



Readings
for this
Sunday

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69



Readings for
next week:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Liturgical Jottings

Adaptions in the Liturgy 1

The second Vatican Council in the Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy stated: "Provisions shall be made, when revising the liturgical books, for legitimate variations and adaptations to different groups, regions, and peoples, especially in mission lands (38). These include the Roman Missal and Lectionary, the sacraments and the Calendar. With this provision certain provisos were given: approval of the bishop in some matters, the national bishops' conference and/or the Vatican commission in others and that no adaptations on the whim of individuals (22). Such adaptations are made to enhance the liturgy for local churches, acknowledging their culture and sensibilities. Examples are evident in way we make the sign of peace: kiss, hug, handshake, namaste; or in the local calendars with Australia Day, Anzac Day, local feast of saints; or in the funeral rites with use of symbols, vigils and burial rites.

Focus on the Readings

This last Sunday of the Gospel readings according to John is a climactic epilogue to the teaching on the Bread of Life. After completing his teaching, we find that many of the followers of Jesus were deserting him. Desertion is not new and such occurrences will happen again and again. There are many motives based on emotions, fear, misunderstandings and hurt or even on one's principles. In the first reading the people had to make a choice: to desert or to remain. Those who remained must renew their commitment to the Covenant of God.

Jesus asked a similar request to his disciples. Peter, in his inevitable way, spoke up for the Twelve: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ..." Jesus, at the last supper, completed this great faith encounter by establishing a new covenant with his people.

As we come to the end of Chapter Six on the teaching of Jesus of the Bread of Life we experience two dynamics: a catechetical thrust about teaching on word and sacraments, real food and drink and a liturgical thrust about the celebration of liturgy and life. We also receive two challenges: like Peter to affirm our faith in the person of Jesus Christ, not just as a miracle worker or an earthly ruler but as Lord and Saviour and secondly that our faith leads us to mission: to be Christian ministers of the word and sacrament by being witnesses and servants.

Did You Know?

Joshua became to new Moses as his successor to lead the people of the exodus to the promised land. Jesus becomes the new Joshua to lead us to eternal life. Joshua and Jesus are two forms of the one name.

Words of Pope Francis

In my land there is a saying: "When you ride a horse to cross a river, do not change horses in the middle of the river." In times of crisis, be very firm in your conviction of faith. These who left Jesus (v66), changed horses, looked for another teacher who wasn't as tough. In times of crisis there is perseverance, silence; stay where we are, firm. This is not the time to make changes. It is a time of fidelity, of fidelity to God, of fidelity to the things we have chosen before; also, it is the time of conversion because this fidelity will inspire in us some changes for the better, but not to distance ourselves from good. *Pope Francis, Homily on 2/5/2020*

On the Lighter Side

A horse walks into a bar. "Hey," says the barman. "You read my mind," says the horse. Another horse walks into a bar. The barman says "Hey, aren't you the horse from the last joke?" and the horse says "neigh!"





Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Anna McCulloch
For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Denise Woodman, Vincenzo Cassetta
Our sick and their carers	Ellie Kleindienst, Kevin Geary, Sue McDonald

NEXT TWO WEEK'S ROSTERS

Saturday 31 August 6:00pm

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

Sunday 1 September 10:30am

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

Sunday 8 September 10:30am

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

Thanks to all of our volunteers

Three Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 18th August

Weekday Mass

Wed 28 August 9:15am - **No Mass (Liturgy)**
 Fri 30 August 9:15am

Weekend Mass (1st Sunday of the Month)

Sat 31 August 6:00pm (*Reconciliation 5:30pm*)
 Sun 1 September 10:30am

Weekday Mass

Wed 4 September 9:15am (*Anointing Mass*)
 Fri 6 September 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sun 8 September 10:30am Mass

Weekday Mass

Wed 11 September 9:15am
 Fri 13 September 9:15am

Weekend Mass (3rd Sunday of the Month)

Sat 14 September 6:00pm
 Sun 15 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: \$ 792.95

St Donato Committee Donation: \$2000



Ladies Cuppa & Chat

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

The next one will be on Wednesday 4th September.

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. Grandparents are invited to bring their grandchildren to Mass and the shared lunch.

There will be a sheet for people to indicate if they will be attending the lunch and what they will be bringing in the Narthex.

Names and numbers to be in by Sunday 1st September.



Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

John 6:68



SANDHURST CELEBRATION of SEASON OF CREATION: You're all invited to come and celebrate our Care for Creation at Huntly Streamside Reserve on **Friday 6th September**, beginning with **Mass at 11am** celebrated by Bishop Shane followed by **Picnic Lunch**. BYO chairs encouraged although some seating available. Sausage sizzle provided or BYO lunch if preferred. BYO hot/cold drinks; BYO water bottles. **EVERYONE** is invited and encouraged to come along and celebrate in this beautiful bush setting. RSVP not essential but if you & friends are coming then letting us know by texting 0408 579 904 would be helpful.

TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

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>

TODAY IS SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

In their **2024/2025 Social Justice Statement, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World"**, Australia's Bishops scrutinise the signs of our troubled times, observe the violence around us, and ask why it is so. They also ask what is needed if there is to be peace. In a world full of pessimism, they put their faith and hope in the possibility of peace. Read the Bishops' Statement & associated resources at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

MARIAN FESTIVAL, BENDIGO Sunday October 13. To book the coach to travel across to Bendigo for the Marian Festival, we need numbers by September 7. Contact Maureen: 0403 876 578.

The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B readings remind us of the importance of choosing to follow God, living in loving unity, and facing the challenges of discipleship. These reflections will help us deepen our understanding of the scripture and apply its lessons to our lives. The readings encourage us to choose God, live in loving unity, and face the challenges of discipleship. They remind us of the importance of faith, commitment, and love in our lives. Let us reflect on these lessons and strive to live them out daily wisdom and live a life centered on Christ.



ADVANCED NOTICE: FR UDAY'S HOLIDAY TO INDIA

Please note that Father will be on holidays from 18 September until 18 October. There will be no Saturday evening Masses during this time. Sunday Masses will be held at the same time. Weekday Masses will be replaced by Liturgies.

CWL of Victoria & Wagga Wagga - **Women's Retreat in Tatura on October 12th** from 10am to 3pm. BYO lunch. Tea, coffee, drinks provided.

TOPIC: The necessity of Mary our Mother in our Faith Journey.

PRAYER

Lord, help us to choose You every day. Strengthen our commitment to follow Your ways. Fill our hearts with love and guide us through the challenges we face. 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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