

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 31 October 2021



Readings for
this Sunday

Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 12:28-34



Readings for
next week:

1 Kings 17:10-16
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44



Liturgical Jottings Ordinary Numbers

Ordinary numbers are used to tell the order in a sequence, example first, second, third, or thirty-first. Hence the numbering of Sundays in Ordinary Time. Cardinal numbers are used to count the number in a set, example one, two or ten etc. Hence we have nine Eucharistic prayers in the Roman Missal and three for Masses with Children. The sequence of days in the month to coincide with sequence of Sundays in Ordinary Time is not common. Today we have the 31st October on the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. The last concurrence was 26th September 2021, the second last time was 15th July and 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time in 2018. This concurrence has happened 20 times since 10th August 2000 and thrice for the 1st Sunday of Advent to fall on 1st Dec in 2002, 2013, and 2019 and four times in Lent on 1st March with 1st Sunday of Lent in 2009 and 2020 and 3rd March with 3rd Sunday of Lent in 2002 and 2013.

Focus on the Readings

The first reading from Deuteronomy (Greek meaning Second Law) is a summary of the ten commandments. Verses 6:4-9 have been regarded as a declaration of faith for the Hebrew people. Today the orthodox Jews take quite literally 6:8 “Bind these words as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead,” by attaching the text on their foreheads and forearms in small pouches called tefillin or phylacteries.

The text was also recited in their daily morning and evening prayer acknowledging their devotion to the one true God, a God of love. The “Shema” prayer has a similar status to the Christian Lord’s Prayer also prayed morning and evening acknowledging God as our loving Father.

So the text would be very familiar both to Christ and the scribe (lawyer) who asked the question in today’s Gospel passage. Christ added a new line: “and you shall love your neighbour as yourself” Mark 12:31 and also from the Torah in Leviticus 18:19,34

The scribe’s encounter with Christ was amicable and serene, Jesus response wise and deep. We are all called to that deeper relationship with God peacefully and confidently.

Prayer for the Week

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. *Psalms 17:2-4*

Quote of the Week

“The human person is faithful when he believes in God and his promises; God is faithful when he grants to the person what he has promised”. *St Augustine in Psal. 32, II, s. I, 9.*

On the Lighter Side

Tomorrow is All Saints Day. Despite media reports that the Church, or the Pope, has ‘made’ a person a Saint, the Church is quite clear that what it does is recognise a person as a Saint, not make them a Saint. This is what happens through the process of canonisation; a person is ‘formally recognised’ as a Saint by the Church. We might say that it is God who makes Saints, not the Church. The Church recognises the saintliness of particular people to provide inspiration and example to others. The Church tells the stories of its Saints to keep alive their inspiration. © Greg Sunter in LiturgyHelp.com



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Kay Marshall, Mary Ryan (nee Nihill) Caterina Pietropaulo (Italy)
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Stewart and John Hartford
	Our sick and their carers	

Mass Timetable Week commencing 1 November

Weekday Mass

Monday 1 st Nov	No Mass
Tuesday 2 nd Nov	9:30 Tatura Cemetery Italian Rosary
Wednesday 3 rd Nov	9:15 am Mass
Thursday 4 th Nov	No Mass
Friday 5 th Nov	9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Saturday 6 th Nov	9:00 am Cemetery Mass 6:00 pm Mass
Sunday 7 th Nov	10:00 am Mass

Reconciliation (1st Saturday of the Month)
Saturday 6th November 11:30 am

Italian Rosary

iL S. Rosario per i nostri cari Defunti sara recitato
Martedi 2 November al Cimitero di Tatura alle 9:30
Portate una sedio.

The Holy Rosary for our dear departed will be recited
on Tuesday November 2nd at the Tatura Cemetery
at 9:30 am. Please bring a chair.

Cemetery Mass

Mass will be held on Saturday, 6th November at 9.00
am at the Tatura Cemetery.

Please bring a chair. And please bring a flower, as
we no longer have the supply of beautiful flowers
from Judith Steele's garden.

BOOKINGS FOR MASS SERVICES

Due to the Victorian Government Covid restrictions,
Mass numbers are limited to 30 people, plus those
necessary to conduct the service.

Bookings are essential for weekend Mass.

To book for Mass on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th
October at 10:00 am please call Mary on 0484 332
397.

