

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 9 February 2020



Readings for
this Sunday

Isaiah 58:7-10
1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:13-16



Readings for
next week:

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



Liturgical Jottings

Salt in the Roman Rite

For the sprinkling of water at Mass as an alternative for the Penitential Rite the Missal contains a blessing of Holy Water with the option to mix salt with water: "Where the circumstances of the place and the custom of the people suggest that the mixing of salt be preserved in the blessing of water, the priest may bless salt saying: "We humbly ask you, almighty God; be pleased in your faithful love to bless this salt you have created, for it was you who commanded the prophet Elisha to cast salt into water, that impure water might be purified. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, wherever this mixture of salt and water is sprinkled, every attack of the enemy may be repulsed and your Holy Spirit may be present to keep us safe at all times. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (Appendix II)

Focus on the Gospel

Today the first reading from the prophet Isaiah and the responsorial psalm focus on light. Light is the sign and quality of a good and faithful person. Christ adds to these words by describing the disciples who are blessed (from the Beatitudes at the beginning of Matthew Chapter 5) as light of the world and as shining witnesses to all people.

Jesus begins this passage with the metaphor "You are the salt of the earth." Salt in the Hebrew scriptures refers to food flavouring (Job 6:6), purifying persons (Exod 30:35) sacrifices (16:4) land (Judg 3:45) and water (2 Kings 2:21) and signifying friendship (Lev 2:13). Here in the Gospel Jesus alludes to several of these aspects to describe the disciple, who is blessed (happy), now has the responsibility to share God's gift of blessedness with others otherwise the blessed nature of the disciple takes on the plainness and tastelessness of a world without God.

Being the salt of the earth and the light of the world, we have a mission to add meaning and happiness to life.

Pope Francis on the Word of God

I proposed setting aside "a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people" ...The word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world. Here, we are reminded of the teaching of Saint Ephrem: "Who is able to understand, Lord, all the richness of even one of your words? There is more that eludes us than what we can understand. We are like the thirsty drinking from a fountain. ... The Lord has coloured his word with diverse beauties, so that those who study it can contemplate what stirs them. He has hidden in his word all treasures, so that each of us may find a richness in what he or she contemplates" (Pope Francis Apostolic Letter, *Aperuit Illis* 30/9/19, para 2)

Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, Tues 11 Feb

It is also World Day of Prayer for the Sick. For this year's message visit:
www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/sick.html

On the Lighter Side:

Someone told me I looked like a saltshaker. I took it as a condiment.

I once had lunch with a chess master in a cafe with checked tablecloths. It took him an hour to pass me the salt.

Why do seals live in salt water? Pepper makes them sneeze.

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	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Cosimo Gugliotti, Peter Anderson
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Angelo Serra, Coral Reilly
	Our sick and their carers	Sean Raymond, Rosario Sorbello

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers	Counter
Saturday 15 th February 6.00 pm	Mary Gale	Steph Hicks	Doreen Corrigan	P Anderson P Newman	A Hicks J Webster A Ciavarella	Trish Warnett
Sunday 16 th February 9.30 am	Simon Cowan	Debbie Turvey	Bernie Maher	M Normington C Serra	L Cowan D Bourke AM Nihill	

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK		
Monday	10 Feb	
Tuesday	11 Feb	5:15 pm Benediction 5:30 pm Mass
Wednesday	12 Feb	9:15 am Anointing Mass
Thursday	13 Feb	9:15 am Mass
Friday	14 Feb	9:15 am Mass
Saturday	15 Feb	6:00 pm Mass
Sunday	16 Feb	9:30 am Mass
Saturday Reconciliation	15 Feb	11:30 am
Rosary	15 minutes Before Weekday Mass	

DIARY DATES		
Mon	10 Feb	
Tues	11 Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes 200 pm Italian Rosary
Wed	12 Feb	11:00 am Funeral Cosimo Gugliotti 7:00 pm PPC meeting
Thur	13 Feb	
Fri	14 Feb	
Sat	15 Feb	
Sun	16 Feb	6 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon	17 Feb	
Tues	18 Feb	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 S Peter
Sun	23 Feb	Project Compassion Sunday



FEAST OF ST BAKHITA 8TH FEBRUARY

Pope Francis has declared the feast of St Josephine Bakhita (patron saint of victims of slavery) 8th February, to be the **World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action**

Against Human Trafficking. Australians are being urged to work together, through grass roots action and corporate governance, to end slavery around the world. This special day gives us an opportunity to reflect on what we do and what we buy and if necessary, to commit to act differently in order to work towards the elimination of slavery. Australia's Modern Slavery Act came into effect on 1st Jan 2019. To learn more, go to <https://acrath.org.au/>

CATHOLIC FAMILY BUSH DANCE

Sunday 9th February from 1pm at Monsignor Bones Hall, Knight Street, Shepparton. \$25 per family or \$10 each, tickets at the door. Tickets at the door. For more info, email catholicbushdance@gmail.com

COMMENTATORS/READERS SPECIAL MINISTERS/ALTAR SERVERS

We are looking for more people who can help 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.

JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO

On the Journey this week we have a stellar lineup for you, including Marilyn Rodrigues with a wonderful piece called *Peace* and Fr Dave Callaghan sharing his tips for trusting in the Lord.

Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au

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 and come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 12th February, 5.30pm at the Parish hall.

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!

Your word is a lamp for my feet, and a light for my path.

Psalm 119:105

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Effective from Tuesday 11th February every 2nd Tuesday of the month we will be having an Adoration (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament). The Adoration will commence at 5:15 pm and will be followed by our daily Mass.

What is Adoration?

At the beginning of the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Fr John Paul will remove the sacred host from the tabernacle and place it in the monstrance on the altar for adoration by the faithful. It nourishes social love and gives us opportunities for adoration and thanksgiving, for reparation and supplication.



A Prayer for the Start of the New School Year.

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as our students begin this new school year.

Allow them to experience Your Presence in the many blessings You put before them.

Open their hearts and minds to new friends and new teachers.

Give them a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with their studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help them to be attentive to their teachers and let them experience Your presence in their friends.

Jesus, inspire all our students to their best this year.
Amen

Opening School Mass

On Friday, we celebrated the start of the school year with an opening Mass. Our Foundation and Grade 5/6 students were welcomed into the Church, followed by Fr John Paul.

Pauline Hindson commissioned the Grade 6 Students, they were asked to show love and compassion for others, be a voice for the poor and a friend to those in need, and to lead through positive words and action. Then Fr John Paul Re-commissioned all the staff, in the name of Jesus Christ to the ministry of education and education leadership within our school community.

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.

Cuppa After Sunday Mass

There will be a Cuppa after Mass this Sunday – please stay and enjoy the fellowship.

