



Sacred
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Nineteen Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 11 August 2024



Readings for
this Sunday

1 Kings 19:4-8
Ephesians 4:30-5:2
John 6:41-51



Readings for
next week:

Proverbs 9:1-6
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Mission 2

A liturgical celebration that does not evangelise is not authentic, just as a proclamation that does not lead to an encounter with the risen Lord in the celebration is not authentic. Without the testimony of charity, both are like sounding a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. (1 Cor 13:1) *Pope Francis, Desiderio Desideravi, no. 37, 2022.*

In Australia, many of those baptised as Catholics do not participate regularly in the Sunday Mass. ... Their presence at liturgy can offer them an experience of belonging to the Church at prayer. This is why it is important that the liturgy be allowed to speak power-fully of the mystery it contains. It is why hospitality and inclusion matter in our worship. It is why the liturgy can be a pivotal moment in evangelising and drawing people to conversion of heart. It can become the doorway to something deeper."

From: A sacred action surpassing all others Australian Bishops Commission for Liturgy, 4 December 2013

Focus on the Readings

The Gospel reaches a turning point this week in Jesus' discourse on the bread of life. The crowd that was eager to follow and listen to him is now complaining about his teaching. Referring to the bread which God provided in the desert, the manna from heaven, Jesus is offering a new type of bread. Both cases need to be understood as the revelation of God: God is revealing himself to his people and providing for their needs, both worldly as in the desert and spiritually in this isolated place. Thus, the emphasis is on listening, seeing, believing the revelation of the Father through Jesus Christ.

Jesus' teaching - his Word - is the bread they need for life, yet they find it difficult to understand. To understand Jesus as a gift, given by the Father. The Father's gift reveals or uncovers the mysteries. Here they are the mysteries of God's Word and the Eucharist. The readings present symbolic language, firstly by the bread, and then by the Elijah's forty days in the desert (1 Kings 19:8) and the Israelites forty years in desert (Exodus and John 6:49). Later in the discourses Jesus adopts "sacramental language" when he promises to give us living bread: "the bread that I shall give you is my flesh" (John 6:51). We are invited to come to Jesus in faith and love.

Responsorial Psalm

For this week and the next two Sundays we have Psalm 34 (Hebr) /33 (Gk) with the response: "**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**" (34:8c). The psalm is the presupposition of the awesome, attracted, and daunting, presence of the Lord. "I am daunted by it but with my whole being I long for it." (*St Augustine AD 353-430*)

Text for the Week

As God's dear children, then, take Christ as your pattern, and live in love just as Christ loved us, giving himself up for us *as an offering and sweet-smelling sacrifice to God.* Ephesians 5:1-2, quoting Exodus 29:18. RNJB

Words of Pope Francis

At least once a day we find ourselves eating together; perhaps in the evening with our family, after a day of work or study. It would be lovely, before breaking bread, to invite Jesus, the bread of Life, to ask him simply to bless what we have done and what we have failed to do. Let us invite him into our home; let us pray at home. Jesus will be at the table with us and we will be fed by a greater love. (*Angelus Address 8/8/2021*)

On the Lighter Side

A true friend is like an oasis in the desert - hard to find, but worth the search.





Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Loretta Hooper
For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	
Our sick and their carers	Kevin Geary, Sue McDonald

NEXT TWO WEEK'S ROSTERS

Saturday 17 August 6:00pm

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

Sunday 18 August 10:30am

Commentator: Debbie Worm
 Reader: Ross Kelly
 Gospel Procession: Barbara Miller
 Gifts: D Corrigan & P Moroney
 Special Minister: Connie Serra

Sunday 25 August 10:30am

Commentator: Debbie Worm
 Reader: Deb Turvey
 Gospel Procession: Connie Serra
 Gifts: A Basile & S Sgammotta
 Special Minister: Anna Ciavarella

