



Sacred
Heart
Parish
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Sacred Heart Parish Tatura

Parish Priest: Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 24 August 2025



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 66:18-21
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Luke 13:22-30



Readings for
next Sunday

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24
Luke 14:1, 7-14



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Charity II

The Faithful, form a holy people, should, moreover, take care to show this by their deep religious sense and their charity toward brothers and sisters who participate with them in the same celebration.

General Instructions of the Roman Missal (GIRM 95).

Charity is mentioned 10 times in the GIRM, 12 times in the rubrics and 195 times in the prayers of the Mass. The word charity is often preceded by various adjectives such as admirable, ardent, boundless, burning, divine, eternal, fervent, fraternal, fruitful, joyful, lasting, loving, outstanding, perfect, steadfast, true, wonderful, unfailing and untiring.

This wonderful array of descriptors for charity provides insights on how to live the command of Christ: "To love God and your neighbour with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind. (Luke 10:27)

Looking at the Reading

The response for the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 116): "Go out to all the world and tell the Good News" is sourced not from the psalm itself but from Mark 16:15. This response very concisely sums up the readings for today. I remember this line written in the visitors' book at the mission house at Kanabea, Gulf Province PNG. It was written by Cardinal James Knox then Archbishop of Melbourne over fifty years ago. I added my simple entry just below. But the words still ring loud and true. Isaiah prophesied that God's word would be carried by emissaries to far off lands so that peoples may give glory to God.

Jesus' journey to Jerusalem continues in the Gospel today. The journey started in Luke 9:51 (Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time). Jesus went through towns and villages teaching. Along the way he is meeting people who asks questions. His replies are challenging, inviting people to discipleship which entails some hard decisions to follow the narrow path, to knock at the right door, to enter the banquet hall. While the message goes out to the whole world, some choose to accept, some choose to reject.

One pertinent question asked by a traveller: "Will only a few be saved?" is relevant today as it was then. We need to take to heart the real invitation to take up the cross, to follow Jesus along his path. Thirst for power, wealth and position has become obstacles on the path; yet the heavenly banquet has expandable space, there are many rooms in the Father's house.

Prayer for the Day

God of goodness and kindness, you invite all peoples to the banquet and offer them a feast beyond compare. Give us your saving grace to keep unstained the robe of our baptism until that day when you welcome us to heaven's joyful table. Amen.

Words of Pope Leo

St Peter is called to serve the faith of his brothers and sisters, and to walk alongside them, for all of us are "living stones" (1 Pet 2:5), called through our baptism to build God's house in fraternal communion, in the harmony of the Spirit, in the coexistence of diversity. In the words of St Augustine: "The Church consists of all those who are in harmony with their brothers and sisters and who love their neighbour" (Serm. 359,9).
Homily Pope Leo XIV, 18 May 2025

On the Lighter Side

There is no traffic congestion on the straight and narrow path. Thomas Dewar, 1st Baron Dewar.

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 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	Gary Anthony Basile
	Our sick and their carers	

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 31st August 10:30am (Fr Grace)

School Led Mass

Money Counters: Evert Worm & Lou Worm

Sunday 7th September 10:30am (Fr Grace)

Commentator: Rob Miller
 Reader: Dean Filgate
 Gospel Procession: Peter Crombie
 Gifts: J Caiafa & D Hamilton
 Eucharistic Minister: A 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.

Three Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 27th August

No weekday or Saturday Masses while Fr Uday is away

There will be a liturgy on Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:15am in the Nun's Chapel while Fr Uday is away.

Weekend Masses

Sunday 31st August 10:30am (Fr Grace)
 Sunday 7th September 10:30am (Fr Grace)
 Sunday 14th September 10:30am (Fr Uday)

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

Shared Lunch: Today, Sunday 24th August, in St Mary's Hall following Mass

Baptism

We congratulate Ariana Catanese, daughter of Luigi and Maddison on her Baptism today.

We welcome her into our parish and faith community. May God bless you and keep you safe always Ariana.



Plate Collection and Envelope

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

May God bless you always.

Last week: \$665.60



This week we welcome Fr Michael back to Tatura. There will be the shared lunch after Mass today in St Mary's Hall. All welcome to come and help celebrate Fr Michael's recent 50th Anniversary of Ordination.

Congratulations once again Fr Michael!

Ladies Cuppa & Chat

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

The next one will be next Wednesday 3rd September.



Urgent Pledge for Gaza Support

Caritas Australia is calling on supporters to sign this urgent pledge, www.caritas.org.au/act/peace/peace-in-gaza which will be delivered to the Australian Foreign Minister's office on Monday 1st September. Coming into force are new restrictive conditions for international charities requiring them to breach the safety and security of their staff or face deregistration which will prevent them from providing critical, life-saving humanitarian assistance to Palestinians. Aid volumes will fall below a level that is already claiming innocent lives. The people of Gaza cannot eat less than they already are. We need to demonstrate strong public support for increased humanitarian aid access to Gaza

Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.

Luke 13:24

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Our liturgical calendar is full of Social Justice celebrations over the next couple of months beginning with **Social Justice Sunday on Sunday 31st August**, followed by the Season of Creation from 1 September to 4 October and, within that space, we also have Migrant & Refugee Sunday 28 September.

Safeguarding in Our Parish

As part of our obligations under the Child Safe Standards we have a responsibility to ensure that our volunteers have been provided with training regarding the safety of children, young people, and adults at risk.

