



Readings for
this week:

Acts 5:12-16
Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31



Readings for
next week:

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41
Apocalypse 5:11-14,
John 21:1-19



Liturgical Jottings Lectionary Sequence

The First readings of the Sundays in Easter Season - cycle C are all from the Act of the Apostles; the second readings, except for Ascension Day, are from the Book of the Apocalypse.

Unlike the Ordinary Time the first reading is not connected to the Gospel of the day but to other Sundays' first readings. They present a witness of the Risen Lord, the growth of believers, the ministry of the Apostles and finally the missionary activity of Paul and Barnabas. The resurrection of the Lord and the coming of the Holy Spirit gather the disciples to praise and thanksgiving and to work for the coming of the Kingdom of God. In short, following Jesus last instruction to his disciples: "Go out to the world and tell the Good News"

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Looking at the Gospel

The Gospel for this Sunday is the same text each year for the Second Sunday of Easter, the Octave of Easter. We see that our Risen Lord appeared to the Apostles on the first day of the week, Sunday and then, eight days later, the next Sunday. Hence the inclusion of the Gospel each year on the octave day of Easter. First time Thomas was not present, the second time he was. He must have been very stubborn not to believe the testimony of the Apostles and very unobservant not to notice their exuberant joy. We may recognise a bit of Thomas in ourselves and therefore are confident to move with him from disbelief and melancholy to faith and excitement.

Feast of Mary Mother of Good Counsel

Patroness of the Diocese of Sandhurst, Wednesday 27 April

Easter Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus, you came to your own people and gave to all who welcomed you power to become children of God. In your merciful love watch over the Church and through her ministry bring salvation to the meek and lowly. May we avoid the snares of the impious, and come to rejoice in glory with your saints.

The Book of the Apocalypse

The second reading introduces us to the author, John, and his work, a series of visions (or messages) addressed to the seven churches: Ephesus, Smyrna, Philadelphia, Pergamum, Laodicea, Sardis and Thyatira. The book is also titled the book of Revelation, it is the last book of the New Testament and the bible. Often misunderstood as doomsday work which the soothsayer foretells of future menaces and destruction of the world. And while cloaked in symbolism and mystery, John's intent is to encourage the Christians of Asia Minor to remain confident in face of Roman persecution. To avoid outright condemnation from his persecutors John uses secret language and symbols that only his people can interpret and understand.

On the Lighter Side

In a city church the children's liturgy supplies are in a locked cupboard. The new leader didn't know the combination; Fr Jack, a visiting priest, offered to give it a try. He placed his fingers on the lock's dial and raised his eyes heavenward then he confidently spun the dial and opened the lock. She was so impressed with this demonstration of faith, that he had to smile and admit, "The numbers are written on the ceiling."



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Vicent Phelan
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Evan Jenkins, Tom Flannigan, Laurie Noonan, Bill Connelly
	Our sick and their carers	

Two Week Mass Timetable Week commencing 25th April

Weekday Mass

Mon 25th Apr No Mass
Tue 26th Apr No Mass
Wed 27th Apr 9:15 am Liturgy
Thur 28th Apr No Mass
Fri 29th Apr 9:15 am Liturgy

Weekend Mass

Sat 30th Apr 6:00 pm Mass
Sun 1st May 10:00 am Mass

Weekday Mass

Mon 2nd May No Mass
Tue 3rd May No Mass
Wed 4th May 9:15 am Liturgy
Thur 5th May No Mass
Fri 6th May 9:15 am Mother's Day School Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 7th May 6:00 pm Mass
Sun 7th May 10:00 am Mass

Message from Fr John

Dear Parishioners

While I'm away I will be praying for all my parishioners every day. Please keep me in your prayers, to ensure my safe return.

During my absence two of our parishioners will be celebrating milestone birthdays. Marg Collins will be turning 90 on 11 May and Terry Sier will be turning 100 on 2 June. I'm sure everyone joins me in wishing them many blessing for many more years.

I had the opportunity to visit with each of them during the week and I find such joy in visiting our Parishioners. I look forward to visiting more parishioners on my return.,

May God bless you and keep you all safe and I will see you on Sunday 12 June.

Divine Mercy Sunday 24 April, 2022

Come to the Feast of Divine Mercy this Easter

ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
121 KNIGHT STREET, SHEPPARTON

2:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Time for you to reflect with god
Music Selected By Loretta Grace

3:00pm Divine Mercy Chaplet - In Song Benediction

3:30pm Holy Mass
Celebrated by Fr. Jackson Saunders

4:30pm Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image



Enquiries: Parish Office 5821 2633 or Tom Mells 0431 706 296

Training for All Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who attend one of our training sessions. If you did not attend a training session could you please contact Mary to arrange a time to do the training. tatura@sandhurst.catholic.org.au or calling or texting 0484 332 397.



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A Year of Preparation and Consultation for a Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council 27 April 2022 – 27 April 2023

The establishment of a Diocesan Pastoral Council to be called the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council (SMPC) was a key recommendation in the 2020 Review of the Diocese. A SMPC will allow the Bishop to "operate in a strategic and collaborative way, drawing on the best possible advice of lay people and clergy for delivery of the Church's mission" (Go Forth Report).

The process of establishing the SMPC will commence on 27 April 2022, on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Good Counsel, the Patron Saint of our Diocese. More information on the process is coming soon. For now, Bishop Shane asks that you pray for the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council:

We turn to Mary, our Mother of Good Counsel and patroness of our Diocese, as we seek to become a more missionary and pastoral Church: people of faith, hope and love for our world. May we be led by the same wisdom and courage sent by the Holy Spirit to guide her along unfamiliar paths and through challenging decisions. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us!

The prayer card will be printed and sent to parishes shortly. It will be available on Sandhurst social media and downloadable from the Diocesan website.

ANNIVERSARY MASS.

Dr Backhaus offered the first Mass in Bendigo on 2 May 1852, at Golden Square. This year marks the 170th anniversary of that significant celebration. Bishop Shane will offer Mass at St Monica's, Kangaroo Flat, on Monday 2 May at 5.30pm to mark the anniversary. A warm welcome to all who would like to attend

Baptism

We congratulate
Georgia Audrey Ford,
daughter of Carmel and Daniel
on her Baptisms this weekend and
welcome her into our parish community.



Thank You

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit lent.caritas.org.au and donate online.

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Knights of the Southern Cross Centenary.

The Knights of the Southern Cross will be celebrating their centenary on September the 10th 2022, save the date.

The Order of the Knights of the Southern Cross is a national organisation of Catholic laymen who operate with the support of the Australian Bishops, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop is the Patron. Membership is open to all practicing Catholic men, for details on the Sandhurst Diocese branch please contact Colin Runnalls phone 5446 2733.

Knights are committed to strengthening their faith, supporting the Church, promoting vocations and support for seminarians, assisting with the implementation of projects in local parishes and making the community a better place.

Date	Commentator	Reader	Gospel Procession	Presentation of the Gifts	Special Ministers
30/4/2022	Carol Coulston	Peter Crombie	Joan Webster	Doreen Corrigan Pauline Maroney	A Hutchinson
1/5/2022	Rita Fairchild	Rob Miller	Bernie Maher	Steve & Simone De Lai	D Worm

