

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

Sunday 20 February 2022



Readings for
this week:

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23
1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38



Readings for
next Sunday

Sirach 27:4-7
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45



Liturgical Jottings

Anointing Kings

Samuel had anointed Saul as King of Israel (1 Sam 10:1). David was anointed king at Hebron (2 Sam 2:1-4) and Solomon anointed king by Zadok, the priest, at Gihon (1Kgs 1:39). It was a ceremonial marking the start of a king's reign. David did not raise his hand [with spear] against Saul because he recognised that he was the anointed one of God (1 Sam 26:23). In this present age European monarchs at the start of their reign are anointed with the oil of Chrism.

The rite of Baptism contains an anointing before baptism for strengthening and one after as a symbol of holiness: "He [God] now anoints you with the Chrism of salvation, so that you may remain members of Christ, Priest, Prophet and King, unto eternal life. Amen. OBC 2020

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Looking at the Readings

Continuing the Sermon on the Plain this Sunday. the Gospel (6:27-38) loosely parallels the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel, (5:38-48). We cannot escape the emphasis Luke places on Jesus' command: "Love your enemies (6:27) and repeated in verse 35 and extended in his teaching on the fourth beatitude and on compassion and forgiveness. We also have an example to observe this very command in the first reading where David shows respect and mercy to his aggressor Saul.

"Love Your Enemies" is a distinctive Christian principle and way of being. People notice how a faithful Christian lives this out. In a fast and pluralistic society this teaching is more difficult to promote and practice. Our church seeks both personal and public expressions of this beatitude and command of Jesus. Jesus forgave his persecutors on the cross, Stephen likewise at his stoning (Act 7:60). More than a moral teaching, it is God's self-revelation and our basis to be like our God.

Quote of the Week

Mercy is the image of God, and the merciful are in fact, a God dwelling on the earth. As God is merciful to all, without distinction, so the merciful must share benefits equally. My child, be merciful and share your goods with all, so that you may be elevated to divinity: for, as I have told you, the merciful person is another God on the Earth. *Rabban Youssef Bousnaya, 10th century Syrian monk*

Feast of the Week: St Polycarp, 23 February

He was bishop of Smyrna, disciple of Saint John the Apostle and friend of Saint Ignatius of Antioch. Revered during the second century, Polycarp was recognised as a Christian leader by all Christians in Asia Minor—a strong fortress of faith and loyalty to Jesus Christ. His own strength emerged from his trust in God, even when events contradicted this trust. Living among pagans and under a government opposed to the new religion, he led and fed his flock boldly and faithfully. He was martyred in 155.

On the Lighter Side

True Story: Years ago in a Victorian Football Tribunal hall several reported players were lining up for their cases to be heard. A few were talking about the new team in the league: "Corpus Christi College" One said: "The team is made up of trainee priests". Another asked: "What are they like?" A third replied, quoting today's scripture: "Well when you hit them they just turn the other cheek!"



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Coral Reily, Mons Patrick Collins
	Our sick and their carers	Sue McDonald

Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 21st February

Weekday Mass

Mon 21 st Feb	No Mass
Tue 22 nd Feb	No Mass
Wed 23 rd Feb	9:15 am Mass
Thur 24 th Feb	No Mass
Fri 25 th Feb	9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 26 th Feb	No Mass
Sun 27 th Feb	10:00 am Mass

Weekday Mass

Mon 28 th Feb	No Mass
Tue 1 st Mar	No Mass
Wed 2 nd Mar	9:15 am Mass
Thur 3 rd Mar	No Mass
Fri 4 th Mar	9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 5 th Mar	6pm Mass
Sun 6 th Mar	10:00 am Mass

Reconciliation (1st Saturday of the Month)
Saturday 5th March 2022

Along the Track

Luke announces Christmas in this way: I bring you good news of great joy, a joy to be shared. Luke 2:10. This Good News is, Luke tells us, a message meant for all people.

This is the first paragraph of Jim Quillinan's Along the Track article. For the full article online visit

http://www2.ceosale.catholic.edu.au/Along_the_Tracks.aspx

Copies of the Along the Track are in the Narthex.

