

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 13 July 2025



Readings
for
this week:

Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37



Readings
for
next Sunday

Genesis 18:1-10
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42



Liturgical Jottings Gospel Sequence

Luke chapters 10 & 11 which we read over these three weeks form an unusual sequence, not one of time or place but of a sense of journey towards Jerusalem in which Jesus encounters several persons incidentally on the road. The journey is more like a religious pilgrimage: People ask questions, Jesus gives his teaching, each discovers something of themselves.

The lawyer asks the question about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Martha asks Jesus to intervene to get Mary to help with the serving. And the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray. While these persons ask about doing things, Jesus response is about relationships with neighbour, with two sisters, with the disciples and our Father in heaven. These "pilgrims" on the journey must learn to imitate Christ and what is really necessary in life.

Looking at the Readings

The readings presented today require a shift in thinking from the words on Law and Neighbour. Moses, the prime Lawgiver gives a twist on the meaning of Law. It is not much a code or list of rules but a way of life. The reading concludes with: "The Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance." The Law of God is equated with the Word of God and these are in our heart. God touches our affections and calls us into relationships.

Jesus after the telling of the parable of the Good Samaritan, invites us to pose the question another way, and it is here we find the originality of his teaching. To discover who is our neighbour, we do not look up the local street directory or flip through our address book. Anyone in need is our neighbour. But we cannot just leave it as a mere generality that everyone is our neighbour. When you encounter someone, a stranger, who has need of you, put yourself in that person's place. From your manner, words, actions, it is they that will recognise whether you are their neighbour, whether you see them as a neighbour and act upon that relationship.

In becoming their neighbour, not the other way round, we listen to them, we learn something about ourselves and discover the right Christian response.

Prayer for the Day

God of mercy and compassion you draw near to us in Christ,
lifting us out of death, binding up our wounds,
and nursing our spirits back to health.
Let such a tenderness as yours compel us to go and do likewise.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Words of Pope Leo

Brothers and sisters, this is the hour for love! The heart of the Gospel is the love of God that makes us brothers and sisters. With my predecessor Leo XIII, we can ask ourselves today: If this criterion "were to prevail in the world, would not every conflict cease and peace return?" (*Rerum Novarum*, 21). With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God's love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the Word, allows itself to be made "restless" by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity. *Homily given by Pope Leo XIV, 18 May 2025*

On the Lighter Side

I have found out that there ain't no surer way to find out whether you like people or hate them than to go on a journey with them. Mark Twain



 Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list	For those who have died and those who are grieving	Nazzareno Amurri, Joe Mammone
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Jim Hamilton
	Our sick and their carers	Bernie Maher

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Saturday 19th July 10:30am

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

Sunday 20th July 10:30am

Commentator: Rob Miller
 Reader: Ross Kelly
 Gospel Procession: Mary Gale
 Gifts: S Gregg & M Vraca
 Eucharistic Minister: Steve De Lai
 Screen Operator: Debbie Worm
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: Lou & Debbie Worm

Sunday 27th July 10:30am

Commentator: Domelina Phelan
 Reader: Teresa Cook
 Gospel Procession: Doreen Corrigan
 Gifts: Steve & Simone De Lai
 Eucharistic Minister: Ross Kelly
 Screen Operator: Mary Gale
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: Steve & Simone De Lai

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

6:00pm (Oct – Mar) 5:00pm (Apr-Sep)

We thank all of our volunteers for their assistance during Mass.

Ladies Cuppa & Chat

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

The next one will be next Wednesday 6th August.



Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 16th July

Please note: Wednesday Mass at 9:15am will be in the Presbytery – please enter through the front door of the Presbytery. Thank you

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 16th July 9:15am (in Presbytery)
 Friday 18th July 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 19th July 5:00pm
 Sunday 20th July 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 23rd July 9:15am (in Presbytery)
 Friday 25th July 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Sunday 27th July 10:30pm

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

Plate Collection and Envelope

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

May God bless you always.

Last week: \$1235.20

Peter's Pence Collection: \$500



The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C leaves us with a clear message: love is action.

God's word is already in our hearts, and Jesus shows us how to live it.

When we care for others, let go of divisions, and choose kindness, we follow what God truly asks of us.

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.

