



Sacred  
Heart  
Parish  
TATURA

# Sacred Heart Parish Tatura

Fr Uday Kumar Marneni – Parish Priest

Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 8 September 2024



Readings  
for this  
Sunday

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



Readings for  
next week:

Isaiah 50:5-9  
James 2:14-18  
Mark 8:27-35



## Liturgical Jottings

### Mass Offerings

The practice of donating an offering for a Mass in return for the priest to pray for a particular intention arose in the Middle Ages. It became a way for the people to participate in the Mass at a time when responses, ministries in the Mass and reception of communion were disappearing. Now people have many ways to participate in the prayers and responses in their own language, songs, gestures and active ministries. However, the Mass offering still has a certain appeal on the human level. They are no longer called Mass stipends but Mass offerings. It is not payment but a gift of the donor for the support of the church, its ministers and other purposes. While these offerings may be for the intentions of the living and the deceased, every Mass is celebrated for the church and all people. It is a way to support a special cause, to mourn and to express sympathy and to remember the dead in a personal way.

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### Focus on the Readings

The gospel describes in some detail the way Jesus heals the deaf-mute person. A significant detail in this healing is the way Jesus touches the person. Some healings Jesus merely speaks and the people are healed, but in other healings he touches: the hand of the young girl, the leper, and many on whom he lays his hands. In a way Jesus is crossing a cultural divide, in another way he shows his personal compassion and need to use physical touch to counter physical ailments. The humanity of Christ shows the disciples and all believers the power and divinity of the saviour. The divine touches the human in real and mysterious ways. The first reading from the Isaiah gives hope and encouragement to a despondent people who are in exile. A bright future awaits. Jesus at the beginning of his public ministry announces that he has come to give sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, ... He does just that.

Another interesting detail in this healing encounter is that only one word was spoken and recorded: "Ephphatha" and that was by Jesus, said as a prayer. Later we hear the people saying: "He has done all things well,"

### Prayer for the Day

In your footsteps justice for the poor has bloomed; you say, "Ephphatha", and ears are opened; you listen: tongues are loosened for your praise; you stretch out your hand, and we are healed. **Marvellous are your works, Lord, Master of life!** You are the joy of your faithful; you hear their cry, you save them. You cure the broken-hearted and tend their wounds. You unbind those who are chained; you open to the captives the door of happiness. Let us bless the Lord at all times. May his praise be always on our lips. **Marvellous are your works, Lord, Master of life!** *Tropaires des dimanches n. 110 (Cistercians)*

### Season of Creation

As people who dare to dream, we must dream with our eyes wide open, impelled by a desire for love, fraternity, friendship and justice for all. Christian salvation enters into the depths of the world's suffering, which embraces not only humanity but also the entire universe, nature itself, and the oikos, the home and living environment of humanity. Salvation embraces creation as an "earthly paradise," mother earth, which is meant to be a place of joy and a promise of happiness for all.

*Pope Francis, Message 2024*

### On the Lighter Side

The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month. *Henry Van Dyke*





<b>Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving</b>	
<b>For those whose anniversary occurs at this time</b>	John De Lai, Terry White
<b>Our sick and their carers</b>	Ellie Kleindienst, Sue McDonald

### NEXT TWO WEEK'S ROSTERS

#### Saturday 14 September 6:00pm

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

#### Sunday 22 September 10:30am

Commentator: Rob Miller  
 Reader: Anne Marie Nihill  
 Gospel Procession: Barbara Miller  
 Gifts: De Lai Family  
 Special Minister: Anna Ciavarella

### Three Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 11<sup>th</sup> September

#### Weekday Mass

Wed 11 September 9:15am (Liturgy)  
 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 (Liturgy)  
 Fri 20 September 9:15am (Liturgy)

#### Weekend Mass

Sun 22 September 10:30am Mass (Fr Grace)

#### Weekday Liturgy

Wed 25 September 9:15am (Liturgy)  
 Fri 27 September 9:15am (Liturgy)

#### Weekend Mass

Sun 29 September 10:30am Mass (Fr Wellesden)

#### 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  
**Saturday evening Masses:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

### Plate Collection and Envelopes

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

Last week: \$ 600.00



### 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 1st October.  
All welcome.

### SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks **Safeguarding Sunday**, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the

Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

He looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" – that is, "Be opened!" – And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.

Mark 7:34-35

### **PRIESTLY ORDINATION Jean-Paul Gery**

Jean-Sebastien stayed at Tatura Parish as part of his clinical pastoral education placement in 2021.

His ordination will take place on Saturday 21 September at 10am at St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne.

More details are on the flyer in the Narthex.

### **PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL**

for retired Priests of Sandhurst will be taken up with a bucket collection next weekend, 14/15 September for the Retired Priests of the Sandhurst Diocese.

The Diocese has 12 retired priests who depend on the support from the diocese, which means the support of the people of the diocese. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Those requiring receipts of donations over \$10, please use the envelopes provided. Thank you.

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B readings remind us of God's healing power, His justice, and our call to live out our faith. We are encouraged to trust in God's promises, treat everyone with equality, and seek healing from Jesus. Let us take these lessons to heart and apply them in our daily lives.



"Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you." This quote from Isaiah is in the first reading for the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B.



Special thanks to Connie Serra who has donated a further \$550 to the Parish from her work and sales at the Piety stall in the narthex.

We certainly appreciate your generosity and what you do for our parish, thank you Connie.

### **FR UDAY'S HOLIDAY TO INDIA**

Please note that Father Uday 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. We will have visiting priests cover the Masses while Fr Uday is away – Fr Michael Grace, Fr Des Welladsen & Fr Michael Morley.

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)

### **ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT POSITION AVAILABLE**

St Brendan's Catholic Church Office, 121 Knight Street, Shepparton  
Permanent Part-time (11hrs/week) 9am - 3pm Thursday and Friday

Position Description available 5821 2633 or by Emailing [shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

CLOSES September 20th

### **PRIEST INSERVICE DAY**

Fr Uday will be away from Monday 9 September until Thursday 12 September for a priest inservice in Moama.

### **PRAYER**

Lord, open our ears to hear Your voice and our hearts to receive Your healing. Help us to treat everyone with the love and respect they deserve. Guide us to live out our faith in all that we do. 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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