



Readings
for this
Sunday

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37



Readings
for next
week:

Numbers 11: 25-29
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Children

Jesus welcomed children, treated them with respect and recognised their innate dignity. In the gospel he urges adults to “become like them” in the innocence, eagerness and enthusiasm and willingness to listen, learn and grow in God’s love. The Church from the earliest times accepted children for baptism and so initiated them into the church and the risen life of Christ.

Recognising the faith and needs of children the universal church has published particular liturgical rites and books for them. Namely the Directory for Masses with Children (1973), three Eucharistic Prayers for Children (1974, revised 2011) Lectionary for Masses with Children, (1991) Order of Baptism of Children (1973 revised 2020), Order of Christian Funerals with prayers for Children (1989). Also the Book of Blessings contain many blessings for children.

Focus on the Readings

Apparently, most people like Messiahs, that is, someone from outside to come, fix the problem, restore what was lost and save the day. Jesus’ disciples had now come to recognise Christ as the Messiah, albeit on how they understood Messiahship – the one who would restore Israel to its glorious past. Jesus, however, again and again taught and lived a different understanding. In today’s gospel he reminds them that he would be rejected and suffer death. The disciples could not cope with this.

Unfortunately, the church in the recent past and society in general had experienced the same reactions as the disciples, arguing about who is the greatest, how to dominate and to avoid suffering and sacrifice. Today we must recognise that pain and sacrifice are very much part of being disciples, living our faith and showing love and forgiveness to others.

Christ, who challenged his disciples to become like little children, speaks to our church today: we are to be repentant, take up the call for a change of heart and mind; to recommitted ourselves to innocence and holiness; to act with integrity and justice; and to safeguard the young and the vulnerable. It may be uncomfortable, and it may hurt but also it would be life giving. Peace and Goodness!

Quote of the Day

“Most people are no longer exposed to regular exhortations from church pulpits to act lovingly, kindly and charitably towards each other and particularly towards the marginalised and the disadvantaged: when these lessons are not regularly reinforced, they can easily fade. *Hugh Mackay, The Way We Are, 2024, p20*

Prayer for the Day

I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. Ps 53:8.

Season of Creation

The groaning of creation, of Christians and of the Spirit is the anticipation and expectation of a salvation already at work; all the same, we continue to find ourselves enduring what Saint Paul describes as “tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, sword” (Rom 8:35). Hope, then, is an alternative reading of history and human affairs. It is not illusory, but realistic, with the realism of a faith that sees what is unseen. This hope is patient expectation, like that of Abraham. *Pope Francis, Message 2024*

On the Lighter Side

“The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created Spring.” Bernard Williams

Spring is nature's way of saying, 'Let's party!' Robin Williams





Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Mariangela Mandaradoni
Our sick and their carers	Ellie Kleindienst, Sue McDonald

NEXT THREE WEEK'S ROSTERS

Sunday 29 September 10:30am

Commentator: Debbie Worm
 Reader: Ross Kelly
 Gospel Procession: Connie Serra
 Gifts: D Phelan & B Miller
 Special Minister: Steve De Lai

Sunday 6 October 10:30am

Commentator: Carol Coulston
 Reader: Ann Marie Nihill
 Gospel Procession: Steve De Lai
 Gifts: A Basile & M Sgammotta
 Special Minister: Connie Serra

Sunday 13 October 10:30am

Commentator: Debbie Worm
 Reader: Dean Filgate
 Gospel Procession: Doreen Corrigan
 Gifts: D Phelan & B Miller
 Special Minister: Steve De Lai

Thanks to all of our volunteers

Three Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 23rd September

Weekday Liturgy

Wed 25 September 9:15am - Liturgy
 Fri 27 September 9:15am - Liturgy

Weekend Mass

Sun 29 September 10:30am Mass (Fr Des Welladsen)

Weekday Liturgy

Wed 2 October 9:15am - Liturgy
 Fri 4 October 9:15am - Liturgy

Weekend Mass

Sun 6 October 10:30am Mass (Fr Michael Morley)

Weekday Liturgy

Wed 9 October 9:15am - Liturgy
 Fri 11 October 9:15am - Liturgy

Weekend Mass

Sun 13 October 10:30am Mass (Fr Michael Morley)

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
Saturday evening Masses: 1st & 3rd 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: \$ 973.00

Priests' Retirement Fund Bucket collection: \$655



Thank You

Ladies Cuppa & Chat



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

Welcome to Fr Michael Grace this week.

Next week we welcome Fr Des Wellesden who will celebrate Mass.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL for retired Priests of Sandhurst last weekend

If you would still like to donate please return your envelope by next Sunday.

Thank you for your generosity.

There is a sheet in the Narthex for orders for the Daily Missal, God's Word and the Columban Calendar. If you would like to order any of these please add your name to the list indicating the number of copies required.

If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.

Mark 9:35



"It is in humility that we build the future of the world." – Pope Francis

On the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, the readings invite us to reflect on humility, wisdom, and service. These themes challenge us to examine how we live our faith and interact with others.

They challenge us to live out our faith in practical ways, showing love and care for others. As we reflect on these messages, let us commit to following Christ's example in our daily lives.

Bendigo Interfaith Council for an enlightening evening on "Interfaith Perspectives on the Journey of Marriage"

7:30pm Wednesday, 16 October 2024

Rotary Gateway Park Function Centre, Kangaroo Flat

Hear from representatives of four faith groups on their traditions and practices around marriage, including insights on relationship breakdowns and domestic violence. There will be Q&A and a light supper.

This is a free event, but please book in advance at www.trybooking.com/CTRWN.

Needed: volunteers for the different ministries within the parish. If you are able to help with any of the jobs in the parish and for the Mass please put your name on the list in the Narthex.

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.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/CTOIQ

**50TH MARIAN FESTIVAL AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL
SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2024**

Please join us for the 50th anniversary of our annual Marian Festival to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary and entrust our diocese, our nation and the world to the protection of Her Immaculate Heart. The festival will be led by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson, beginning with Mass at 11am followed by a BBQ, and continuing throughout the day with rosary procession, consecration, Bishop's address, Adoration and Benediction.

Afternoon tea will conclude the festival. For more information go to www.bendigofatima.com

**110TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND
REFUGEES – SUNDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER
2024.**

The theme of Pope Francis' Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is

"GOD WALKS WITH HIS PEOPLE."

More information in the Bulletin next week.

PRAYER

Lord, grant us true wisdom to seek Your will above our own. Help us to serve others with humility and love. Guide us to live righteously and in peace. 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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