



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 25:6-10
Philippians 4:12-14,19-20
Matthew 22:1-14



Readings for next
Sunday: Isaiah 45:1,4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21



Liturgical Jottings

Names for the Eucharist

Three weeks ago this column gave nine titles for the Eucharist listed in the Catholic Catechism (1328-32). Here are ten more from Catholic Hymnody: The Body of the Lord, the Body of Christ, Bread of Heaven; Sweet Sacrament Divine; Blessed Sacrament; Heavenly Food, Living Bread the Life, Bread of Life Panis Angelicus (Bread of Angels), Living Bread of God, plus many more referring to the Last Supper, the heavenly banquet, Communion Cup and the Blood of Christ. These names and titles carry some the meaning and mystery of the sacrament as well as express our belief, spirituality and love of and devotion to the sacrament.

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Looking at the Readings

A wedding banquet or feast is a great image of the kingdom of heaven. Isaiah and Our Lord Jesus present this image as the eschatological event – that is the activity in heaven at the end of time. Preparations are made, the menu organised, the invitations are sent, and the experiences are anticipated: the end of sadness and death (Is 25:7), the place filled (Matt 22:10); and “we shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives.” (cf Ps 23:6)

Today’s parable is the third in a row addressed to the chief priests of the Temple, the Pharisees and the elders of the community. Christ is warning his listeners then and now that all are invited, but not all respond accordingly. His warning adds the consequence the invitees may find themselves out in the cold and the dark. We need to make life choices based on what is good and right, physically, morally, socially, spiritually and finally. Jesus’ invitation is in the form of his grace and love; our reply is by our life of integrity and love.

Prayer of the Week

God, of goodness and kindness, you invite all peoples to the banquet, and offer them a feast beyond compare. Give us your saving grace to keep unstained the robe of our baptism until that day when you welcome us to heaven’s joyful table. (*Collect 28th Week of Ordinary Time ICEL 1995*)

Did You Know?

In the time of Christ a Jewish wedding celebration often lasted for as long as a week, which may explain why some guests were reluctant to attend. Like living in the Kingdom, it was demanding!

Quote of the Week

Sorrow can be alleviated by a good sleep, a hot bath and a glass of wine. *St Thomas Aquinas*

On the Lighter Side

Occasionally I ask children and adults what meals are you likely to find in heaven. The way of the question eliminates any theological debate but get straight to the issue. Answers range from the traditional Sunday roast with all the trimmings, favourite home cooked meals to the latest take-away fad. The connoisseur, young or old, would elaborate and include drinks, table settings and dinner companions. Then we move to the crux of the matter: “How?”



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Michele (Mick) Villani, Rosemary Curtis
	Our sick and their carers	Teresa Muto, Timothy Joseph Howell

Marian Festival

For the last 45 years, the Marian Festival has been celebrated every year in the Bendigo area as a special day of prayers and devotions in honour of Our Lady of Fatima.

The festival has grown in size over time and in recent years hundreds have come from all over the Sandhurst Diocese as well as from Melbourne, Ballarat and Geelong.

This year, because of the lockdown restrictions, the festival will be streamed online so people can participate from at home. It will take place at St Liborius Church, Eaglehawk on Sunday, October 11th. To watch online or to find out more, go to www.bendigofatima.com.

Message to all Year 12 Students from Bishop Shane

To those that have already finished up for the year, to those who sat down to complete the GAT today, to those who are completing VCAL, to those at our Catholic Schools and those at any of the schools or other educational settings within the Diocese, to each and every one of you, this message is for you!

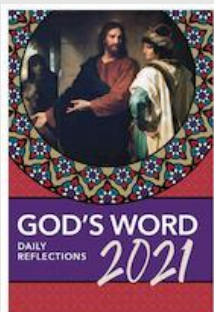
And to everyone else in our Diocese, we ask you to pray for our Year 12s as they enter into term 4, exams, final assessments, goodbyes and new beginnings!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GB5B8Wck464>

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CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Following the meeting of the College of Consultors last Friday and subsequent conversations with those involved, I wish to advise you of the following clergy appointments:

Echuca

- Father Pompeyo Tan has been appointed Parish Priest of St Mary's Parish, Echuca, with effect from Saturday 9 January 2021

Kyabram

- Father Jinjo Solis has been appointed chaplain to hospitals and aged care in Bendigo, with effect from Saturday 31 October, as priest in residence at St Therese's Parish, Kennington
- Father John Paul Pasala has been appointed Administrator of St Augustine's Parish, Kyabram, with effect from Saturday 31 October, in addition to his current position as Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Parish, Tatura
- Father Michael Morley will assist with sacramental ministry at St Augustine's Parish, Kyabram, and Sacred Heart Parish, Tatura

White Hills

- Father Peter Dell'Avo is currently undertaking a period of sick leave on the advice of his doctor.
- Father Peter is receiving appropriate care and is able to arrange for his ordinary needs (cooking, shopping, etc.), but he would be very grateful for your prayers for his wellbeing. For the time being, he will continue to reside at the presbytery.
- The parish phone has been diverted to St Kilian's Parish Office, which will respond to general enquiries
- The priests of Sacred Heart Cathedral parish are available to celebrate funerals if needed

Myrtleford and Bright

- Information about St Mary's Parish, Myrtleford, and Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Bright, is currently being prepared and will be circulated when it is available
- Priests will be invited to express their interest in being appointed to these parishes, which will be discussed at the next meeting of the College of Consultors, on Tuesday 10 November

I express my thanks to each of the priests receiving a new appointment for the service they have given in their current position, and for their willingness to take up a new ministry in the diocese.

Yours sincerely,

+Shane Mackinlay

Bishop of Sandhurst