

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 21 August 2022



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 66:18-21
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30



Readings for
next Sunday

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
Luke 14:1, 7-14



Liturgical Jottings

Alpha (Α) & Omega (Ω)

These two Greek letters are at the beginning (Alpha) and at the end (Omega) of the Greek alphabet. While Omega literally means "great O" and Omicron, "little O". Alpha is simply a vowel at the start of the alphabet. In the book of Revelation John has a vision of God declaring: "I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last." (Rev 1:8; 22:13).

They designate the ever-present God before time and for eternity. The letters are depicted on the Paschal Candle and at the blessing of the candle, the priest traces over the cross, date and letters saying: Christ yesterday and today; the Beginning and the End; the Alpha; and the Omega. All time belongs to him; and all the ages. To him be glory and power through every age and for ever. Amen.

These letters are seen in Christian icons, logos, emblems and art.

Looking at the Reading

These last four Sundays we have been travelling in the wake of the Lord on his journey to Jerusalem where he will face his fate. Together these four gospel passages form mystery of the call to follow. Jesus' journey becomes our journey.

Jesus wants all to be saved: this poses a universal and ongoing mystery which saints and scholars have delved into over the centuries. When someone asked Jesus: "Will only a few be saved?" Jesus gives us a few hints: Try your best, enter by the narrow gate, knock on the door, the last will be first and the first last. Yet it is relationship with him and with the Father with the strength of the Holy Spirit we are baptised and come to salvation. It is the Lord's call.

The responsorial psalm taking up the intention of the first reading that all nations are invited to be with the Lord, is: "O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! Strong is his love for us; he is faithful forever." Psalm 116(117) Again it is God's love for us that calls us to mercy and salvation. Next week we begin a three week series of parables from Luke chapters 14 & 15.

Prayer for the Day

To the banquet of your kingdom, O God of the nations, you have invited people of every race and tongue. May all who are called to a place at your table come by the narrow way to the unending feast of life. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Feast of the Week St Louis, 25 August

St. Louis IX of France became king at the age of 12 and led a life of virtue and prayer. Married Margaret of Provence and had 11 children. As king, he was an avid lover of justice, Christian Europe viewed him as their international judge. He founded the college of Sorbonne and many hospitals and houses for the poor. Louis died of the plague on 25 August, 1270

Quote of the Week

To this end, we should help and support one another and strive for peace and union among ourselves. This is the wine that cheers and strengthens travellers along the narrow path of Jesus Christ. *St Vincent de Paul*



On the Lighter Side

Charlie always knocks on the door and never uses the doorbell. He is hoping to be awarded the Nobel peace prize.

	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Mary Ciavarella, Angelo D'Aloia
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Vincenzo Cassetta, Tom Deane, Bartolo (Bob) Lo Piccolo, Mary Smith, Denise Woodman
	Our sick and their carers	

DAY, TIME, DATE	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	GIFT PRESENTATION	SPECIAL MINISTERS	SCREEN OPERATOR/ORGAN
Sun 10:30 am 28 th August	Carol Coulston	Shelia Gregg	Steve De Lai	Pauline Moroney Doreen Corrigan	Debbie Worm Leo McGrath	Trish Warnett Choir

Mass Timetable Week commencing 22nd August

Weekday Mass

Mon 22 nd August	No Mass
Tue 23 rd August	No Mass
Wed 24 th August	9:15 am Mass
Thu 25 th August	No Mass
Fri 26 th August	9:15 am Mass

Weekend Mass

Sat 27 th August	No mass
Sun 28 th August	10:30 am Mass

Reconciliation Saturday 3rd September 2022 11:30 am



Baptism

Mietta Annetta Crawford

Congratulations Mietta, who is being baptised today.

We welcome her into our faith family.

Diary Dates for August & September

August

Wed 24 th	5:30pm PPC & Finance Committee
Sun 28 th	Presentation of Sacramental Candidates Cuppa After Mass

September

Fri 2 nd	9:15am School Mass Father's Day
Sat 3 rd	11:30am Reconciliation
Wed 7 th	2pm Ladies Chat
Wed 7 th	7pm Baptism Preparation
Fri 9 th	2pm Italian Rosary
Sun 11 th	10:30am Children's Mass Cuppa After Mass
Fri 23 rd	5pm Italian Mass St Pio

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

Social Justice Sunday will be celebrated on 28 August 2022. On this day we are asked to present, promote, and pray with, the Australian Catholic Bishops' Annual Social Justice Statement which this year is entitled, **RESPECT: Confronting Violence and Abuse.**

There is an excellent **Video with Archbishop Costelloe SDB introducing the Statement.**
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Jmrxl_cN42MJZn0w-IsArPo5i6GHbuMc?usp=sharing

Acknowledgement to Country

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of year. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside Aboriginal Australians in truth and justice

Project Compassion 2022

Project Compassion 2022 concluded at the end of the financial year.

Nationally, Project Compassion raised \$8.6 million which is about 15% less than the \$10.1 million raised last year. However, when we consider that the Ukraine Appeal was running concurrently and has raised \$4.3 million and that, just prior to the launch of Project Compassion, we had appeals for Tonga following the volcanic eruption and the Philippines following Typhoon Rai, then the Australian community has been incredibly generous.

Sandhurst Diocese can be very proud of its contribution \$499,630.98 which is a decrease of 5% but, for the same reasons as above, is a great result. **THANK YOU** for your particular part in this.

Season of Creation

The Season of Creation is fast approaching. It's a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

Ecumenical Patriarch Dimitrios I proclaimed 1 September as a day of prayer for creation for the Orthodox in 1989. The World Council of Churches was instrumental in making the special time a season, extending the celebration from 1 September until 4 October. Pope Francis made the Catholic Church's warm welcoming of the season official in 2015.

The season starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations. Throughout the month-long celebration, the world's 2.2 billion Christians come together to care for our common home.

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Thoughts for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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Following Jesus is not easy. We will struggle. We must train ourselves to grow strong for the task. But why is it so difficult?

Look at the people who followed Jesus in his time. They were attracted to his message of love. He healed people and promised a better world. Who wouldn't want to be a part of that? But then he started talking about taking up a cross. When he indicated that discipleship was also going to be hard, then some people turned away. Only those who really knew and loved him stayed around.

The people who left, or even ended up opposing Jesus, did not want to really be his disciples. Jesus preached doing the Father's will as his mission and the mission of his disciples. But some people had their own agendas. They wanted to be healed. Or they wanted to be rid of the Romans. Or they wanted to be freed from some of the oppressive religious practices of the day. They didn't want the whole package, which included the cross.

We can also have our own agendas in our faith life. Maybe we see Christianity as a platform for changing laws for the better. Or perhaps we just want to belong to a community. Or we just love the Church and all it stands for. These are not bad things, but there is more to discipleship than that. We must really know and follow Jesus. There are going to be rough spots along the way. We must be willing to make some sacrifices. And that will require effort.

Reflection Questions for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

How am I making a conscious effort in my faith life?

What are some difficulties I have encountered in following Jesus?

Is there someone in my life who needs some encouragement in their faith journey?

Luke 13:21

Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.