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# Sacred Heart Parish Tatura

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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - C

Sunday 23 February 2025



Readings for  
this week:

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23  
1 Corinthians 15:45-49  
Luke 6:27-38



Readings for  
next Sunday

Sirach 27:4-7  
1 Corinthians 15:54-58  
Luke 6:39-45



## Liturgical Jottings

### Holy Year 2025: Prayer

There are many reasons and ways to pray, but at the root of prayer is always the desire to be open to God's presence and His offer of love. It is the Spirit of the Son that calls the Christian community to prayer and allows for each person to return to the Father.

Prayer opportunities on the Holy Year journey show that pilgrims hold the path to God "in their hearts" (Psalm 83:6). Pope Francis gave us this prayer ending in:

... May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

## Looking at the Readings

Revenge and Retaliation are Reproached in the Scripture readings today. Sometimes we are quick to attribute vengeance to the Old Testament and mercy to the New but justice and mercy are very much present throughout all of the scriptures. David had the cause and the opportunity to deal revenge and retaliation on his enemy Saul but thought better of it. Christ is quite unambiguous about love of enemies, bless and pray for those who do you harm. We see very clearly in our current societies around the world how violence begets violence and systems of retaliation escalates capital crimes. Jesus offers a better way.

Luke's Gospel passage continues from the Beatitudes we heard last week, with a series of statements of ethical ways to live. Yet the Gospel is just not a collection of doctrines and moral instructions but God's self-revelation and God's plan for salvation. These statements are very similar to Matthew's account but with a notable exception. Matthew's discourse ends with the admonition to be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect. Luke's version ends with: "Be compassionate as your heavenly Father is compassionate. Jesus reveals God's person and actions to us.

## Fourth Papal Encyclical (Excerpts)

On the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ

1. "He loved us", Saint Paul says of Christ (Rom 8:37), in order to make us realise that nothing can ever "separate us" from that love (Rom 8:39). Paul could say this with certainty because Jesus himself had told his disciples, "I have loved you" (Jn 15:9, 12). Even now, the Lord says to us, "I have called you friends" (Jn 15:15). His open heart has gone before us and waits for us, unconditionally, asking only to offer us his love and friendship. For "he loved us first" (1Jn 4:10). Because of Jesus, "we have come to know and believe in the love that God has for us" (1Jn 4:16). *Pope Francis Oct 2024*

## Quote of the Week

What is perfection in love? Love your enemies in such a way that you would desire to make them your brothers ... For so did He love, Who hanging on the Cross, said "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34) *Saint Augustine*

## On the Lighter Side

Forgive your enemies but never forget their names.

John F. Kennedy

A wise person gets more benefit from his enemies than a fool gets from his friends. Baltasar Gracian



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|  <p>Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list</p> | Those who are recently deceased and those who are grieving |                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                   | For those whose anniversary occurs at this time            | Arcangelina Carrafa |
|                                                                                                                                                                   | Our sick and their carers                                  | Judith Steele,      |

## NEXT TWO WEEK'S ROSTERS

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 6:00pm

Commentator: Anne Hutchison  
 Reader: Denice Bourke  
 Gospel Procession: Mary Vraca  
 Gifts: S Gregg & D Hamilton  
 Screen Operator: Deb Turvey  
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett

### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 10:30am

Commentator: Anne Marie Nihill  
 Reader: Rob Miller  
 Gospel Procession: Barb Miller  
 Gifts: S & S De Lai  
 Special Minister: Mary Gale  
 Screen Operator: Lou Worm  
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett  
 Money Counters: L Worm & M Gale

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 10:30am

Commentator: Debbie Worm  
 Reader: Dean Filgate  
 Gospel Procession: Connie Serra  
 Gifts: A Basile & L Mercuri  
 Special Minister: E Worm  
 Screen Operator: M Gale  
 Music Operator: T Warnett  
 Money Counters: E Worm & C Coulston

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

## Three Week Mass Timetable

### Week Commencing 26th February

#### Weekday Masses

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 9:15am  
 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 9:15am

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 6:00pm  
 Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 10:30am (Project Compassion Sunday)

#### Weekday Masses

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 9:15am (Ash Wednesday)  
 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 9:15am

#### Weekend Mass

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 10:30am

#### Weekday Masses

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 9:15am  
 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 9:15am

#### Weekend Mass

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> March 6:00pm  
 Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10:30am

### Monthly events

**Anointing Mass** every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Mass at 9:15am  
**Italian Rosary** every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 2pm in the Church  
**Reconciliation** every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month (30 minutes before Mass)  
**Saturday evening Masses:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month

### LENT 2025

**Ash Wednesday Mass at 9:15am** with the school.

Each Friday during Lent there will be the Stations of the Cross following Mass at 9:15am.

### Plate Collection and Envelopes

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

May God bless you always.

Last week: \$572.00



*Thank You*

### Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2pm in St Mary's Hall. All welcome.



The next one will be on



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*To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.*

**New Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Communion to the Sick - Training** There will be training for Readers, Eucharistic ministers and for those who would like to take Communion to the Sick on 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 11:00am. Please put your name on the list in the Narthex if you would like to participate – this is for new and a refresher for current volunteers. A Working with Children Check (WWCC) is required to take Communion to the Sick.

**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.

**Baptism Preparation Meeting:** The next Baptism Preparation meeting will be this Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 4:30pm. Please let Debbie if you would like to attend or know someone who would like to attend [dworm@shtatura.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dworm@shtatura.catholic.edu.au) or leave a message on the parish phone 0436 112 232.

### **Parish Shared Lunch – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Parishioners are invited to bring a dish for a shared parish lunch in St Mary's Hall on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March following Mass.

Please put your name on the list in the Narthex and indicate what you intend to bring.

### **World Day of Prayer- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

Sacred Heart Parish is organizing the Tatura World Day of Prayer on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm in the Church. Following this there will be afternoon tea in St Mary's Hall.

Everyone is invited.

### **St Vincent de Paul**



The Mooroopna Conference are available on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9:00am to 1:00pm for people in Tatura requiring assistance.

Appointments to apply for assistance are necessary and can be made by calling 0437 915 732 or 8199 4232.

If you know of anyone requiring assistance please let them know.

### **PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY**

Project Compassion Sunday will be on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Project compassion boxes and envelopes will once again be available to take home. The theme this lent is Unite Against Poverty. QR Code to donate to Project Compassion and still register with Tatura Parish.



The readings for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C teach us about mercy, forgiveness, and love. These themes show us how to live like Jesus in our everyday lives.

Jesus teaches that loving our enemies, forgiving those who hurt us, and avoiding judgment can change our hearts and the world. It's difficult but necessary. By forgiving, we free ourselves from anger and become more like Christ.

Remembering that God loves and forgives all, including those who have wronged us, is key.

Jesus warns us against judging because it leads to unfairness and a lack of compassion. When we judge, we often don't know the whole story and can hurt others with our assumptions.

Do not judge, Christ tells us. How many times do we not only pass along gossip or rumours, but consider ourselves justified when we are harsh in our judgement of others. We can be indulgent with ourselves, but inflexible with others.

Pope Francis

### **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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