



Readings
for this
week:

Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
1 Corinthians 12:12-30
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



Readings
for next
Sunday

Jeremiah 1:4-4, 17-19
1 Corinthians 12:31-
13:13
Luke 4:21-30



Liturgical Jottings Australia Day

The 2025 Ordo (the official calendar and guide for the celebration of the Liturgy) for Australia and New Zealand list both 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time and Australia Day for Sunday 26 January. Obviously there is no vigil for this national day. Australia Day is described as a “Day of Prayer” in the Lectionary and Missal with its own set of Readings namely:

Isaiah 32:15-18; Psalm 89:9-14;
1 Cor 12:4-11 or Romans 12:9-13;
Matthew 5:2-12 or Luke 12:22-32.

The Prayers for the Mass include the Collect, Prayer over the Gifts, Preface, Prayer after Communion and the Entrance and Communion antiphons and a Solemn Blessing:

‘May God who formed our southern land be for you a rock of strength.
May God who rules the great seas keep you safe in every storm.
May God who made the skies above turn your darkness into light.’

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Looking at the Readings

These reflections are based on the readings of the third Sunday in Ordinary Time (for the Saturday Vigil Mass on 25 January) and for local churches that may decide not to use the Australia Day texts on 26 January.

Moving from “Cana Sunday” last week with its attention on married relationships and the third manifestation of Christ we enter the Ordinary Time sequence of readings starting with the beginning of Luke’s Gospel. The text emphasises the importance and the power of the Word of God. Firstly, we hear of Luke’s purpose and structure of his writing and skip three chapters to hear Jesus in the synagogue reading the scripture and its relevance for then and today: ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’ (Luke 4:21)

This power of God’s word kept the faith and identity of the Hebrew people through thick and thin. The first reading from the book of Nehemiah recorded how Ezra reading the Law of the Lord to the Hebrew exiles who had returned to Jerusalem. Because the temple has been destroyed Ezra stood a wooden dais and read and translated the sacred texts to affirm their identity, to enliven their hearts and to celebrate God’s goodness. The people were exuberant! We need to treasure the Word of God and find in the Gospel a way of life, faith and joy.

Pope Francis instituted the “Word of God Sunday” on this Sunday, for the readings are so appropriate to rediscover power and love of scripture. In Australia, Word of God Sunday has been moved to the second Sunday of February (9 February 2025) due to the holidays in January.

Excerpts for the Synod 2024

In a synodal Church, priests are called to live their service in a spirit of proximity to their people, to be welcoming and prepared to listen to all, opening themselves up to a synodal style. Priests “constitute along with their Bishop one presbyterium” (LG 28) and collaborate with him in discerning charisms and in accompanying and guiding the local Church ... Priests also need to be accompanied and supported, especially in the early stages of their ministry as well as at times of weakness and fragility. (n. 72)

Quote for the Week

The great test of life is obedience to God. *Ezra Taft Benson*

On the Lighter Side

The boy’s name, Ezra, has increased in popularity in recent years. In 2021, 81 Ezras were registered in Victoria, increased to 95 (in both 2022 and 2023) and 406 Australia wide in 2023. No Nehemiah’s were registered.

Sources: www.bdm.vic.gov.au and <https://mccrindle.com.au>



 Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list	Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Angela Poppa, Carmina Nigro
	Our sick and their carers	Judith Steele

NEXT TWO WEEK'S ROSTERS

Saturday 1st February January 6:00pm

Commentator: Anne Hutchison
 Reader: Deb Turvey
 Gospel Procession: Mary Vraca
 Gifts: J Caiafa & D Hamilton
 Screen Operator: Carol Coulston
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Sunday 2nd February 10:30am

Commentator: Anne Marie Nihill
 Reader: Debbie Worm
 Gospel Procession: Barbara Miller
 Gifts: S Gregg & M Vraca
 Special Minister: Connie Serra
 Screen Operator: Debbie Worm
 Music Operator: Mary Gale
 Money Counters: L Worm & S De Lai

Sunday 9th February 10:30am

Commentator: Rob Miller
 Reader: Mary Gale
 Gospel Procession: Deb Turvey
 Gifts: S & S De Lai
 Special Minister: Jamie McDowall
 Screen Operator: Debbie Worm
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: C Coulston & M Gale

Thanks to all of our volunteers, we appreciate the support you give to your

Plate Collection and Envelopes

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of parish.

