



Readings for
this week:

Acts 14:21-27
Apocalypse 21:1-5
John 13:31-35



Readings for
next Sunday

Acts 15:1-2,22-29
Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23
John 14:23-29



Liturgical Jottings

Mass Offerings 4

The concept of a Mass offering goes back to the early Church; it is a gift given to a priest as a sign of gratitude for him including a particular intention during a Mass. The intention might be for a sick friend, the repose of the soul of a loved one, or indeed, any need. In the early Church a 'Mass offering' was not money, but an offering of farm produce as a sign of thanks and a way of uniting the fruits of one's labour to the Mass.

An offering is giving a part of ourselves. Of course, we unite our hearts to the offering of every Mass. The notion of the Mass offering to support the priest to live is integral. Traditionally the Mass offering was an amount which would allow the priest to live for that day. Now most clergy receive a stipend from the parish or diocese. Where the church is poor, priests rely on this support to enable their ministry of the Word of God and the sacraments.

Looking at the Readings

The fourth Gospel is the last to be composed; commentators agree the Gospel we have was completed after the death of John the Apostle. It emphasises the "Works of Jesus", often as signs and the "Words of Jesus." From the beginning we read that Christ is the Word made Flesh and that He is glorified by the Father and the Holy Spirit. The cross is regarded as a sign of his glory rather than an instrument of execution. The Gospel today is read in the light of the author's approach: "the Son will be glorified" and the giving of the new commandment of love. While love of neighbour is found in the Old Testament and in sacred texts of other faiths, Jesus adds to the commandment: "As I have loved you." Love has the horizontal dimension in that we love neighbour and even our enemies and the vertical dimension in that we enjoy the love of Father, Son and Spirit and we come to the peace and unity in God. The symbol of the Cross also has both the horizontal and vertical dimensions.

We find our Christian identity by our love and charity and by the church's mission and ministry. From Jesus' words we have the sense of: "the now but not yet." Now he will be glorified, but soon he will return in radiant glory. Now we have his love and grace, soon we will be taken up with him into eternal life.

A Prayer for this week

O God, who constantly feed and strengthen the Church with your Sacraments, grant to us, who have been nourished at the heavenly table, that, by obeying your teachings of love, we may become for the human family a life-giving leaven and a means to salvation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer after Communion, Mass for the Church A, Roman Missal

Solemnity of Our Lady, Help of Christians

Patroness of Australian, Feast Day on Saturday 24 May

Under the title of Help of Christians, Mary was chosen as Patroness of Australasia by the First Provincial Synod, convened by Archbishop Bede Polding, in Sydney in 1844. The fledgling colonies needed Mary's help at that time, as the nation does today. We are helped through Mary's powerful intercession, and through the example of her life that we find in the Gospel. (Source: Universalis)

On the Lighter Side

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt. *Charles M. Schulz*

You have enemies? Good. That means you've stood up for something, sometime in your life. *Winston Churchill*



 Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list	For those who have died and those who are grieving	Betty Payten
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Jim Curtis, Teresa Muto
	Our sick and their carers	Bernie Maher

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 25th May 10:30am

Commentator: Anne Maree Nihill
Reader: Peter Crombie
Gospel Procession: Connie Serra
Gifts: D Corrigan & P Moroney
Special Minister: Leo McGrath
Screen Operator: Lou Worm
Music Operator: Debbie Worm
Money Counters: S & S De Lai

Saturday 31st May 5:00pm

Commentator: Domelina Phelan
Reader: Theresa Cook
Gospel Procession: Mary Vraca
Gifts: J Caiafa & D Hamilton
Screen Operator: C Coulston
Music Operator: T Warnett

Sunday 1st June 10:30am

All jobs organised by the school

Money Counters: L & D Worm

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

Saturday Mass times for 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

6:00pm (Oct – Mar) 5:00pm (Apr-Sep)

Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm in St Mary's Hall. All welcome.
The next one will be on Wednesday 4th June.



Bishop's Parish Visitation Program.

Bishop Shane will be visiting the parish from 27th – 29th June.

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

John 13:35.

Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 21st May

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 21st May 9:15am
Friday 23rd May 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Sunday 25th May 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 28th May 9:15am
Friday 30th May 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 31st May 5:00pm
Sunday 1st June 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 (30 minutes before Mass)
Saturday evening Masses: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month
4th Sunday of the month: Shared lunch in St Mary's Hall

The next shared Parish Lunch in St Mary's Hall is on Sunday 25th May following the 10:30am Mass

Plate Collection and Envelope

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

May God bless you always.

Last week: \$1099.80

Collection for Seminarians: \$300.00



Thank You

Golden Jubilee – Fr Michael Morley

Fr Michael's 50 years of priestly ministry in our Diocese is on Friday May 23rd. The parish of Yarrowonga is celebrating this occasion with Mass on Sunday 25th May at 11am and parishioners throughout the Diocese are invited to attend.

Mass will be followed by a luncheon in the Endeavour Room at Club Mulwala. Meals and drinks at Club prices.

It would be appreciated if anyone wishing to attend reply to Debbie Friedlieb on 0421 520 954 or by email debfriedlieb@gmail.com



Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound Training

For those who have indicated that they would like to take Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound and anyone else who might be interested, training will be held in the Church after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 15th June.

