



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11



Readings for
next Sunday

Luke 19:28-40 (Entrance)
Isaiah 50 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14-23:56



Liturgical Jottings

Act of Contrition II

The eleven “Acts of Contrition” or “Prayers of the Penitent” in the Rite of Penance, Chapter One, do not contain the common ones we use in Australia. What are given are ones based on biblical texts:

- Father, I have sinned against you and am not worthy to be called your son. Be merciful to me a sinner. (Luke 15:18, 18:13)
- Wash me from my guilt and cleanse me of my sin. I acknowledge my offence; my sin is before me always. (Ps50:4-5)
- Remember, Lord your compassion and mercy, which you showed long ago. Do not call the sins and failings of my youth. In your mercy, remember me, Lord, because of your goodness. (Ps24)

In the ritual, the rubric states: The penitent expresses sorrow in these or similar words (n.25). There is choice and flexibility.

Looking at the Readings

This year’s cycle of Gospel readings are normally from Luke, though this Sunday we hear from the Gospel according to John. Following the last two Sundays on Forgiveness and Reconciliation, this Gospel again takes up Christ’s ministry of compassion and mercy. The scribes and pharisees wanted to trap Jesus by asking: “What have you to say?” If he followed the Law of Moses he would harshly condemn a woman to death, a penalty obsolete at that time. If he acquitted the woman he would be guilty of ignoring the Law. His response was silence. He gave them time to consider their options and to examine their own consciences. They left. Jesus shows the woman both mercy and justice: “Go! Sin no more!”. The “Prayer of the Penitent” in the Rite of Penance (Reconciliation) contains these two imperatives.

The sequence of Old Testament readings this Lent prepare us for Easter by recalling the past events of God’s marvellous deeds from creation to salvation. This reading from the prophet Isaiah, recalls God’s goodness but not the peoples wayward past. The text is in the present tense for God but speaks of the future for the people. God is the eternal NOW recreating all things NEW for us.

Prayer for the Week

God of power, God of mercy, you bring forth springs in the wasteland and turn despair into hope. Look not upon the sins of our past but lift from our hearts the failures that weigh us down, that we may find refreshment and life in Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lenten Quote from the Saints

“Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again: for forgiveness has risen from the grave!” *St John Chrysostom*

“If you can’t feed a hundred people, then feed just one.” *St Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

The Story of Susanna

Monday’s first reading at Mass has themes of corruption, wisdom and judgement. Daniel (Dan-el means God judges), the young investigator, exposed the wickedness of the guilty and spared the life of the innocent. It is the longest reading in our lectionary.

On the Lighter Side of the Internet

If an anonymous comment goes unread, is it still irritating? • What is the sound of no hands texting? • To see a man’s true face, look to the photos he hasn’t posted.



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Frank Meda
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Alessandro Minicozzi, Kevin & Kath Webster
	Our sick and their carers	

Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 28 March

Weekday Mass

Mon 4th Apr No Mass
 Tue 5th Apr No Mass
 Wed 6th Apr 9:15 am Mass
 5:30pm Parish Reconciliation
 Thur 7th Apr No Mass
 Fri 8th Apr 9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 9th Apr No Mass
 Sun 10th Apr 10:00 am Mass

Weekday Mass

Mon 11th Apr No Mass
 Tue 12th Apr No Mass
 Wed 13th Apr No Mass
 Thur 14th Apr 6:00 pm Lord's Supper
 Fri 15th Apr 9:00 am Stations of the Cross
 Fri 15th Apr 3:00 pm Passion of our Lord
 Sat 16th Apr 6:00 pm Ester Vigil
 Sun 17th Apr 10:00 am Easter Sun

Reconciliation No Reconciliation in May or June

Training for All Volunteers

All our volunteers need to attend one of the two days training session on Child Protection. Even if your position is as a reader the purpose of the training is so that if you see something that doesn't appear right you understand what you can do about it.

Wednesday 6th April at 6pm, and
 Saturday 9th April at 4pm

The training will be held in the Church. Please advise Mary which session you will be attending by emailing tatura@sandhurst.catholic.org.au or calling or texting 0484 332 397.

If you are unable to attend one of the sessions, please let Mary know so that alternative training can be arranged. Thank you so much for participating in this training.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2022

Registrations are now being accepted for the 2022 Sacred Heart, Tatura Sacramental Program.

Children who are baptised Catholic and are in grade 3 and above are invited to register for the programs.