May God bless you always.

Last week: \$515.50



Thank You

Three Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 29th January

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 29th January 9:15am
 Friday 31st January 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sat 1st February 6:00pm
 Sun 2nd February 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 5th February 9:15am
 Friday 7th February 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Sunday 9th February 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 12th February 9:15am
 Friday 14th February 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 15th February 6:00pm
 Sunday 16th February 10:30am

Monthly events

Anointing Mass every 1st Wednesday Mass at 9:15am
Italian Rosary every 2nd Friday at 2pm in the Church
Reconciliation every 1st Saturday of the month at 5:30pm
Saturday evening Masses: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month

Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1st Wednesday of each month
 at 2pm in St Mary's Hall.

All welcome.

Next one is on Tuesday 4th February



We pray for all of the staff, students and families as the school year begins this week at Sacred Heart School.

Staff start on Tuesday 28th January

Yr 1-6 students start on Thursday 30th January

Foundation students start Monday 3rd February

We welcome the Acting Principal for 2025 Mrs Carolyn Goode.

We hope it is an enjoyable start for the year for our school community.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

Luke 4:18

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C emphasizes the call to ministry and the significance of scripture.

The readings highlight the teaching and interpretation of the law, the unity of believers as parts of the body of Christ, and Jesus' public ministry as He proclaims the fulfillment of scripture. Key themes include the sacrament of Holy Orders, the universal priesthood of believers, the importance of scripture study and knowledge, fostering a sense of community, and reaching out to those who feel excluded.

REPEAT NOTICES

New Readers and Eucharistic Ministers There will be training for Readers and Eucharistic ministers in March. Please put your name on the list in the Narthex if you would like to participate – this is for new and current volunteers. Further details will come later.

Communion to the sick - training – **volunteers needed.** Training to take Communion to the Sick will also take place in March, please add your name to the list in the Narthex. A Working with Children Check (WWCC) is required to be do this.

Parish Rosters: are available in the Narthex. Please take one.

New Parishioners: If you are new to the parish and would like to know more, volunteer, or be on our register there is a form in the Narthex for you to fill in and return. Thank you and welcome. We would love to hear from you.

St Sebastian's Church Merrigum
De-Commissioning Mass 2/2/2025 @12pm

Thanksgiving Mass Fr Rene Ramirez RCJ
9/2/2025 @St Mel's Shepparton 5pm

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Sacred Heart Parish Tatura



L'Arche Bendigo Community leader

L'Arche Bendigo supports families with adult children who have an intellectual disability. Six core members share life together in two homes with others involved in day programs and short stays. The L'Arche community meets regularly in support of each other.

There is currently a vacancy for a Community Leader of L'Arche Bendigo. This is an exciting opportunity to lead with a focus on spirituality, mission and service.

Indications of interest and/or requests for further information, including the Position Description, can be made by contacting Jim Rolfe
Email: jimrolfe9@gamil.com

If you know of anyone interested please pass on these details.



If one part suffers,
all the parts suffer with it.

If one part is honored,
all the parts share its joy.

1 Corinthians 12:26

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On the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we learn the importance of listening to God's word. Nehemiah showed the people that reading and understanding Scripture brings joy and strength. When we take time to listen to God's word, we find guidance and comfort. It helps us grow in our faith and live better lives.

Living out God's word every day can be challenging, but it is what we are called to do.

Dear Lord, help us to listen to Your word and understand its message. Fill us with the Holy Spirit to live out our mission and bring Your love to others. Guide us to use our gifts for the good of the Church and the world. Amen.

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 years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice and reconciliation.

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