

Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Sunday 12 September 2021



Readings for
this Sunday

Isaiah 50:5-9
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35



Readings for
next week:

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37



Liturgical Jottings

The Senses - Sight

Christian Faith and Catholic Liturgy are very dependent on the use of signs and symbols. We see symbols all around us especially in the liturgy and sacraments: the Altar, Lectern, Cross, font, candles, chair, icons, cloths, vestments, water, oil, bread and wine, statues, banners and many decorative works. Signs and symbols speak in silence, with no words, but reveal meanings to the observer and participant.

Our eyes see the altar and evokes the meaning of a meal, a sacrifice, a gathering. We see the candle: it calls to mind Christ as the light of the world, his resurrection, our baptism, prayer and memories.

Focus on the Readings

Proof of Identity is a significant element in 21st century living (and dying). Many times we need to produce 100 points to verify our identity and progress onto the next stage of the business at hand. The readings today present us with hidden identities and mysteries of faith. Who is the Suffering Servant in the Song of Isaiah? He is a servant of God, perhaps Isaiah himself or another prophet-many of them suffered. We now come to understand the Messianic nature of the four servant songs and recognise Christ. We do not ask for 100 points but to enter the mystery of Christ and nourish our relationship with him.

Christ Jesus confronts the apostles and asks the two questions, the second is: "Who do you say I am?" It is a deeper question than merely identity. Their faith in him is challenged. We are invited to enter the mystery of his identity, his destiny and our salvation. Peter reveals part of his identity and told to keep it secret and then Jesus reveals his destiny to suffer, die and rise. Peter finds it hard to accept this part of his identity.

We are invited to take up our cross. Tuesday the mystery of the Cross is celebrated with its own Feast: "The Exaltation of the Cross".

Season of Creation Themed notes

Week 2: OIKOS is the root word for 'ecology', the science of relationships of organisms (including us) to each other and their surroundings. The First reading speaks of Wisdom of God accessed both through study of nature, God's world, and of scripture, God's word. Psalm 19 outlines God's 'two books': nature (vs.1-6) and scripture (vs.7-11). How can we ensure we gain wisdom by studying both of these means of God's self-revelation? *2021 Celebration Guide A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God*

Feast of the Week

Of all the feasts this week one is of particular note: St Hildegard of Bingen, Friday 17 September. Her memorial was inserted into the calendar this year, but only after the 2021 calendars were printed. Hildegard (1098-1179) a Benedictine abbess, writer, composer, philosopher, mystic and visionary and founder of the scientific natural history was declared a doctor of the Church in 2012.

Quote of the Week

The Word is living, being, spirit, all verdant greening, all creativity. This Word manifests itself in every creature. Hildegard of Bingen

On the Lighter Side

Two windmills are on a wind farm, one asks, "What's your favourite type of music?" The other says, "I'm a big metal fan."



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Evelyn Bourke
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	John De Lai
	Our sick and their carers	Mary Lalor



This weekend the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and laypeople in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday. day.

CHANGE TO MASS TIMES WHEN WE ARE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO LIVE MASS

The times for Mass will be altered and Saturday Mass will be celebrated on alternate weeks. Details are as follows:

Saturday Mass

1st and 3rd Saturday of the month at 6:00 pm

Sunday Mass

Every Sunday 10:00 am

Anointing Mass

1st Wednesday of the month 9:15 am

Reconciliation

1st Saturday of the month 11:30 am

If Greater Shepparton is released from the strict restrictions next week, we will be having Mass on Saturday 18th September at 6pm, and Sunday 19th September at 10 am. And there could be a 20 person limit, so call Mary on Friday 0484 332 397 to check availability.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Our Parish has policies and practices in place to safeguard children and vulnerable adults in our community. We have a zero tolerance of any abuse. We acknowledge the pain and suffering of all who have been hurt in body, mind and spirit by those who have betrayed the trust placed in them.

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Wednesdays & Fridays from 9:00 am until 4pm

ORGAN & BRASS CONCERT

Presented by
VICTORIA BRASS

Conducted by
Dr. Matthew van Emmerik

Guest Soloists
Dr. Calvin Bowman ~ Organ
Matthew Little ~ Vocals/Narration



Venue:
Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo ~ 27th November 7pm
St Andrew's Church, Brighton ~ 28th November 7pm

Tickets:
Phone: 0449 186 916 to pre-order tickets
Email: moniqueelliott@hotmail.com

Prices: Family: \$50 • Adults: \$20 • Conc: \$15 • Child: 12-18 \$10, under 12 free



