

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 28 February 2021



Readings for
this week:

Genesis 22:1-2,9-18
Romans 8:31-34
Mark 9:2-10



Readings for
next week

Exodus 20:1-17
1 Corinthians 1:22-25
John 2:13-35



Liturgical Jottings

Lent III

Last Year Lent was interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. After the Third Sunday of Lent, all churches were closed to the general public. This year we hope to participate in all the Lenten activities: Masses, Lenten prayer/reflection groups, sacramental celebration of Reconciliation and RCIA, Palm Sunday, Chrism Mass, Holy week ceremonies and the full Easter celebrations.

This year, however, we do have some pleasant interruptions to the Lenten discipline: Laetare Sunday (14 March) and the great feasts of St Patrick (17 March), St Joseph (19 March) and Annunciation of the Lord (25 March). The restrictions on flowers, music and fasting are relaxed so that we may celebrate these days fittingly.

Looking at the Readings

Life has its ups and downs. This was true, literally and figuratively for Peter, James and John in the gospel to today. They climbed a high mountain and while on the mountaintop had the experience of their lives. They saw Christ in his glory accompanied with two great figures from the past and most influential in their faith tradition: Moses and Elijah. Peter, James and John wanted to stay there. They are the same three that accompanied Christ into the Garden Gethsemane. They witnessed his glory and his agony. They had to continue the journey with Christ by going down to the valley and the plain and going back to the lows of ordinary life, work, criticism and hardship.

We need highs and lows. We cannot always be high, just as we cannot always be low. In our Christian faith we have feasts and fasts, dry times and rich times in prayer, great community gatherings and quiet and sometimes lonely periods. The challenge is to find and listen to God in all these times and situations, especially the grey and ordinary times. There are times of testing as with Abraham in the first reading and times of delight with Christ by our side and who rescues us.

Quote of the Week

The great reason for the transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the cross from the hearts of his disciples and to prevent the humiliation of his voluntary suffering from disturbing the faith of those who had witnessed the surpassing glory that lay concealed. ... The whole body of Christ was to understand the kind of transformation that it would receive as his gift. the members of that body were to look forward to a share in that glory which first blazed out in Christ their head. *Homily of St Leo the Great*

Autumn Ember Day Prayer Friday 5 March

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the fruits that earth has given to benefit the human family and, we pray that, as the working of your supreme providence has produced them, so you may cause the seed of justice and the fruits of charity to spring up in our hearts.

On the Lighter Side

Advent, Christmastide, Lent and Eastertide walk into a pub and order an eggnog, a shiraz, a glass of water and a sparkling pinot, respectively. The Barman says: "That's very Seasonal; nothing Ordinary about you lot!"





Margret, 39, is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands. She was born deaf, so she knows the challenges it poses to education and employment.

The school faced water shortages that often left staff and students without safe water for drinking, cooking, washing and growing vegetables.

Then Tropical Cyclone Harold damaged the school and its vegetable garden as the threat of COVID-19 loomed. With Caritas Australia's support, the school installed water tanks, provided cyclone-proof building materials, and helped to implement COVID-19 prevention measures.

Margret's school now has enough water for its students and the capacity to cater for more, and is now planning to boost food security through increased agricultural production.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 and help people living with disabilities in the Solomon Islands gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to protect our common home.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Director, Mission and Pastoral Life, Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst, Bendigo

An exciting opportunity exists to become part of the senior leadership of the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst. This is a full-time role reporting to the Bishop.

Some of the key responsibilities will include:

- Supervise the missionary and evangelising staff of the Diocese.
- Build and effectively lead an agile and innovative team that will facilitate the missionary orientation of Diocesan and Parish life.
- Strategically implement directions within the vision for the missionary footing for the Diocese of Sandhurst.
- Build effective relationships with all stakeholders working in the mission and formation areas throughout the Diocese.
- Identify areas of need for support for mission, evangelisation and formation in parishes and develop strategies to provide this support.
- Engage and build strong relationships with the Chancery staff, Clergy and Parishes throughout the Diocese.

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE: 12 March, 2021

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For more information, a copy of the position description and how to apply.

<https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/director-of-mission-and-pastoral-life>

Your Parish Needs You

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a sign of a lively parish. The PPC provides a voice for all our pastoral activities.

If you are interested in ensuring our Parish is vibrant and lively please consider putting your hand up to become part of the PPC.

It would be wonderful to see our younger parishioners and parents of our school children become a more active part of our Parish. So if you have a desire to make sure that we continue as a viable, active and faith filled community. Then please consider becoming part of our PPC.

For more information, please email Debbie Worm our PPC Secretary on ldworm@bigpond.net.au.

Fr. John Paul

Ladies Chat

All ladies are welcome to come along to St Mary's Hall on Wednesday 3rd March at 2pm to have a chat and a catch-up.

We wish to arrange the supper for the World day of Prayer on Friday 5th March – see back page for details.

