

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 16 February 2020



Readings for
this Sunday

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Matthew 5:17-37



Readings for
next week:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:38-48



Liturgical Jottings

Gospel Sequence

By happy circumstance we have the whole Chapter 5 of the Gospel according to Matthew read in sequence. The Beatitudes (5:1-13), read on Australia Day, and the metaphors “You are salt and light” last week (5:13-16) served as an introduction to the great Sermon on the Mount. This week (5:17-37) and next (5:38-48) Jesus instruction on the Law, new and old complete the chapter. These passages over four Sundays give the disciples then and now ways to be, to act and to bear fruit.

Then on the following Wednesday, Ash Wednesday (26 February) we continue reading from Chapter 6 on prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

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Focus on the Gospel

In the Bill Watterson’s comic strip “Calvin and Hobbes” the seven year old Calvin decides to be a fatalist: “What will be will be, I have no choice in matters; I am not to blame; it is all up to fate!” Hobbes, the pet tiger puts out his foot and trips Calvin over. Calvin protests: “What was that for?” Hobbes reply: “Oh! That wasn’t me that was fate!” Fatalism is incompatible with humanity and Christianity. The readings today not only speak of God’s Law and our compliances but also of our choices and responsibilities.

Matthew is writing to a nascent church very familiar with the Hebrew Scriptures and the Law of Moses. So too St Paul to the Corinthians: the Christian must now go deeper into the Spirit and Life of God’s word. Jesus takes us further starting with the laws’ minimal requirements to embrace new Christian ideals, actions and responsibilities. Literalism, determinism and fatalism are outmoded and inadequate to live life to the fullest.

Like the parishioner who moved into a new parish while still resident in his old parish asked the Parish Priest: “May I have the rights and privileges of this parish?” The Pastor replied “and also the duties and responsibilities.” Yes, Jesus takes us further in our understanding of law, our application of the great law of love and our call to be fully human with the divine.

Pope Francis on the Word of God

The Second Vatican Council gave great impulse to the rediscovery of the word of God, thanks to its Constitution *Dei Verbum*, a document that deserves to be read and appropriated ever anew. The Constitution clearly expounds the nature of sacred Scripture, its transmission from generation to generation (Chapter II), its divine inspiration (Chapter III) embracing the Old and New Testaments (Chapters IV and V), and the importance of Scripture for the life of the Church (Chapter VI). Pope Francis Apostolic Letter, *Aperuit Illis* 30 September 2019, para 2)

On the Fraternal Lighter Side

“Brothers don’t necessarily have to say anything to each other – they can sit in a room and be together and just be completely comfortable with each other.” – Leonardo DiCaprio



“Happiness is having a younger brother who is taller than you.”

“I smile because you’re my brother. I laugh because there’s nothing you can do about it!” Anon.

“Sometimes being a brother is even better than being a superhero.” – Marc Brown

	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Therese Holmard, Josephine Zollo
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Gaetano & Mariannina Basile, Betty Curtis, Mon P Collins, Peter Kerrins
	Our sick and their carers	Sean Raymond, Rosario Sorbello

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
Saturday 22 nd February 6.00 pm	Carol Coulston	Mary Gale	Shelia Gregg	P Moroney D Corrigan	G Ranson L McGrath T Miller	Debbie Worm
Sunday 23 rd February 9.30 am	Denise Woodman	Karen Nihill	Rob Miller	M Sgammotta T Palmeri	E Kerrins L Kerrins E Worm	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Monday	17 Feb	
Tuesday	18 Feb	5:30 pm Mass
Wednesday	19 Feb	9:15 am Mass
Thursday	20 Feb	9:15 am Mass
Friday	21 Feb	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	22 Feb	6:00 pm Mass
Sunday	23 Feb	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	22 Feb	11:30 am
Rosary	15 minutes Before Weekday Mass	

DIARY DATES		
Mon	17 Feb	
Tues	18 Feb	4:30 pm meeting for those taking home communion to the sick and house bound 7:00 pm StVdP Meeting
Wed	19 Feb	5:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting
Thur	20 Feb	
Fri	21 Feb	
Sat	22 Feb	Chair of St Peter
Sun	23 Feb	Project Compassion Sunday 7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon	24 Feb	
Tues	25 Feb	6:00 pm Meeting for Readers, Commentators & Special Ministers
Wed	26 Feb	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> 9:15 am School Mass 6:00 pm Parish Mass
Thur	27 Feb	
Fri	28 Feb	
Sat	29 Feb	
Sun	1 Mar	1 st Sunday of Lent Children's Mass

SANDPIPER

Please collect your free copy of 'Sandpiper' the Sandhurst Diocese Catholic newspaper, available in the Narthex.



