

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 27 July 2025



Readings
for
this week:

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



Readings
for
next Sunday

Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23
Colossians 3:1-5,9-11
Luke 12:13-21



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgical Hospitality II

While some parishes may have designated ministers of hospitality (welcomers, ushers and greeters), the responsibility for creating a welcoming atmosphere belongs to everyone in the assembly. Everyone can contribute to the feeling of welcome and inclusion.

Key aspects of liturgical hospitality include: Welcoming attitude, Generosity, Inclusivity, Creating a sense of community, Offering practical assistance, Serving as a visible expression of God's love.

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Looking at the Readings

It is interesting how the Lectionary places the first reading with the Gospel for this week. In the former Abraham is bartering with God. It seems to be with some humour or even relish reminiscence of an oriental marketplace. In the Gospel the disciples ask Jesus how to pray. Does prayer imply a degree of bartering with God? Yet another aspect of prayer is evident in the first reading and the Gospel, that is persistence. Abraham persisted in seeking to spare destruction on the city. Abraham approached God boldly but he spoke as speaking to a friend. In the Gospel another friend persisted in knocking on the door and asking for bread. In the Lord's Prayer Jesus invites us to call God "Father". This familiar term is deeply embedded in the relationship between God and Jesus, and we can observe this relationship between God and Abraham.

The attributes of prayer that we glean from the readings are a sense of dialogue with God, confidence in questioning and bartering with God, a large degree of persistence, readiness to search, trustfulness and faithfulness. But with Christ, St Paul, St Therese and many others, they teach us that love is above all. Prayer both requires and generates a loving relationship with God and one another.

Prayer for the Day

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me. *Psalm response*

The Lord's Prayer

This prayer is truly the pre-eminent symbol of prayer. Many of the early church fathers preached and wrote commentaries on the Our Father. From the earliest centuries we have the practice of handing this prayer to the Catechumens. This practise continues today for the catechumens and for children preparing for the sacraments. The Our Father is included in the celebrations of the Mass, of the sacraments and the Liturgy of the Hours in morning and evening prayer. Devotionally we pray this pray in the rosary, classroom prayer-time, prayer at parish meetings and the like.

Calendar Additions

In 2021 Pope Francis has added the memorial of Sts Mary, Martha and Lazarus to the General Roman Calendar, giving the siblings the combined feast day of 29 July.

On the Lighter Side

In the RCIC workbook a question is posed. "Because we call God: "Our Father", what do we call one another? Responses include siblings, family, brother and sisters,



 Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list	For those who have died and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	
	Our sick and their carers	

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Saturday 2nd August 5:00pm

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

Sunday 3rd August 10:30am

Commentator: Theresa Cook
 Reader: Dean Filgate
 Gospel Procession: Connie Serra
 Gifts: A Basile & L Mercuri
 Eucharistic Minister: L McGrath
 Screen Operator: Steve De Lai
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: Lou & Debbie Worm

Sunday 10th August 10:30am

Commentator: Ann-Marie Nihill
 Reader: Ross Kelly
 Gospel Procession: Doreen Corrigan
 Gifts: Steve & Simone De Lai
 Eucharistic Minister: Anna Ciavarella
 Screen Operator: Debbie Worm
 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 30 July 9:15am (in Presbytery)
 Friday 1st August 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 2nd August 5:00pm
 Sunday 3rd August 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 6th August 9:15am (in Presbytery)
 Friday 8th August 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Sunday 10th August 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

The next Shared lunch is on TODAY, 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: \$ 495.10



Baptism

We congratulate Alora Zoe Padayad Macapas, daughter of Karen and Dave on her Baptism today.

We welcome her into our parish and faith community.

May God bless you and keep you safe always Alora.



I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.
 For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Luke 11:9-10

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

We will have a shared parish lunch on 24th August to celebrate Fr Michael's recent 50th Anniversary of his ordination, there won't be a shared lunch on the 31st of August.

INVITATION to attend

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 to break open the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Goals facilitated by Geoff Gowdie, Assistant Director of Mission and Pastoral Life

More details can be accessed in last week's Bulletin.

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
RSVP: 3rd August (to Fr Uday)



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.

The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C invites us to think about how we talk to God. The readings remind us that prayer is not just about saying words. It is about trust, hope, and knowing that God is listening.

- **Persistence in prayer:** Abraham and Jesus teach the importance of continuing to ask God for help. Both show that faith means trusting God will listen and respond.
- **God's justice and mercy:** Abraham asks God to spare the innocent when Sodom is judged. This reminds us that God is both fair and full of mercy.
- **Faith and forgiveness:** Paul tells the Colossians that their sins are forgiven because of Jesus. This shows that faith brings new life and freedom from sin.
- **The gift of prayer:** Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray, giving them the Lord's Prayer. Prayer is a way to build a deeper relationship with God.
- **Trust in God's care:** Jesus says God gives good gifts to those who ask. This reminds us to trust in God, who loves and provides for us.
- **Interceding for others:** Abraham's prayer for Sodom shows the power of asking God to help others. Prayer is not just for ourselves but for those in need.

These themes help us reflect on how we pray and trust in God. They encourage us to turn to God with faith, knowing that He listens and cares for us.

Loving Father, we come to You in faith, knowing that You hear us. Teach us to pray with trust and to seek Your will in all things. Help us to bring our needs and the needs of others to You with open hearts. Guide us and fill us with Your love. 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 – 27/7/25

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** 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/>