March Diary Dates

Sat 5 th	11:30am Reconciliation
Wed 2 nd	9:15 Ash Wed School Mass
Wed 2 nd	2pm Ladies Chat
Fri 11 th	2pm Italian Rosary
Sun 20 th	10am Children's Mass
	Cuppa After Mass
Wed 23 rd	5pm Italian Mass

Parish Appointments

After discussion with the College of Consultors earlier today, I am very pleased to announce the following appointments to parishes of the Diocese:

Benalla

- Parish Priest: Fr Vijay Bandanadam ALCP/OSS (following his recent grant of permanent residency)

Echuca

- Parish Priest: Fr Novelito Lim, from 9 April

Kerang

- Parish Priest: Fr Dean Bongat, from 9 April

Nathalia & Numurkah

- Administrator: Fr Joe Taylor VG (in addition to his appointments as Parish Priest of Shepparton and Dookie)

Shepparton & Dookie

- Assistant Priest: Fr Jophin Joy ALCP/OSS, from 26 February
- Assistant Priest: Deacon Jackson Saunders, from 9 April (following his priestly ordination)

Wodonga

- Assistant Priest: Fr Uday Marneni ALCP/OSS, from 26 February

I am grateful to each of these priests for their willingness to take up these new appointments, and I ask you to join me in praying for them and for the communities in which they will minister.

Yours sincerely,
+Shane Mackinlay

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Looking for your help

Do you realise what talents you have?
Would you like to use your talents to help your parish?

There are so many different tasks around the parish that we need your help with. We need people to help us with Pastoral Care - Baptism program - Maintenance - Child Safety - Finance - Administration

Please read through the form that is included in this bulletin and complete and drop

Very Rev John Paul Pasala



JOURNEY
CATHOLIC RADIO

"reflecting upon this experience from the prospective of post-traumatic growth"

FR ANTHONY CROOK

This week on the Journey (Ep 446)

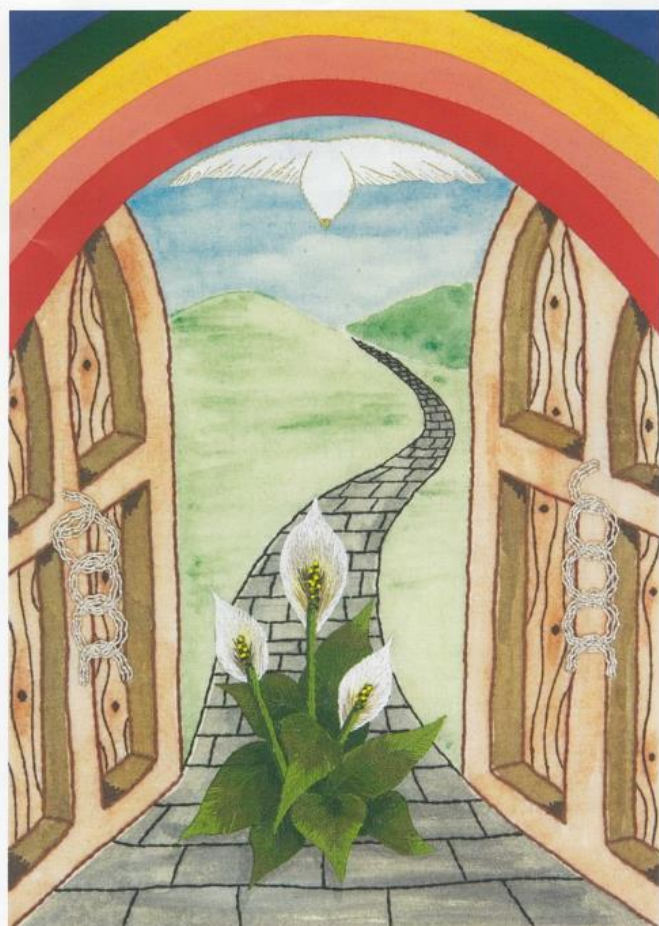
On the Journey this week: Fr Paul Maunder OCD says this Gospel defines Christian love and behaviour in which Jesus insists on the lengths we must go to demonstrate our Christian love and behaviour towards others. Mother Hilda on being the miracle God wants us to be. Fr Anthony Crook with positive psychology, plus Huw Warmenhoven from Alpha Australia, Fr Dave Callaghan, and more great music!

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Prayer for Gratitude

Thank you, Lord, for the blessings you have bestowed on my life. ...

And Lord, I am so grateful for keeping those around me safe and loved. I hope that you provide me with the ability and sense to show them every day how much they matter.



World Day of Prayer 2022

England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Date and time: **Friday**
4th March 2pm

Location:
Tatura Uniting
115 Hogan St Tatura

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