Shrove Tuesday 25th February

Can you help cook pancakes?

Do you like to eat pancakes?

You are most welcome to come along and help cook the pancakes and meet other members of Sacred Heart community.

Please come to the school between 10-11am
You can bring an egg flip, apron, bowl etc or just yourself.

Donations of pancake mix, lemons, butter, syrup etc would be greatly appreciated and can be sent to school by Tuesday, 25th February.

Anyone who would like a pancake can come along to school and share in the fun for a gold coin donation.

All money raised will be go to CARITAS.

If you can help please contact the school office on **58241841**

PASTORAL CARE

Debbie Worm 5824 1841 Pauline Hindson 5824 1841 Anne Hutchison 5824 3460



SACRED HEART PARISH SCHOOL FETE

**Friday 20th March 2020
5-8pm**

This fantastic event brings together our school community, Parish and wider Tatura community for a fun filled evening!

We have some parents & parishioners already preparing for the event but we need loads more help!

We are in desperate need for someone to help Co-Ordinate the Super Spin. The committee can support you in this role please contact Sam Quinlan on 0423611033.

Do you own a business or are associated with a business that could donate goods or services? Prizes for our Super Spin are very welcome.

How can I help in another way?

Keep your eyes open for the fete roster which will be up on our upcoming Welcome night and ready for you to put your name down as a helper.

See Debbie in the school office or contact Maria Spedding on 0418129528 or Sam Quinlan on 0423611033 with any questions

HOME COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSE BOUND

A meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 18th February** at 4:30 pm in the church for all those who provide home Communion to the sick and housebound.

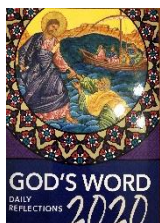
STILL LOOKING

We are still looking for more people who can help as Commentators/Readers, Special Ministers and Altar Servers during our Mass services on Saturday evenings and Sunday Morning.

If you can help please put your name down and telephone number on the list in the Narthex.

IN GOD'S WORD

There are just a few copies left of the daily reflections 'God's Word 2020'. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to purchase a copy (cost \$15 each).



READERS, COMMENTATORS AND SPECIAL MINISTERS

Fr John Paul would like to invite all Readers, Commentators and Special Ministers to a meeting to be held on **Tuesday 25th February** at 6:00 pm in the church to discuss these roles.

There's nothing that you can't overcome with God on your side. - Joyce Meyer

www.dailyinspirationalquotes.in

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Spirituality in the Pub at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Monday 2nd March** from 7.30 – 9pm (meals from 6pm optional).



Come and meet our new Bishop and join the conversation as **Bishop Shane Mackinlay** shares his thoughts on **Where are we? Where are we heading? In Sandhurst? In the Church?** Then you have an opportunity to share yours!

More information is available on fliers in the Narthex. Enquiries: Kerry 0408 579904, Frank 5821 4362 or Fran 5829 0301.

INSTALLATION MASS

Sunday 15th March, Bishop Shane will be here for an installation Mass for Fr John Paul.

Following Mass the Bishop will join us for a Cuppa in the Mercy Centre.

If you are able to help with the catering on the day you please advise Mary in the Parish Office.

CARITAS NEWS

Free copies of Caritas News are available today in the Narthex.

This Summer Edition focusses on our ONE HUMAN FAMILY and how Caritas, with your support, is working with the most marginalised in Australia, Jordan and The Philippines



CHAIN OF MARY ROSARY BOOKLETS

These 20 free booklets, available in the Narthex, are each dedicated to one of the 20 decades of the Rosary.

Their purpose is to help the reader to be united with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, living this prayer with true faith and devotion. The booklets are a grace from heaven, divinely inspired as a gift from Mary. And it is important to remember that Our Lady desires quality in prayer, not quantity!

HOME VISIT

Fr John Paul is visiting parishioners in their homes every Thursday morning. If you would like Fr John Paul to visit to say some prayers or bless your home, please let Father or the Parish Office know.

ALONG THE TRACK – “This Special Moment”

“2020 is a very important year for Catholics in Australia. We are at a critical point in the life of our battered Church, here and across the world, but let’s focus on Australia. Do we have courage enough to pray: “Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of our Church?” Do we trust in the Spirit or have we already decided what it should look like? Our church has a mission to the world we live in – we are not on about self -preservation (that’s what got our church into trouble in the first place) but rather about mission. What should it look like and to whom do we mission – just ourselves or the community, the nation we live in? How can we renew and bring life back to the parish? ...”

This is the first paragraph of Jim Quillinan’s Along the Track article. For the full article online visit http://www2.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/Along_the_Tracks.aspx

Copies of the Along the Track are in the Narthex.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”
(Matthew 5:20)

The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it’s the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.