

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 20 July 2025



Readings
for
this week:

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



Readings
For
next Sunday

Genesis 18:20-32
Colossians 2:12-14
Luke 11:1-13



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgical Hospitality I

There are formal instructions about welcoming people at the liturgy: "Liturgical function is also exercised by those who, in some regions, welcome the faithful at the church doors," GIRM 105d and at the beginning of the Mass the Priest greets the people, GIRM 124. The spirit of Liturgical Hospitality, however, has deeper implications: It provides for a welcoming and inclusive environment created for all who participate in worship, particularly during the Mass. It's not just about greeting people at the door, but extends to the overall atmosphere of warmth, generosity, and acceptance that allows everyone to feel comfortable and connected. This ministry is rooted in the belief that each person is created in God's image and deserves to be treated with dignity and respect.

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Looking at the Readings

Abraham immediately offers hospitality to three mysterious travellers. He provides a table in the shade, food and company. The three, upon departure offer not signs or words of gratitude but a promise of a son to Abraham and Sarah. Jesus, receiving hospitality in the house of Martha, Mary and Lazarus at the town of Bethany, offers timely advice to Martha and words of comfort to Mary. Luke ends the passage abruptly. We do not hear the sisters responses or of Jesus' departure. Like a few other Lucan passages we are left wondering. Being hospitable has its own reward both for the giver and the receiver.

Readers and Commentators of this Gospel passage sometime miss a major detail. The meal is already prepared: the vegetables peeled, sliced and cooking away in the pot, the table set. When Jesus arrives only the serving is required. One provides the serving the other provides the company. Martha was unnecessarily worrying and fretting, but it appears that her anxiety was more than the issue at hand, for Jesus added "over many things." Jesus has accepted the hospitality of Martha who was the one that welcomed him into their home, He accepted the hospitality of Mary who sat and listened. In nine days' time we will be celebrating these saints feast day together with their bother Lazarus. Hospitality takes many forms, but we must always consider the attitude in which it is given and received.

Prayer for the Week

Gracious Lord and God,
grant that we may always take delight in your service,
for only through our faithfulness to you,
the author of every good,
will full and lasting happiness be ours.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Quote of the Day

All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say: I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matt 25:35). Respect must be shown to all, beginning with those who share our faith and to pilgrims. Once a guest has been announced, the superior and the brothers are to meet him with all the courtesy of love. First of all, they are to pray together and thus be united in peace. *Rule of St Benedict Ch 53: 1-4*

On the Lighter Side

Strange to see how a good dinner and feasting reconciles everybody." *Samuel Pepys*



 Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list	For those who have died and those who are grieving	John Gardner
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Kathleen Connelly, Felice Lo Piccolo
	Our sick and their carers	Bernie Maher

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

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 2nd August 5:00pm

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

Sunday 3rd August 10:30am

Commentator: Mary Gale
 Reader: Debbie Worm
 Gospel Procession: Connie Serra
 Gifts: A Basile & L Mercuri
 Eucharistic Minister: L McGrath
 Screen Operator: Steve De Lai
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: E Worm & M Gale

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

Weekend Masses

Sunday 27th July 10:30pm

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 30 July 9:15am (in Presbytery)
 Friday 1st August 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 2nd August 5:00pm
 Sunday 3rd August 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 lunch is on Sunday 27th August, all welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

Plate Collection and Envelope

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

May God bless you always.

Last week: \$ 1695.00



Welcoming God into Our Lives

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C invites us to think about how we welcome God into our homes and our lives.

The readings show us both action and listening.

Abraham serves the Lord with great care.
 Mary sits at Jesus' feet and listens.
 Martha tries hard to serve, but she misses the quiet moment with Jesus.

Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.

Luke 10:41-42

Fr Uday will be going away from 11th August to 12th September. During this time Fr Michael Grace will be celebrating Mass on except on Sunday 24th August. Fr Michael Morley will celebrate Mass on Sunday 24th August. There will be no Saturday or weekday Masses in his absence.

We will have a shared parish lunch to celebrate Fr Michael's recent 50th Anniversary of his ordination, there won't be a shared lunch on the 31st of August.

INVITATION

Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Goals Workshop

Fr Uday warmly invites all Members of the Parish Pastoral and Parish Finance Councils of St Augustine's Kyabram and Sacred Heart Tatura, together with all interested parishioners, to come together for an important workshop.

The objective of the workshop is to break open the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Goals.

The expected outcomes include an understanding of the visionary intent and language of the goals as well as considering and reflecting on current parish activities, initiatives and actions in the light of the goals.

The Workshop will be facilitated by Geoff Gowdie, Assistant Director of Mission and Pastoral Life. "Geoff's work is centered on helping individuals and communities deepen their relationship with Jesus and grow in their ability to live out the church's mission through outreach, belonging and formation."

Please keep the date and give prayerful consideration to attending this important event.

Date: 7 August
Time: 4 – 5:30pm (90 minutes)
Place: St Augustine's Church Kyabram

DEMENTIA FORUM

There is a flyer in the Narthex about a Dementia Forum on August 26th 2025 from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Kyabram Community and Learning Centre.

Free tickets are available at www.kclc.com.au or phone: 5852 0000

Lunch and morning tea provided.

The event offers valuable information for carers, families, health professionals, and anyone in the community with an interest in dementia support and services.

Lord, help us to be hospitable like Abraham, serve like Martha, and listen like Mary. Give us strength in hardships and guide us with your wisdom. May we always find joy in your presence. 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.



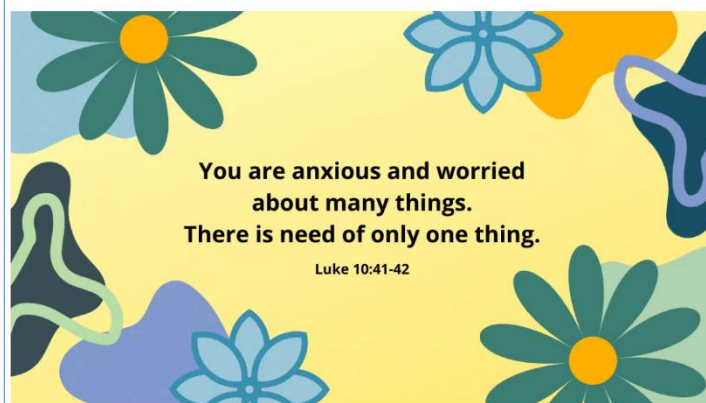
St Donato Festa – Tatura Saturday 9th August 2025

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
See the flyer in the Narthex for more details.

Happy Birthday.

A special Happy Birthday to Jan Lowe for last Thursday



The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

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DIOCESE NEWS – 20/7/25

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.

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

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.**

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/>