



Readings
for this
Sunday

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



Readings
for next
week:

Genesis 2:18-24
Hebrews 2:9-11
Mark 10:2-16



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and the Elderly

The liturgical books abound with texts for children, see last week. But there are only a few liturgical texts for elderly persons. We find prayers and scripture reading for elderly in the Rite of Anointing of the Sick, the Funeral Liturgies and in the Book of Blessings. Pope Francis has instituted a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in 2021. The Ambrosian Missal has a Mass Preface for the elderly:

[Lord], you give us length of days as a token of your love, and as they pass, you teach us to take delight in that life which will endure for all eternity. You accompany our journey with the many gifts of Christ, that we may remain in your love as our years increase and fulfil the purpose to which you call us. Though bodily vigour may fade, your ceaseless love is always new; for you strengthen in us the gifts of your Spirit that we may make our way, secure in hope, to you, the Lord in whom we put our faith.

Focus on the Readings

Prophets and Leaders are two different types of persons requiring different qualities and ways of acting. A leaders can be prophetic but can also lose their popularity and followers. The readings from the book of Numbers and the Gospel of Mark highlight this disparity. Medad and Eldad were given the gift of prophecy, yet they had not received “Commissioning” from Moses, their leader. Joshua, a future leader of the Exodus people wanted to stop them. Medad and Eldad did not fit into his ideas of structure and order. Again the disciples of Jesus wanted to stop another “outside the inner circle” to stop healing. Both Moses and Jesus were above the concerns of religious structures and human authority.

Cultures, including religious cultures, have their language, symbols, customs, traditions, systems of law and order, rules and regulations that provide identity, security and well-being. Yet flexibility and exceptions are important for harmony and growth. Particularly in these times we must seek divine wisdom and God’s grace in our decision making and relationships with our communities.

In the second string to the Gospel passage Jesus gives dire warnings to the community using metaphor and exaggeration not to be taken literally. These warnings are as relevant today as they were in his time.

Quote for the Day

‘If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. Mark 9:41

Season of Creation

In our hopeful and persevering expectation of the glorious return of Jesus, the Holy Spirit keeps us, the community of believers, vigilant; he continually guides us and calls us to conversion, to a change in lifestyle in order to resist the degradation of our environment and to engagement in that social critique which is above all a witness to the real possibility of change. This conversion entails leaving behind the arrogance of those who want to exercise dominion over others and nature itself, reducing the latter to an object to be manipulated, and instead embracing the humility of those who care for others and for all of creation.

On the Lighter Side

Winter is on my head, but eternal spring is in my heart.

Victor Hugo

May the blooming flowers of springtime be a reminder of the loveliness of Mother Earth and the beauty of God’s creation. (inspired by St Francis)





Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Connie De Pietro (Italy), June Laity
For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Antonio Nigro, Paolo De Angelis, Santo Calleri, Lina Villani
Our sick and their carers	Delphi Hamilton, Ellie Kleindienst, Sue McDonald

NEXT THREE WEEK'S ROSTERS

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

Sunday 20 October 10:30am

Commentator: Rob Miller
 Reader: Ross Kelly
 Gospel Procession: Barbara Miller
 Gifts: D Corrigan & P Moroney
 Special Minister: Deb Turvey

Thanks to all of our volunteers

Three Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 23rd September

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)

Weekday Liturgy

Wed 16 October 9:15am - Liturgy
 Fri 18 October 9:15am - Liturgy

Weekend Mass

Sun 20 October 10:30am Mass

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: \$ 573.50



Ladies Cuppa & Chat



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

WHO WROTE ST JOHN'S GOSPEL?

Mrs. Maria Weatherill and Fr Joe will be running 3 nights of formation on St John's Gospel over 3 Tuesday evenings in October: 8th 15th and 22nd.

- The evenings will begin at 7.30 and run for one hour; you will receive good insight into the spirituality, structure and high Christology of St John's gospel; all this will take place in the Pastoral Centre behind St Brendan's Church.
- Here is a great chance to heighten your understanding of the scriptures and to allow yourself to deepen your faith. "When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel." (GIRM)
- These evenings will be especially helpful for all of our lectors at Mass. Feel free to bring your friends along as well.

Whoever is not against us is for us.

Mark 9:40

Welcome to Fr Des Wellesden this week. Next week we welcome back Fr Michael Morley who will celebrate Mass.

The **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B** invites us to see God's spirit in unexpected places, use our wealth justly, and recognize the good works of others. These teachings help us to be humble, generous, and inclusive. By embracing these lessons, we grow in our faith and love for one another.

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.

Baptism

We congratulate Domenic Lago, son of Gina and Adrian, on his Baptism this weekend and welcome him into our parish community.



May God bless you and keep you safe always.

World Mission Sunday – celebrate across Australia and the world on the weekend of 19th/20th October.

In his message this year for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis writes, "...*Jesus keeps knocking on the door, but from within, so that we will let him out!*".

Catholic Mission invites parish communities around Australia to be part of the work of letting Jesus out into the world, through our partnerships. This is particularly the case this year as we support the youngest Catholic country in the world, Mongolia.



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." The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office has created online resources, including the liturgy for primary and secondary schools, homily notes, prayers of intercession, stories, and interviews, to help celebrate this special day.

Resources available at: <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2024>

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

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.

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

PRAYER

Lord, help us to be open to Your spirit in all people. Teach us to use our wealth wisely and to be generous. May we always recognize and support the good works done in Your name.

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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