



Readings for
this week:

Sirach 27:30-28-7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35



Readings for next
Sunday: Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20-24,27
Matthew 20:1-16



Liturgical Jottings

Reconciliation Names

Catechism of the Catholic Church (French 1992, Latin & English 1994) in introducing each of the seven sacrament starts with: "What is this Sacrament called?" The fourth sacrament is given five names:

It is called the sacrament of conversion ...

It is called the sacrament of Penance ...

It is called the sacrament of confession

...

It is called the sacrament of forgiveness ...

It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation ... (CCC 1423-1424)

The original French also includes:

Il est appelé sacrement du pardon. (Cd'EC 1424) because God grants the penitent «le pardon et la paix» that is "pardon and peace" (From the Rite of Reconciliation 46). But this is lost in translation.

Looking at the Readings

The Sage of Book of Sirach or Ecclesiasticus gives advice against harbouring anger and resentment or failing to forgive the neighbour's sins. The consequences all rebound on the one who is unforgiving. This person, rather than the original wrongdoer will suffer. He/she will be judged and condemned, and resentment or vengeance will gnaw at their heart, they will be enmeshed in the cycle of evil themselves and lose the gifts of mercy and peace. Why persecute yourself thus!

Do not get too per-occupied with the numbers in today's Gospel they will give anyone a headache! Peter thought seven was generous but Jesus regarded 77 as barely sufficient, 10,000 talents would be an unimaginable debt, exceeding many nations' GDP and 100 denarii only a couple of month's work. Jesus certainly captured the attention of Peter and the others. We are urged to recognise our need for forgiveness and to be forgiving as our Father is forgiving. Our confession of sins becomes our profession of faith. Our reception for mercy becomes our gift of mercy to others. We celebrate all these mysteries in the mystery of the Eucharist.

Letter to the Romans

We heard the "final instalment" of St Paul's Letter to the Romans. It has been the second reading from the 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time (21 June) til 24th Sunday (13 Sept). It is the longest sequence in the lectionary from any one book other than the Gospels. It contains a rich teaching on faith and salvation. Paul is encouraging and comforting, his message is universal and emphatic about God's salvation given to us, not earned by us.

Prayer for the Week

"The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion."

Response to the Psalm *Ps 102:8*

Season of Creation 2

GREETING: Today the Readings remind us that where two or three gather, God is there guiding us. We ask forgiveness for the times we have ignored the advice of others and hardened our hearts.

REFLECTION: Recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change. We need to experience a conversion or change of heart. *Pope Francis Laudato Si' 218.*

On the Lighter Side

What did the tree say to spring? What a re-leaf.

Why are trees very forgiving? Because in Autumn they "Let it go." And in the Spring they "turn over a new leaf."

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	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	John de Lai
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	
	Our sick and their carers	Teresa Muto, Timothy Joseph Howell, Lewis Noonan

9:30 am On-Line Mass Sacred Heart

During the six week lockdown period in Victoria you will be able to Celebrate Mass with Fr John Paul on Sundays from 9:30 am via our website.

<http://www.sacredheartparishtatura.com.au/>

An Invitation for The People Of Sandhurst During This Season Of Creation 2020:

This online gathering will offer a reflection on the new Sandhurst 'Care for Creation' Statement and slide show followed by time for discussion sharing insights and possibilities. Two zoom opportunities:

- Friday 18 September 2020 10.30 – 11.30 am
- Tuesday 22 September 2020 7.00 – 8.00 pm

To receive zoom link email:

adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au OR
caritasjustice@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Child Protection Sunday,

13th September 2020

Today we mark Child Protection Sunday. In our Diocese policies and practices are in place in all of our parish communities to protect children and vulnerable adults. Child protection posters are prominently displayed in all our church buildings.

Protecting children and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of all people in our parish communities and not just our Clergy. Protection requires constant vigilance, particularly against complacency. Our precious children represent our future. Let us keep all our children happy and safe!

Names for the Bulletin and Prayers of the Faithful

Please email tatura@cdos.org.au if you would like to have an anniversary included in the bulletin or if you would like us to pray for someone who is sick. .

Priests Retirement Foundation – Appeal 2020

The Annual Appeal of the Priests Retirement Foundation will be held on Sunday 20 September 2020, an opportunity for the faithful people of the Diocese to consider a donation.

Currently we have 14 retired priests in the Diocese and we thank you for your support in recent years where many substantial donations and legacies have enabled the foundation to build. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible and receipts available on request.

Wishing you all continued health and safety and know you are in our prayers.

Chair: Mons Frank Marriott

To make a donation:

By cheque with your full name and address post to:
Priests Retirement Foundation
C/- St Therese's Parish

ENGAGING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH

From 14th September – 31 October 2020, Catholic Theological College (Melbourne) is offering a rich array of short courses via Zoom, with highly qualified presenters (including our own Dr Jake Mudge). Courses are 90 minutes or 2 hours duration, \$20 each. To choose your course(s) and register go to: www.ctc.edu.au

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By direct bank transfer to the account below:
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BSB: 083-543
Account No: 13-833-7378
Reference: PRF and your surname

Then email afewings@sandhurst.catholic.org.au
With details of your transfer