For more information contact Denice Bourke on 0408 572 112.

YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKERS CENTENARY March 2025 marked the centenary of the Young Christian Workers founded in Belgium by Cardinal Joseph-Leon Cardijn. A small group of former YCW members, Monsignor Frank Marriott, Tricia Blanks and Margaret Watson, invite you to remember your time in the YCW. You are invited to Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday, 13th July, at 11.00am, celebrated by Bishop Shane Mackinlay and Monsignor Frank Marriott, followed by lunch at the Golden Square Hotel.



Your Diocesan social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria (CCV) is the Catholic Church's mission in action. CCV delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential and overcome life's challenges. CCV is committed to building thriving communities, where everyone belongs.

CCV focuses on real life issues and offers practical support for all members of the community. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support, financial and material aid and a variety of courses to strengthen relationships and wellbeing.

Our office locations are in Bendigo, Shepparton and Wangaratta. Some of our services are provided remotely while other services are location specific. If CCV cannot provide the support service, a referral can be made. For support, please call 1800 123 228 or visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au for more information.

SAFEGUARDING – WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)

All volunteers who are rostered to carry out Ministries (e.g. Readers & Special Ministers) at our Parish Masses and PPC & PFC members are required to have a current WWCC, linked as a volunteer to the Sacred Heart Parish, Tatura. It is necessary that the details be registered at the Parish Office. Please see Debbie Turvey or Debbie Worm to complete this process or if you require assistance. Thanks in advance for your prompt assistance with this.

MASS ATTENDANCE COUNTS 2025

The annual count is important for our pastoral planning activities and allows comparisons to be made across years. These counts will be conducted every weekend during May



Multi Cultural Mass & Shared Lunch

Sunday 8th June

A Multi Cultural shared lunch will follow the Mass.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Fr Uday on your 14th ordination anniversary.

May God bless you and keep you safe and in good health.



Baptism

We congratulate Lola Bell, daughter of Alison & Alex, on her Baptism following Mass today.



We welcome her into our parish and faith community.

May God bless you and keep you safe always Lola.

Dear Lord, thank You for Your constant presence in our lives. Help us to love one another as Jesus taught us. Give us the strength to support each other in our faith journeys and to trust in Your plan. 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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DIOCESE NEWS

LAUDATO SI' WEEK

LAUDATO SI' WEEK 17th – 24th May is a global celebration where we remember Pope Francis urging us in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis emphasizes the importance of loving God, one another, and creation. He calls for an "ecological conversion," a transformation of hearts and minds towards greater love and care for the planet. This love extends to both the natural world and our fellow human beings. Today, with the universal church, we celebrate 10 years of inspiration and action since *Laudato Si'* was promulgated. And as a Catholic Earthcare Parish, we celebrate our part in the journey towards the *Laudato Si'* Goals set before us by Pope Francis to achieve ecological conversion.

Prayers and support for Pope Leo XIV

Our Catholic Communication partners have set up an online book where parishioners can leave their prayers and messages of support for Pope Leo XIV.

The Sandhurst Diocese link is here:

<https://caspar.church/messages/index.asp?GroupID=76485&BookID=3>

Sandhurst Theology Scholarships

Sandhurst Theology Scholarships are being offered for Semester 2, 2025 at Catholic Theological College. Applications close on Friday, 23 May 2025 and classes commence 28 July 2025. Scholarships are available for Sandhurst parishioners to study online post-graduate courses in theology at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne.

50% of tuition fees will be reimbursed (whether full cost or audit). You may study for credit towards a Master's Degree/Graduate Certificate/Graduate Diploma or for audit.

Please see the flyer in the Narthex for additional details.

For questions please contact Leslie Cooper at: leslie.cooper@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

MASS on MONDAY at Bendigo East – all Welcome

Fr Boniface, the new Parish Priest at White Hills and Bendigo East, is saying a weekday Mass at St Francis Xavier's Church, 24 Strickland Road, Bendigo East at 6:00pm on Monday evenings. Everyone, no matter what Parish you normally attend is welcome to come along to Mass on Monday.

National Pilgrimage and Reflection Days of Hope

Pilgrimage 9-20 September 2025: Led by Sr Annie Bond, a Sister of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, this pilgrimage focuses on prayer and reflection as an integral part of the pilgrimage. The pilgrimage starts in Melbourne and ends in Sydney at the tomb of Saint Mary MacKillop. All are welcome. Contact:

national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

Jubilee Year of Hope Series 21 May, 30 July, 17 Sept, 19 November: All are welcome to join for a series of Wednesdays dedicated to prayer, reflection and faith enrichment, inspired by the 2025 Year of Hope, accompanied by Sr Virginia Bourke, rsj, held at Mary MacKillop Place. For more information or questions:

ministries@mmp.org.au

Employment Opportunity

Youth Ministry Officer x 2

Please note: The closing date for applications has been extended until SATURDAY, 31 MAY 2025. For more information, a copy of the position description and how to apply go to:

www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/positions-vacant

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL LIBERATION & HEALING

Catholic Charismatic Renewal invite you to celebrate the Jubilee Year with Liberation & Healing, a free event on Sunday 25 May from 1:30pm to 8:30pm at Our Ladys Church 102 Murdoch Rd, Wangaratta, contact Brigita – 0412 042 196 for more information