

Fourteen Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 4 July 2021



Readings for
this Sunday

Ezekiel 2:2-5
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6



Readings for
next week:

Amos 7:12-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:7-13



Liturgical Jottings

The Homily III

Another feature of a good homily is that it is positive. It is not so much concerned with pointing out what shouldn't be done, but with suggesting what we can do better. In any case, if it does draw attention to something negative, it will also attempt to point to a positive and attractive value, lest it remain mired in complaints, laments, criticisms and reproaches. Positive preaching always offers hope, points to the future, does not leave us trapped in negativity. How good it is when priests, deacons and the laity gather periodically to discover resources which can make preaching more attractive! Pope Francis 2013, *Evangelii Gaudium* n. 159.

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Focus on the Gospel

I once observed a man standing on a milk crate, bible in hand either reading aloud or preaching. I could not hear him. He was on the grass verge of the Shepparton Causeway, cars were rushing by and there were no pedestrians. No one could hear him. We read in the first reading that Ezekiel was sent to the rebels in the northern kingdom to prophesise, "whether they listen or not." There is a big difference between the Shepparton preacher and Ezekiel: Ezekiel's voice was heard but did his hearers heed his message to convert, return to the Lord and practice justice?

Jesus suffered the fate of many of the Lord's Prophets; people ridiculed him, the authorities persecuted him many would not accept him, even in his home town (today's Gospel). His townsfolk were astonished at what he said, but then Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith. Several times we hear this in the gospels. On the other hand he hear that Jesus is amazed at the faith of others: the Syro-Phoenician woman and Roman centurion.

The two readings call us to listen to and receive the word of God, to let his truth take hold of our celebrations and social participation. It is the role of the prophet to awaken our response to faith. Christ gives strength to us to accept and believe in him and to live our faith in our world.

Quote of the Week

"It is when I am weak that I am strong." *St Paul, 2 Cor 12:10*

Saint of the Week: Friday 9 July

St Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese soldier who accompanied Bishop John Dufresse of the Paris Foreign Mission Society to his martyrdom in Beijing. Not long after his baptism, Augustine was ordained as a diocesan priest. He was martyred in 1815. The 120 martyrs in this group died between 1648 and 1930. Eighty-seven of them were born in China, and were children, parents, catechists or labourers, ranging in age from nine years to 72 and includes four Chinese priests. 33 foreign-born martyrs were mostly priests or women religious. Beatified in groups at various times, these 120 martyrs were canonised on October 1, 2000.

On the Lighter Side

What do you call a man who can't stand? Neil.

What do you call a man laying on the floor? Matt.

What do you call a can opener that doesn't work? A can't opener! And finally what do you get when you combine a rhetorical question and a joke?



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

ROSTER		
Date	Saturday 11 July	Sunday 11 July
Commentator	Carol Coulston	Debbie Worm
Reader	Debbie Turvy	Mary Vraca

GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN 2021

In 2020 almost 1000 men across Australia, including over 200 in Victoria across every Diocese, registered to participate in this ground breaking "Gathering of Catholic Men" by grouping in host sites and hubs as COVID allowed, or by watching the material privately.

In 2021 this event is being staged again on the 31st July in a shorter format. It would be wonderful to increase the reach to Catholic men and to have more men gathering with likeminded men in clusters. The aim of the event has always been to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. It is hoped that the event will reinforce the importance of gathering in the faith environment of the Church, ensuring that the Gospel is alive in our homes, parishes/dioceses and our communities. To register go to the following link: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au.

COVID Requirements

Everyone needs to:

- check-in to each Mass service either using the QR Code or the sign in sheet.
- Wear a face mask
- Use hand sanitiser
- Maintain a social distancing (1.5m)

After each Mass service, cleaning has to take place, if you are able to assist that would be greatly appreciated.

Mass Timetable Week commencing 5th July

Weekday Mass

Monday 5 th July	No Mass
Tuesday 6 th July	No Mass
Wednesday 7 th July	9:15 am Liturgy
Thursday 8 th July	No Mass
Friday 9 th July	9:15 am Liturgy

Weekend Mass

Saturday 10 th July	5:30 pm Mass
Sunday 11 th July	9:30 am Mass

Reconciliation (4th Saturday of the Month)
Saturday 24th July 11:30 am



This week on the Journey (Ep 413)
On the Journey this week: Fr Brian Steele MGL asks are we the same as the Nazarene villagers. Would Jesus be just as amazed at our lack of faith? Mother Hilda compares a deciduous tree to the barren times in our life. Francine Pirola has a top tip on giving freely, without resentment to the other. Fr Dave Callaghan says we are at risk of losing the language & culture of worship but also says there's a simple solution to rescue our culture. Plus, more great music!

Visit www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email

Ladies Chat and a Cuppa

Everyone is welcome to come along to Chat and Cuppa on Wednesday 7 July, in St Marys Hall at 2pm

Prayer for the end of Covid-19

Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation.

Humbly we come before you asking for a swift eradication of the coronavirus

Graciously hear the prayers we offer for all those affected by the virus currently ravaging various parts of the world.

Calm our fears and give strength to those who support and care for others.

Grant healing to all suffering in mind, body and spirit, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved.

Inspire those who are working to find an effective vaccine.

Counsel governments and health authorities to take appropriate steps for the good of all.

Look lovingly upon us all, and in your mercy, forgive our failings.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me,

'Son of man, I am sending you...' EZEKIEL 2:2-3 God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you?

Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called.

Answer His call.

New Location for the Uniting Church

The Uniting Church in Tatura is about to move into its new location at 115 Hogan Street.

The Congregational Secretary, Beryl Cross has extended an invitation to all Sacred Heart Parishioners to attend their opening service at 9:30 am on Sunday 11 July. Refreshments will follow the service

For more information contact Beryl Cross on 0428266356



ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY 4th July "HEAL COUNTRY"

Every year, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First peoples.

This year NATSICC is adopting the NAIDOC theme for 2021 – Heal Country. Today our world is in need of healing – environmentally, spiritually and socially. We must all come together as a global community to fight the injustices of inequality, racism and environmental damage. We hope this celebration will help all our communities to begin to Heal and in turn aid in the healing of those in most need.



Catholic Theological College
Ethical Issues and Human Ageing
Online unit via zoom on 6 Saturdays from 31 July

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