Luke 10:27

On the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we are reminded to live our faith through love and action. God's Word is near to us, and Jesus calls us to serve others with compassion and care.



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Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Tatura

The moral law comes from God as a gift to guide us in choosing what is good and avoiding harm. By following moral law, we grow closer to God and live in ways that respect others.

The moral law is not just a set of rules. It helps us understand right from wrong and build a just and loving community.



The Gospel of Luke: Mercy That Crosses Borders

Luke 10:25-37 tells the story of the Good Samaritan. When a scholar asks how to inherit eternal life, Jesus answers with a story. A man is attacked and left for dead. Religious leaders pass by. A Samaritan, seen as an outsider, is the one who shows mercy and care.

This story fits Luke's focus on compassion, outsiders, and real love in action. On this 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, Jesus teaches that loving your neighbor has no boundaries. Mercy matters more than status or religious role.

The 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us that God's law calls us to love. The readings show us how love for God and love for others cannot be separated. The parable of the Good Samaritan challenges us to act with compassion, even when it is not easy.

This is why the Gospel story of the Good Samaritan matters so much. Jesus shows that the heart of God's law is love. Loving God and loving others go hand in hand. Following the law is not about looking good or avoiding others who seem unclean. It is about becoming the kind of people who care for those around us.



Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

St Donato Festa – Tatura Saturday 9th August 2025

Mass at 10:00am Sacred Heart Church Tatura
4 Course Meal at Tatura Italian Social Club from 11:30am

Adults \$60 – Youth \$ 25 (5-12 years)

Entertainment by Rick Brun

Bookings essential RSVP 1/8/25

Details are on the flyer in the Narthex

Lord, open my heart to see those who need my care. Teach me to love without hesitation or judgment. Help me to live your word through simple acts of kindness and mercy. May I become a neighbor to everyone I meet. 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 – 13/7/25

Bishop Shane will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving (Farewell Mass) at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo, on Sunday 7 September 2025.

He will be installed as Archbishop of Brisbane at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane on Thursday 11 September.

After Bishop Shane's Installation, the Consultors will elect a priest to serve as Diocesan Administrator until a new bishop is appointed.

Fr Isaac Demase was ordained in Sydney

Fr Isaac Demase will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass at St Brendan's 11:00am Mass on Sunday, July 13 following his recent ordination.

90 YEARS OF WORSHIP STRATHMERTON

We invite everyone to join the celebration of 90 years of worship at ST PATRICK'S STRATHMERTON on Saturday 13th September 2025

Mass at 6pm with refreshments and fellowship to follow at The Railway Hotel Strathmerton.

Contact: Colleen 0429334458 or Chris 042873488

Sisters of the Good Samaritan:

Study, Accompaniment and Mentoring Program for Catholic Women

The Sisters of the Good Samaritan invite applications for the 2026 Study, Accompaniment and Mentoring (SAM) Program for Catholic women. Applications close 31 July 2025 Further information is available online. Please see the flyer on the noticeboard with further details.

The Season of Creation is approaching. The Season of Creation is celebrated from September 1, World Day of Prayer for Creation, until October 4, Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

The International Committee has launched this year's theme - ***PEACE WITH CREATION: Creation will find peace when justice is restored. There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth. To hope in a biblical context does not mean to stand still and quiet, but to act, pray, change, and reconcile with Creation and the Creator in unity, repentance, and solidarity. Season of Creation action: Debt Campaign***

And we, in Sandhurst, will again mark this event with an outdoor Mass celebrated by our Vicar General, Fr Joe Taylor, on **Friday 5th September. Please mark this date on your parish calendars.**

National Pilgrimage and Reflection Days of Hope

Jubilee Year of Hope Series

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

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

An opportunity for your consideration...

The [Catholic Women's Network](https://catholicwomensnetwork.org/conference/) is hosting the Anointed Women's Conference in Sydney on Saturday September 27, featuring keynote speaker Sr Miriam James Heidland SOLT.

The event is a time to gather with other women of faith and be reminded that you were created with purpose, chosen by God, and anointed by the Holy Spirit to live fully and freely in your vocation.

Through worship, fellowship, and inspiring talks, you'll have space to reflect, be renewed in prayer, and hear messages that speak to the heart of womanhood in today's world.

Find out more and register at <https://catholicwomensnetwork.org/conference/>