Three Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 11th August

Weekday Mass

Wed 14 August 9:15am
 Fri 16 August 9:15am

Weekend Mass

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

Weekday Mass

Wed 21 August 9:15am
 Fri 23 August 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sun 25 August 10:30am

Weekday Mass

Wed 28 August 9:15am
 Fri 30 August 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sun 1 September 10:30am

Monthly events

Anointing Mass every 1st Wednesday Mass at 9:15am
Italian Rosary every 2nd Friday at 2pm in the Church
Reconciliation every 1st Saturday of the month at 5:30pm

Plate Collection and Envelopes

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

Last week: \$ 1348.50



Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm in St Mary's Hall.

The next one will be on 4th September. All welcome.

Baptism

We congratulate Heidi Kate Evans, daughter of Brooke and Daniel, on her Baptism this weekend and welcome her into our parish community.

May God bless you and keep you safe always.



Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) & Parish Finance Committee (PFC) – joint meeting

The next meeting will be on: Wednesday 14th August at 6:30pm

CATHOLIC EARTHCARE is hosting a **SEASON OF CREATION CONVOCATION** over 3 days from **Thursday 12th to Saturday 14th September**. The first 2 days are online and the Saturday is either online or at the Diocesan Hub which, in our case, is the Chancery.

Registrations close August 12. For more information and to register, head to <https://www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation>

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.

John 6:51

Advanced Notice Sunday 8th September – Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial

Mass will follow the Rosary at 10:30am on Sunday 8th September to celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary's birthday. Fr Uday would like to have a shared lunch in St Mary's Hall for all parishioners following the Mass. There will be a sheet for people to indicate if they will be attending to the lunch and what they will be bringing in the Narthex from next week. Names and numbers to be in by Sunday 1st September.



VOCATIONS WEEK:

The need is great so let us heed the request of Jesus and "Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send labourers into His harvest" Luke 10:2 Vocations week in Bendigo will be sponsored by the Serra Club Bendigo at St Kilian's church commencing on Monday the 5th of August at 11.00 am with Holy Hour of Adoration, prayer, and Benediction, then Mass at 12.10 pm held every day through to and including Friday the 9th of August. The intentions are for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. You are warmly invited and encouraged to be part of this important event.

On the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, we reflect on God's support, the need to avoid negative behaviors, and the significance of Jesus as the bread of life. The readings remind us of God's care, our call to live with kindness, and the importance of faith in Jesus.



SAVE THE DATE

Friday 6th September, Celebration of the Season of Creation.

Following last year's very successful event, Sandhurst Diocese will mark the Season of Creation 2024 with an outdoor Mass at 11am, celebrated by Bishop Shane, at Huntly Streamside Reserve, followed by a Picnic Lunch (either BYO or enjoy provided Sausage Sizzle).

All parishioners are invited and encouraged to come along and celebrate this occasion.

TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION



August 13 – Left-handers' Day. Handedness switching – In the past, left-handers were exposed to pressures (some punitive) to change their preferred hand from the left to the right. In recent times, left-handers in most cultures are tolerated and even encouraged to keep using their left hand. Most switch attempts on the writing hand were initiated by parents or teachers in early school years. A left-hander can successfully shift to the right hand for writing, but behaviours such as eating, brushing teeth or combing hair remain with the left. Perhaps encouraged by a coach, some right-handers focus on changing hands for sporting activities such as tennis, golf or baseball. They also remain with the preferred hand for other one-handed activities. The idea that switching hands affects the brain in adverse ways is a myth; it is not connected to stuttering or other language difficulties. Anyone can acquire skill with the non-preferred hand (either left or right), perhaps after serious injury or amputation, with enough practice and with no side effects.

Mary Pianta. Disability Contact Coordinator. Diocese of Sandhurst.

PRAYER

Lord, thank you for your constant care and support. Help us to live with kindness and forgive others as you forgive us. Strengthen our faith in Jesus, the bread of life. Amen.

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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