COVID Requirements

Everyone needs to:

- check-in to each Mass service either using the QR Code or the sign in sheet.
- Show your vaccination certificate
- 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.

Let the word of God dwell in you in all its richness. Teach and
admonish one another with words of wisdom. With thankful hearts
sign to god psalms, hymns and spontaneous praise.

Colossians 3:16

SANDHURST WORLD YOUTH DAY '21 - REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!!!

Are you planning on coming along in-person to
Sandhurst World Youth Day on 20th November at St
Kilian's, Bendigo (Ages 15-30)? Now is your chance
to secure yourself and your friends a place!
Have questions?

Keep an eye out for announcements on the
Sandhurst Youth Ministry Instagram and Facebook
pages over the next month as well let you know who
will be there and what to expect. We have some
fantastic guests lined up who we know you will be
excited to see!

What to expect in a nutshell? Music, Workshops, a
chance to BE WITH OTHER PEOPLE!!! and evening
Mass to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. The
gate will open at 12:30 for a 1:30 start and we will
keep on going until 8pm.

Can't make it to Bendigo? Make sure you subscribe
to our YouTube Channel (Sandhurst Youth) and plan
on watching the live-stream and follow along with
Social Media on the day!

Register here: trybooking.com/BUXWA

Holy Souls Mass Envelopes

Envelopes for Masses for the Holy Souls for November are available please ask Trish or Mary for an envelope or collect them from the Narthex.

"It is holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from their sins." 11 Machabees 12:46

Sandhurst Youth Music Ministry Workshop, Bendigo

Gen Bryant will be coming to Bendigo for Sandhurst Youth Ministry's first Music Ministry Workshop specifically for those aged 15-30 who would like to be more involved in, or even just learn a bit more about, Music Ministry!

The Workshop will cover two areas:

1. Music for Praise and Worship
2. Music for Liturgy

There'll also be lunch provided!

And if you attend you can also become part of our Sandhurst World Youth Day band and put the workshop into practice! This is an optional extra, but we hope you are even a little bit as excited as we are about the opportunity!

You will need to register to attend as we have limited spaces due to Covid-restrictions.

Email youth@sandhurst.catholic.org.au to save yourself a space and get more information.

'Advent with Mary MacKillop'

The Education Team at MMHC will be delivering an online Advent reflection program consisting of 4 one-hour sessions that will be held on Wednesdays from 7 - 8pm on 24th November and the 1st, 8th and 15th December.

The sessions will be based on the Advent readings and will be combined with reflections on St Mary of the Cross.

Each session will incorporate aspects of the program Blessed. To register visit

<https://www.mmhc.org.au/advent-with-mary-mackillop/>

Access to sessions will be via a Teams link provided by MMHC after registering, where participants would be able to join using a computer, tablet or smart phone. It would be much appreciated if you would consider donating \$7.50 per session or \$25 for the 4 sessions

**You are invited to the Fresh Heart! Fresh Hope!
Online Ministry Symposium
Practical Exploration with Live Panel
Saturday, 6th November 2021
10am - 3pm (AEDT)**

In this one-day online symposium, we explore best practices and pitfalls in our efforts to engage our communities, and key groups to effectively grow our mission in Jesus Christ.

Our scenario is a fictional parish, planning for 2022.

We will journey with its representatives through the experience of a live panel, consisting of:

- Parish Priest
- School Principal
- Life, Marriage, Family Coordinator
- Parent in the School
- Pastoral Council Representative and Young Person.

Sign up for the online symposium and also receive access to our Catholic Ministry Resource and Community Hub until 31 December (\$40 for individuals, \$200 for 10 registrations). Register at <https://tinyurl.com/ministrysymposium6Nov>

A Prayer for Students taking Exams

God love them and
sustain them;
Renew and support them with your strength;
Pour out your spirit of wisdom on them;
Help them to remain calm and
to attend carefully to the questions asked;
Help them to think clearly, to remember accurately
and to express themselves well.
May they reflect
the best of the work they have done and
the best of the teaching they have received.
May your love be upon them O Lord
as they place all their trust in you.
May the power of your love enable them
to accomplish what is right and good.
Amen

Ladies Chat and Cuppa

Everyone is welcome to come along to the Ladies Chat and Cuppa

Date: Wednesday, 3rd November
Time: 2pm.
Venue: St Mary's Hall

Please bring your own snacks.