

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 28 August 2022



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday

Wisdom 9:13-18
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33



Season of Creation

The Season of Creation begins on 1 Sept, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on 4 Oct, the feast of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christians. Individuals and communities may participate through prayer, advocacy and sustainability projects.

For 2022, the theme is: "Listening to the voice of creation" with the symbol of the burning bush. During the COVID-19 pandemic, many have become familiar with the concept of being silenced. Many voices are silenced in the public discourse on climate change and the ethics of Earth conservation. They are voices of those who suffer the impacts of climate change. They are voices of people who possess ancestral wisdom about how to live with gratitude within the limits of Earth. It is the voice of the Earth. For more information:

<https://seasonofcreation.org> and
<https://laudatosimovement.org>

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Looking at the Readings

This Sunday we begin six Sundays of listening to parables of Jesus. Some are lengthy like the Prodigal Son and Dives & Lazarus and some are mini-parables or similes and maxims like the servant with two masters and the mustard seed. The parable today is addressed to the Pharisees concerning places at table. We can also heed the words of warning about seeking honour and praise or acting with modesty and humility. The first reading from the Old Testament prepares us for the virtue of humility and gaining an attentive ear in the next several weeks: "*The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.*" (Wis 3:29)

The second reading is the last of four excerpts over the four weeks from the Letter to the Hebrews. From chapter 11 we have a definition of faith: "Faith is confident assurance concerning what we hope for and conviction about things we do not see" Abel, Abraham & Sarah, Isaac and Moses are examples of people with faith. Today, at the end of chapter 12, are words of exhortation for the faithful Christian and Jesus who makes all things new.

Spring Ember Day / Season of Creation

Thursday 1 September is the beginning of Spring and the start of the Season of Creation. Closely following this day in time and theme is the Ember Day on the first Friday of Spring. On ember days we offer prayers to the Lord for the needs of all people, especially for the productivity of the earth and for human labour, and to give God thanks for the creation and our salvation.

(General Norms for the Liturgical Year Calendar 45)

Prayer for the Earth (part 1)

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty. (Pope Francis)

Quote of the Week

The whole earth is a living icon of the face of God. *John of Damascus*

On the Lighter Side

Two nuclear technicians were getting married.

The bride was radiant, and the groom was glowing.

Why did the King of Hearts marry the Queen of Hearts?

They were perfectly suited to each other.



	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	Mary Ciavarella, Angelo D'Aloia
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Keith Young, Margaret Karney, Eileen Donovan
	Our sick and their carers	

DAY, TIME, DATE	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	GIFT PRESENTATION	SPECIAL MINISTERS	SCREEN OPERATOR/ORGAN
Sat 6:00 pm 3 rd September	Carol Coulston	Peter Crombie	Shelia Gregg	Mary Vraca Cheryl Alexander	Not Required	Mary Gale
Sun 10:30 am 4 th September	Debbie Worm	Rob Miller	Steve De Lai	Barry & Jan Lowe	Connie Serra	T Smith Trish Warnett
Sun 10:30 am 11 th September	CHILDREN'S MASS (ORGANISED BY THE SCHOOL)					
Sat 6:00 pm 17 th September	Carol Coulston	Mary Vraca	Joan Webster	Joyce Caifa Delphi Hamilton	Not Required	Mary Gale
Sun 10:30 am 18 th September	Rob Miller	Debbie Worm	Bernie Maher	Marg Norminton Nita Basile	Kay Gaffy	Carol Coulston Trish Warnett
Sun 10:30 am 25 th September	Debbie Worm	Shelia Gregg	Domelina Phelan	De Lai Family	Leo McGrath	Trish Warnett Choir

Mass Timetable Week commencing 29th August

Weekday Mass

Mon 29 th August	No Mass
Tue 30 th August	No Mass
Wed 31 st August	9:15 am Mass
Thu 1 st September	No Mass
Fri 2 nd September	9:15 am School Mass (Fathers Day)

Weekend Mass

Sat 3 rd September	6:00 pm Mass
Sun 3 rd September	10:30 am Mass

Reconciliation Saturday 3rd September 2022 11:30 am

Sacrament Candidates

This weekend the following children are in the last few days of their sacramental program for reconciliation. Please pray for

Annie Aikman	Albert Borzillo
Blake Bunfield	Mietta Crawford
Anabella Cricelli	Sophia Cricelli
Eva Hernandez	Harlow Jones
Nate Jones	Tyrelle Marquez
Lucia Marquina	Evie Maskell
Kate McCarthy	Luca Mercuri
Leo Nihill	Kane Organ
Kallan Organ	Paige Sanford
Sebastian Tedesco	Belle Tracey-Glover
Alfio Trazzera	Harrison Whitford
Hamish Worm	Lucas Worm

We thank their families and the school staff for their preparation of this next step in their faith journey.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

Diary Dates for September

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

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

**Assertiveness - Trusting Your Own Inner Voice
(via Zoom), Tuesday evening 30 Aug 2022, 7pm-
9.30pm (AEST).**

This reflection event will explore: assertiveness - what it is and what it is not; why being assertive is adult behaviour that builds up everyone's strength and capacity to love; finding within ourselves that voice of God that echoes who I am as good in the eyes of God; what is it that distorts this perspective and how that influences my judgement and behaviour; being assertive with God; being with an assertive God. Led by Chris Chaplin msc (MSCX, Dip Transpersonal & Experiential Psychotherapy, BTheol, Cert Spir Dir (Siloam)). Cost \$35. Book and pay by 26/8/22

via www.heartoflife.melbourne Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Malvern VIC, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel (03) 9890 1101.

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.

Parish Website

<http://www.sacredheartparishtatura.com.au>



Like our parish Facebook page. Lots of important links and information is found there.

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The presbytery office is open on Wednesdays & Fridays from 9:00 am

Social Justice Sunday

Today is Social Justice Sunday. This year's Social Justice Statement, Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse, invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives 'marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.

We need to be aware of our own connection with the reality of various forms of violence and abuse, as well as to be sensitive to the multitude of unique human beings (and their stories) before them

Social Justice Sunday provides our Church with the opportunity to delve deeply into a social issue of contemporary relevance. Our political landscape, the global #MeToo movement, our Plenary Council process and numerous recent Royal Commissions have raised our awareness around the insidious nature of various forms of violence and abuse perpetrated daily in all corners of our land. Today's psalm reminds us that God restores the land when it languishes; heeding God's promise is at the heart of today's readings. No one is outside the scope of today's challenge from our bishops, who even shine a light on the way in which the Christian tradition can be manipulated to perpetuate and normalise structural injustice and abuse. The Social Justice Statement is an excellent way of connecting the wider community with the integrity & richness of our living faith.

Today's readings call for personal and communal conversion. In particular, the gospel invites us to consider humbly the way we might perpetuate behaviours that are unjust or simply unkind. The radical invitation of Jesus is to become aware of the many ways in which we use, misuse and abuse power – in our thoughts, biases, words and deeds. We are human, we are powerful. Jesus' simple story suggests that we might relinquish personal power in the service of our own humanity and the movement toward a 'city of the living God', where practice of the virtues of justice and solidarity can enable us to be Good News.

The Social Justice Statement is addressed to each member of our community and we need to add our voice to that with that of our bishops to 'help our whole community confront violence and abuse wherever they occur and become a community that fosters justice and respect for all.'

We welcome this urgent call from our Church to deepen our faith through full and frank discussion and dialogue, advocacy and action.

Access the Statement <https://bit.ly/SJS22-23> .

More information:

www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au