

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 June 2020



Readings for this week:

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
Romans 6:3-4,8-11
Matthew 10:37-42



Readings

for next

Sunday

Zechariah 9:9-10

Romans 8:9,11-13

Matthew 11:25-30



Liturgical Jottings

Feria Readings I

During the Season of Ordinary Time the scripture readings have series of sequences. The First Reading is often semi-continuous texts from the Old Testament or from the New Testament letters and the Gospel has semi-continuous texts from the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). Solemnities (eg Sts Peter & Paul 29 June) and feast days have their own readings to focus on the Saint or mystery of Christ. On days of obligatory or optional memorials (eg Protomartyrs of Rome 30 June) it is recommended to keep to the semi-continuous readings of the week unless pastoral necessity or spiritual good of the assembly suggest other readings chosen from the common of saints or votive or various needs Masses e.g. Time of Pandemic. (see GPLCWG n 78)

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Looking at the Readings

To grab the immediate and undivided attention of his listeners, Our Lord uses at time one of several literary devices such as hyperbole or exaggeration, parables, metaphor, repetition or contradictions. Today's Gospel continues with Matthew Chapter 10: the Missionary Discourse or Instruction to the Twelve Apostles, but the lectionary omits verses 34-36:

"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth: it is not peace I have come to bring, but a sword. For I have come to set son against father, daughter against mother, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law; a person's enemies will be the members of his own household."

Such words would certainly "grab the attention" of the Twelve. We did hear these words last year, paralleled in Luke 12:51-53 on the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Perhaps the lectionary designers reckoned the close repetition of an hyperbole or contradiction was not appropriate or necessary. Though the passage today does present similar instructions that challenge the Apostles and all Christians to put Christ first. But not in a competitive way with family members but to put ourselves into the centre of Christ's mystery: his life death and resurrection. To take up his cross is both metaphoric (execution by crucifixion has largely gone out) and real because in entering the mystery of Christ we enter his suffering and difficulties and see him in others, especially the needy.

Quote of the Week

Great care and concern are to be shown in receiving visitors, pilgrims and the poor, because in them more particularly Christ is received. *Rule of St Benedict ch 53.*

Saints of the Week: 30 June

The first martyrs of the Holy Roman Church, also known as the protomartyrs of Rome were killed in the persecution of 64AD. Their feast day follows the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, who were both martyred in Rome about the same time. St Clement of Rome wrote at the end of the same century: "A great host of the elect suffered may indignities and tortures and have provided for us a most noble example. *Clement's Epistle to the Corinthians v-vi.*

On the Lighter Side

A man is going into a pub when he sees an old woman fishing with a stick, string and hook in the gutter. Out of the kindness of his heart, he invites her in for a drink. He pays for their round and asks: "So how many have you caught today?" The old woman grins, takes a big sip, and replies, "You're the eighth."



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	
	Our sick and their carers	

Sunday 5th July is Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Next Sunday/Today is Aboriginal Sunday with the theme, Together In The Spirit. This begins a week of celebrations (NAIDOC Week) throughout the nation where Aboriginal peoples celebrate their spirituality, identity, culture and survival.

"We are truly grateful for our Church leaders who have challenged the country concerning the racism, injustices, disadvantage & poverty experienced by Indigenous people. Yet, we all know Indigenous people are still suffering. It is timely to reassess the way we do things together. Without doubt there still needs to be greater understanding, respect, recognition and much more to be done to bring about equality and reconciliation. And to allow our souls to be healed."

National Aboriginal & TSI Catholic Council You can join in the National ATSI Mass live-streamed from St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Adelaide at 11.30am on Sunday 5th July at www.natsicc.org.au/2020-atsi-sunday.html

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2020

You will need to book for Mass on Sunday 5th July at 9:30 am, either on-line or by calling Mary on 0484 332 397 or Debbie on 0417 051 366

On-line bookings will open at 12 noon on Wednesday 1st July and close at 12 noon on 4th July. Go to our website for the direct link.

If you have attended Mass recently, please do book in until after 5pm on Friday evening – thank you for being considerate to your fellow parishioners

Rosary & Mass on Wednesday Morning

Our weekday Masses on Wednesday is restricted to 20 people and everyone must fill in the attendance form.

Rosary will commence at 9:00 am

Mass will commence at 9:15 am

The Church will be closed at 10:00 am following Mass for cleaning.

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialized activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care.

More information and Application Forms are available on our website

<https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>

The closing date for this year's entries will be Friday 31 July 2020.

Sandhurst Diocese 'Wheel of Prayer Day' 2020 Saturday 8th August 2020 10.00 am – 3.15 pm.

Live via Zoom (diocesan website video available later) including: **Prayer of the Church** led by Bishop Shane Mackinlay; **Family Prayer**, Anthony & Rosey Kilmartin; **Taize Prayer**, Ruth Lawlor; **Devotional Prayer**, Fr Stephen Bolling; **Praying with Scripture**, Lyn Breen.

Go to TryBooking to register and leave your email address for Zoom meeting link to be sent to you. <https://www.trybooking.com/BJUOP>. To learn more to 'News & Events' at sandhurst.catholic.org.au.