

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 July 2020



Readings for
this week:

Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43



Readings for
next Sunday:

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52



Liturgical Jottings

Omission of texts

The omission of verses in readings from Scripture has at times been the practice in many liturgical traditions, including the Roman. Admittedly such omissions may not be made lightly, for fear of distorting the meaning of the text or the intent and style of Scripture. Yet on pastoral grounds it was decided to continue the tradition in the present Order of Readings, but at the same time to ensure that the essential meaning of the text remained intact. One reason for the decision is that otherwise some texts would have been unduly long. It would also have been necessary to omit completely certain readings of high spiritual value for the faithful because those readings include some verse that is unsuitable pastorally or that involves truly difficult problems.

General Introduction to the Lectionary n 77

Looking at the Gospel

Three Parables in today's Gospel: the wheat and the weeds; the mustard seed; and the yeast all begin with: "the Kingdom of Heaven is like...". In one way the Kingdom of Heaven is a mystery of faith. Therefore a variety of parables help throw light onto the mystery - we can see it from different perspectives. In another way these parables contain messages for us to accept and act upon the teaching of Christ. Therefore we see more deeply into the mystery of life.

Listening carefully to the three readings and the psalm we see God's patience, justice, gentleness, perseverance, will and desire for our happiness. Therefore we are called to act with justice, patience and gentleness and in our weakness we pray that "God's will be done". The two great mysteries of faith and life are encountered in our relationship with God and one another.

Saint of the Week: St Mary Magdalene Wed 22 July

Mary Magdalene is a saint in the Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Lutheran churches. She is mentioned by name twelve times in the gospels, more than most of the apostles and more than any other non-family woman. Mary Magdalene is a witness to the crucifixion of Jesus and also present at his burial. All four gospels identify her, either alone or as a member of a larger group of women which includes Jesus' mother, as the first to witness the empty tomb and the first to witness Jesus' resurrection. In 2016 Pope Francis raised her memorial to a feast with the title Apostle of the Apostles.

Quote of the Day

The word of God is a light to the mind and a fire to the will."
St Lawrence of Brindisi (1559-1619), Feast day 21 July

Prayer for the Week

It is truly right and just, ... Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, whose mercy is no less than His power, to preach the Gospel to everyone, through Christ, our Lord. In the garden He appeared to Mary Magdalene, who loved him in life, who witnessed his death on the cross, who sought him as he lay in the tomb, who was the first to adore him when he rose from the dead, and whose apostolic duty was honoured by the apostles that the good news of life might reach the ends of the earth. ... Mass Preface of St Mary Magdalene

On the Lighter Side

Knock, knock! Who's there? Mustard. Mustard who?
Mustard done something right!"

Knock, knock Who's there? Hatch, Hatch who? God bless you!

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	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Caterina Basile
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Felice LoPiccolo, Kathleen Connelly
	Our sick and their carers	Sue MacDonald

ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020

"They were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other Apostles, Brothers - what then must we do?" Acts 2:37

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group.

Aim: To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world.

Cost: FREE

Registration: Open now

Event Program: Available from Saturday 15th August, 2020

Go To: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

Mass Timetable

Wednesday: 9:15 am (rosary starts at 9am)

Saturday: 6:00 pm

Sunday: 9:30 am

You need to book on-line or by calling Mary 0484 332 397 or Debbie 0417 051 366

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Please let all your family and friends know about our Mass timetable. If they would like to come to Mass and cannot booking on line or having trouble please encourage them to call Mary on 0484 332 397 or Debbie on 0417 051 366

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

Seeking inspiration to cultivate a flourishing prayer life? Then join us for our annual 'Wheel of Prayer Day' and explore different forms of prayer to help you sustain a powerful and effective private prayer practice.

The day will begin with an introductory reflection and the Prayer of the Church (or 'Liturgy of the Hours') led by Bishop Shane Mackinlay. Four 45-minute workshops, each offering a brief introduction and experience of prayer, will follow.

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 go to 'News & Events' at sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

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