



Readings  
for this  
Sunday

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



Readings  
for next  
week:

Isaiah 35:4-7  
James 2:1-5  
Mark 7:31-37



## Liturgical Jottings

### Adaptions in the Liturgy 2

Adaptations are made to enhance the liturgy for local churches noting their culture, sensibilities and social standards. These adaptations may include colour of the vestments, the materials for sacred vessels, altar and other furnishings that are both distinctive and worthy.

Gestures and bodily postures as in the sign of peace, times for kneeling, standing and sitting and signs of reverence in bows and genuflections are also adapted to national or regional customs. The presentation of the gifts in some cultures are accompanied by dance and rhythmic clapping. While the instruction in the order of funerals disallowed the placing of national flags on the coffin, several Bishops' conferences around the world have allowed the practice as a worthy expression of the person's life-story. The Prayers of the faithful are locally composed to express current and local intentions.

### Focus on the Readings

Australians, it is said, have a different approach to rules and laws than other peoples arising from the time of the original British settlement consisting of convicts and their unruly guards. We have sayings like “you can bend the rules but not break them”; and “laws are more honoured in their breach rather than in their keeping”. Yet the number of laws and rules are rapidly increasing in our society, for example in taxation, security, employment and sports.

Moses encouraged obedience to laws and customs and emphasised their role to maintain right relationship with God and one another. God's laws, perhaps, more importantly defined their identity as a people and their collective wisdom.

But laws are very susceptible to human ways, whether the laxity found in Australian society, or the strictness found in Jesus' time and place. His words are encouraging people to regain right relationships and keep constant vigilance on interpretations and reviews of laws. Moreover our motivation for action must be from good intentions and loving hearts.

### The Letter of St James

For the five Sundays of September, we have a sequence of readings from the letter of St James. It called a catholic letter, for it is not written to a specific church community (Corinth or Romans) but for universal “catholic” audience. The letter is more of a manual for Christian life. The themes of social justice, peace and goodness are expressed through the Christian's right actions.

### Season of Creation 2024


*This year's Season of Creation theme is “Hope and act with Creation” and our guiding inspiration is the symbol “The first fruits of hope”, from Romans 8:19-25.*

*The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration that calls us together each year to pray and respond jointly to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family from around the world comes together to listen to and care for our common home. The “Celebration” begins on 1st September, the Feast of Creation, and concludes on 4th October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.*

### On the Lighter Side

The use of humour by judicial officers is subject to regulations. Inappropriate judicial humour may undermine core judicial values of impartiality and neutrality, possibly leading to a loss of public confidence and legitimacy. Appropriate judicial humour can have a valuable role in the courtroom. *Melbourne University Law Review Vol 38 pp 621-664*



	<b>Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving</b>	
	<b>For those whose anniversary occurs at this time</b>	Tom Deane, Bartolo Lo Picolo, Nell Mulcahy, Concetta Gallo, Carmel Sier
	<b>Our sick and their carers</b>	Ellie Kleindienst, Sue McDonald

**NEXT TWO WEEK'S ROSTERS**

**Sunday 8 September 10:30am**  
 Commentator: Debbie Worm  
 Reader: Dean Filgate  
 Gospel Procession: Doreen Corrigan  
 Gifts: A Basile & M Sgammotta  
 Special Minister: Evert Worm

**Saturday 14**  
 Commentator: Carol Coulston  
 Reader: Denice Bourke  
 Gospel Procession: Mary Vraca  
 Gifts: J Caiafa & D Hamiltin  
 Special Minister: Not required

**Sunday 15 September 10:30am**  
 Commentator: Rob Miller  
 Reader: Debbie Worm  
 Gospel Procession: Steve De Lai  
 Gifts: B & J Lowe  
 Special Minister: Ross Kelly

Thanks to all of our volunteers

**Three Week Mass Timetable  
Week Commencing 18th August**

**Weekday Liturgy**  
 Wed 4 September 9:15am (Liturgy)  
 Fri 6 September 9:15am (Liturgy)

**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

**Weekday Liturgy**  
 Wed 18 September 9:15am  
 Fri 20 September 9:15am

**Weekend Mass**  
 Sun 22 September 10:30am Mass


**Monthly events**

*Anointing Mass every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Mass at 9:15am*  
*Italian Rosary every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 2pm in the Church*  
*Reconciliation every 1<sup>st</sup> 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: \$ 523.65




**Ladies Cuppa & Chat**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2pm in St Mary's Hall.

The next one will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.


Maintenance with in the Church: Thank to Joe Gagliardi who has repaired some chairs in the Nun's Chapel.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial**

Mass will follow the Rosary at 10:30am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 this Sunday for catering purposes, thank you.



**You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition.**  
 Mark 7:8

## Happy Fathers' Day



St Joseph, pray for us.

## Father's Day Blessing

Lord Jesus, our brother, we praise you for saving us. Teach us to love you and your Father by keeping your commandments. Bless our fathers who are still with us, and receive those who have died into your loving presence. May we take from their example and deepen our love for our families. Lord Jesus, hear our prayers as we offer you glory forever and ever. Amen

**CATHOLIC EARTHCARE** is hosting a **SEASON OF CREATION CONVOCATION** over 3 days from **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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>

**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.

## PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL for retired Priests of Sandhurst

We have 12 retired Priests. Fundraising assists the provision of housing, annual recurrent and everyday expenses. The Foundation relies on the generosity of the priests and people of the Diocese. A special collection will be taken on the weekend 14/15 September and is the major fundraiser of the year. Your Donations (tax deductible) are essential. This day is an opportunity to thank God for their ministry and dedication; and to pray for our priests, active and retired. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Those requiring receipts of donations over \$10 are to please use the envelopes provided. Thank you.

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B readings remind us of the importance of obeying God's laws, acting on His word, and maintaining inner purity. These teachings guide us in living a holy and faithful life. Let us reflect on these lessons and apply them to our daily lives.

These reflections will help us dive deeper into these teachings and apply them to our lives.



"This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

## 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 12<sup>th</sup>** from 10am to 3pm. BYO lunch. Tea, coffee, drinks provided.

**TOPIC:** The necessity of Mary our Mother in our Faith Journey. Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/CTOIQ](http://www.trybooking.com/CTOIQ)

## PRAYER

Lord, help us to obey Your laws, act on Your word, and keep our hearts pure. Guide us in showing our faith through our actions. 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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