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

Please note that names on the sick list only remain for four weeks unless, unless the Parish Office is asked for them to remain on the list for an additional four weeks.

C. W. L. Annual Conference

"The Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga will hold its Annual Conference on Wednesday 3rd March at St. Joseph's Church and Presbytery, 42 Arundel St. Benalla. There will be Holy Mass at 10am, Morning Tea, opening prayer, followed by the Meeting. Lunch is at 12.30. At 1.30 Fr. Vijay Bandanadam, the Administrator of the Parish, has kindly agreed to be our Guest Speaker. Various reports will be presented, announcement of Office Bearers, and final prayers, concluding at approximately 3.30pm.

All are welcome, including non-members.
Fr. Peter Ferwerda, Spiritual Director." 16/2/21

Please note there is no
Reconciliation
on Saturday 6th March



Spirituality in the Pub at the Terminus Hotel, Shepparton on **Mon 1st March 7.30 – 9pm** (meals from 6pm optional) Come and join the conversation about **WHY GO BACK TO MASS?** Speakers are **Cathy Jenkins**, Assistant to the Director: Leadership with Catholic Education and one of Sandhurst Diocese' Delegates to the Plenary Council. And **Alma Limbrick**, Pastoral Associate in Kyabram Parish.

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Sandhurst Diocese Lent 2021 leaflets

The Sandhurst Diocese Lent 2021 leaflets invite reflection on excerpts from Pope Francis' 'Let us Dream', with suggestions for action from one of the Australian Plenary Council Thematic Discernment papers: 'How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is humble, healing and merciful?'

The leaflets for the Second Sunday of Lent are in Narthex, please collect one and read and reflect over it.

For the complete set you can download it from the Sandhurst website.

Go to www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au menu 'News & Events' 'News'.

*Everyone should be quick to listen,
slow to speak and
slow to anger*

James 1:19

Memorial Mass

A memorial Mass for the repose of the soul of

Denis Wood

will be offered at St Augustine's Church Kyabram on Saturday 13th March at 10 am. All welcome

Mass Timetable Week commencing 1st March

Weekday Mass

Monday 1 st March	No Mass
Tuesday 2 nd March	No Mass
Wednesday 3 rd March	9:15 am Mass
Thursday 4 th March	No Mass
Friday 5 th March	9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday 6 th March	5:30 pm Mass
Sunday 7 th March	9:30 am Mass

Reconciliation (in the Nuns Chapel)

Saturday 6 th March	No Reconciliation
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Convent Furniture

The completion of renovation works at the convent has brought about a need for the Parish to dispose of some older furniture that is now surplus to our needs.

For those interested in securing any of this furniture, it will be available for inspection immediately after Sunday Mass.

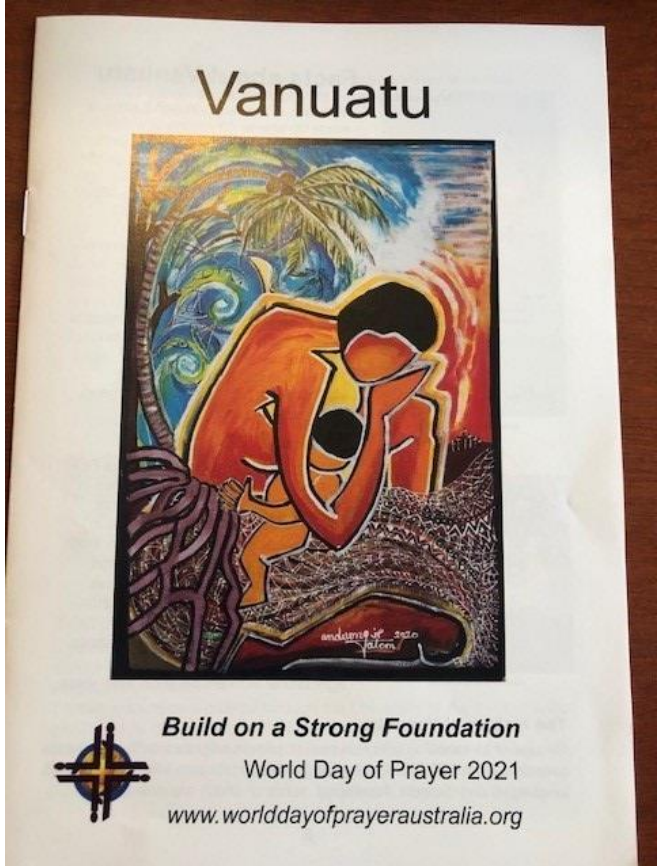
In the event that any parishioners wish to take any furniture they may wish to make a small donation to the Parish.

The following photos represent a small selection of what is available.



World Day of Prayer 2021 5 March 2021

This year on the World Day of Prayer we will be praying for Vanuatu.



Date: Friday 5 March 2021
Time: 7:30 pm
Location: Sacred Heart Church, Tatura
Contact Person: Gwen Ranson, 5824 1251

