nazareth because of their unbelief. This highlights the importance of having faith in God's power to heal and help us.
- **Recognition of Prophets:** God tells Ezekiel that the people will know a prophet has been among them whether they listen or not. This emphasizes the importance of recognizing and listening to those God sends to us.

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B reminds us to trust in God's power, even in our weaknesses. It calls us to have faith and recognize God's messengers in our lives.

### **God's Empowerment**

In the first reading for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B from Ezekiel, God gives Ezekiel the strength to speak to the rebellious people of Israel. Even though the people are stubborn, God still sends His prophet. This shows us that God never gives up on His people, no matter how far they stray.

Ezekiel's mission reminds us that sometimes we are called to speak the truth, even when it is difficult. We might face resistance or rejection, but God wants us to keep going. He will give us the strength we need to carry out His will.

God's empowerment of Ezekiel teaches us that we are not alone in our mission. When we feel weak or afraid, we can trust that God is with us. He will guide us and help us speak His truth.

### **Strength in Weakness**

In the second reading for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, Paul talks about his weaknesses and hardships. He explains that these challenges allow Christ's power to shine through. This teaches us that our struggles can help us grow closer to God.

Paul's message is clear: we do not need to be perfect to be loved by God. Our weaknesses and difficulties can be opportunities for God's strength to be shown. We can embrace our struggles and trust that God is working through them.

Paul's words encourage us to rely on God's power rather than our own. When we face hardships, we can remember that God's strength is made perfect in our weakness.

### **Faith and Rejection**

The Gospel reading for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B shows Jesus visiting His hometown of Nazareth. Despite His wisdom and miracles, the people reject Him because they see Him as just a carpenter's son. This lack of faith amazes Jesus.

Jesus' experience in Nazareth shows us how important faith is. Even though He had the power to perform miracles, the people's unbelief limited what He could do. This teaches us that our faith plays a crucial role in receiving God's blessings.

Jesus challenges the people with a new way of thinking, and it is just too much for them. God is indeed a person, but perhaps we are also more comfortable with the idea of God than an actual encounter. When we encounter God, we know we might be pushed beyond our current way of thinking, and that is frightening.

We are reminded to have faith in Jesus, even when others doubt or reject Him. Our belief in His power can open the door to His healing and new ways of thinking.

### **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.

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