Registrations will close on April 1st. Enrolment forms are available on the school newsletter or from the school office.

Preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist will commence in term 2 with an information and formation meeting for Parents only in week 1 - Thursday April 28th - and conclude with the Bishop and Fr John administering the Sacrament at a Mass later in the term.

Preparation for Reconciliation will commence in term 3 with an information and formation meeting for Parents only - details to follow.

For further information please contact Debbie Turvey at Sacred Heart school, either by phoning the school (58241841 Monday - Thursday) or email (dturvey@shtatura.catholic.edu.au).

Further details will follow via the school newsletter and Parish bulletin.

Can you help over Easter?

If you are available over the Easter period to help with Mass, could you please put your name and phone number on the Roster Sheet and tick your time availability.

We need commentators, readers, special ministers, screen operator etc. Thank you for your help.

Easter Mass Timetable

Wed 6th April 5:30 pm Parish Reconciliation
 Tue 12th April 11:00 am Chrism Mass
 Bendigo
 Thur 14th April 6:00 pm Lord's Supper
 Fri 15th April 9:00 am Stations of the Cross
 Fri 15th April 3:00 pm Passion of our Lord
 Sat 16th April 6:00 pm Ester Vigil
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Sandhurst Diocese Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass for 2022 will be at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Tuesday, 12th April, at 11.00am.

Parish representatives will present oils to be blessed by the Bishop for use during the coming year.

All parishioners of the diocese are warmly invited to this very significant Mass for our Diocese. A light luncheon and beverages will be provided after the Mass.

Please RSVP to your Parish Office by Thursday 7th April for catering purposes.

Parking around the Cathedral can be limited so please allow time to find a suitable park in the nearby streets.

All welcome, bookings essential. For those who cannot attend the Chrism Mass in person it will be livestreamed on the diocesan website and YouTube channel.

If you would like to attend the Chrism Mass on Tuesday 12th April in Bendigo and are happy to Car Pool, please let Trish or Mary know.

Mission and Pastoral Life Coordinator – Position Vacant:

A new and exciting opportunity exists for a suitably qualified person to provide administrative and operational support to the Director of Mission and Pastoral Life on matters related to the implementing of mission and formation in the Diocese. This is a full-time role.

For more information, a copy of the position description and how to apply go to the Employment on the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst website.

<https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/positions-vacant/mission-and-pastoral-life-coordinator>

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 11 April 2022..

CELEBRATING SYNODALITY IN SANDHURST VIDEO SERIES:

A huge thank you to all of you who made submissions to the Diocesan consultation process for the Synod on Synodality. Although this phase of the Synod is now closed, active listening to the Holy Spirit and “planting dreams” has not. To mark the significance of the Synod on Synodality, over the weeks of Easter, the Diocese will release five videos that celebrate our experiences of Synodality.

The first video, ‘The Chrism Mass as a Liturgical Expression of Synodality’, will be released on Sunday 10 April. The Chrism Mass will also be livestreamed on Tuesday 12 April on the diocesan website and YouTube channel.

The videos can be viewed on the Diocese of Sandhurst YouTube Channel.

Ordination of Jackson Saunders

Last Saturday 26th March, Jackson Sunder was ordained by Bishop of Sandhurst, Shane Mackinlay, at Bendigo Cathedral

Let's keep him and all our priests in our prayers.





**"how do we respond to gossip and
accusations against others?"
FR ANTONY JUKES**

This week on the Journey (Ep 452)
On the Journey this week: A powerful story of justice and mercy with reflections on the gospel from Fr Anthony Jukes and Mother Hilda. Plus, The Bush Deacon on why we don't like to invite people to share our faith. Plus, a Lenten Connection with ken Bryant, Sam Clear meditating on Jesus' passion, and more great music!

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The Journey is a weekly program developed by the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong and is the only Catholic radio program in Australia aired on general Christian radio.

Wedding Congratulations

This weekend Cassie Worm, daughter of Lou & Debbie Worm married John James O'Connell.

May Christ's peace, love and joy always enrich their marriage. Please keep Cassie and JJ in your prayers.



*If we love one
another, God lives
in us, and his love is
perfect in us.*

1 John 4:12



5th Sunday of Lent 2-3 April



Shaniella 23, grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities – and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and cyclone in quick succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food.

With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school has enough food and water for its students.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413