There is an online module (Salt) aimed at all volunteers to ensure you have an understanding of the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and the Victorian Child Safe Standards.

If you completed this two years ago it is now due to be completed again, if you haven't already done so.

A copy of your Certificate is required to be held at the Parish Office. Please give it to Debbie Worm or Debbie Turvey ASAP.

If you require further information or assistance please see Debbie Turvey.

God's Inclusive Invitation

The readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C emphasize God's call to all people, no matter where they come from. In Isaiah, we see God's promise to gather people from distant lands. This shows that God desires a diverse and inclusive family. He does not limit His love to one group; He invites everyone to know Him.

This message is important because it reminds us that God's love is universal. We are all invited to be part of His family, regardless of our background, culture, or nationality. This inclusive call challenges us to be open and welcoming to others. We are called to share God's love with everyone, not just those who are like us.

In a world often divided by differences, the readings for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C offer a hopeful message. They remind us that God's kingdom is for all people. We should work to break down barriers and build bridges. By doing so, we reflect God's love and His desire for unity.

This call to inclusion also challenges us personally. We need to examine our attitudes and behaviors. Are we welcoming to all people, or do we hold prejudices? The readings invite us to embrace others with the same love that God shows us.

On this 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we are reminded that we are all part of God's plan. He calls us to be a part of His diverse and inclusive family. Let us respond to His invitation by loving and welcoming others, just as He loves and welcomes us.

Many people had their reasons for following Jesus. Some hoped for healing, others wanted freedom from Roman rule, and some sought relief from strict religious practices. While these are good desires, they missed the full meaning of discipleship. Jesus called His followers to do the Father's will, not just to fulfill their personal agendas.

We might also have our own reasons for being part of the Church. Maybe we want to see positive changes in society, enjoy being part of a community, or admire the Church's teachings. These are all good things, but they are not the whole picture. True discipleship means knowing Jesus personally and following His teachings, even when it is hard.

Lord, help us to follow You with open hearts and minds. Guide us to be welcoming to all and teach us through Your loving discipline. Give us the strength to embrace our cross and stay faithful on our journey with You. 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 – 24/8/25



100 YEARS OF YCW WOMEN IN ACTION

Tickets, which include lunch, can be purchased here:

[100 Years of YCW women in Action](#) or here:

<https://events.humanitix.com/100-years-of-ycw-women-in-action>

This event is open to women and men of YCW, their friends and interested networks. A '100 years of YCW in Australia' commemorative badge is also available for pre-order with collection on the day.

Where: Catholic Theological College,

University of Divinity 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne.

When: Sunday, 31 August 2025

Time: 11am to 3pm

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.

CCR Pilgrims of Hope Renewal Day

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Sandhurst are holding a Pilgrims of Hope Renewal Day (Jeremiah 29:11-14). Come along for a time of praise and worship, fellowship, faith formation, understanding gifts of the Holy Spirit. The day includes celebration of Charismatic Mass with Fr Arun Korlakanti, the Spiritual Chaplain for CCR.

Saturday 6th September 2025 from 9.30am to 3.00pm

St Brendan's Knight St. Shepparton at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre

Lunch: Please bring a plate to share

All are welcome!

Contact: Brigita Hore: 0412 042 196 Mary Zobec: 0427 190 282 Denise Illot: 0407 506 813

National Pilgrimage and Reflection Days of Hope

Jubilee Year of Hope Series

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 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/>

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

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 the 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.**

Sandhurst Pilgrimage to Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) Melbourne 2025: REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!!

The Diocese of Sandhurst is taking 200 young pilgrims to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival — a vibrant journey of faith, music, prayer and encounter. The pilgrimage is a partnership between Catholic Education Sandhurst, parishes and schools, offering young people a chance to grow in faith and community, to be formed, inspired, and sent. Support is available to make the journey possible — but the call is for commitment, curiosity, and courage. Talk to your parish and say 'yes' to be part of something that will shape the Church and your place in it.

When: 29 November - 3 December

Travel: Return Coaches departing from Shepparton, Wangaratta & Bendigo, with 4 nights' accommodation at Queens College

Cost: \$1450 package expense, with large upfront subsidies available to eligible year 10 & 11 students, and parishioners aged 18-25



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More info on subsidy packages, event scheduling and how to register found at www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au



MARIAN FESTIVAL, BENDIGO

Sunday, October 12. To book the coach to travel across to Bendigo for the Marian Festival, we need numbers by September 10.

We depart from St Brendan's Parish Car Park, Shepparton at 8am.

Payment is required by 25 September, 2025.

Contact Maureen: 0403 876 578.



**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL
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All welcome

An offering will be taken up

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**YOU'RE INVITED to
Sandhurst Celebration of
Season Of Creation on
Friday 5th September**



**Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18**



**Venue: Huntly
Streamside Reserve**

**(At Huntly, turn west into
Leans Rd then right at sign
into Streamside Reserve)**

Time: Mass celebrated by Fr Joe Taylor VG at 11am

Picnic Lunch - Sausage sizzle provided

BYO lunch if preferred

BYO water bottles

**Blessing & Distribution
of native plants
to schools & parishes
of Sandhurst diocese**



**EVERYONE is invited and encouraged to come
along and celebrate in this beautiful bush setting.**



**PEACE
WITH CREATION
SEASON OF CREATION 2025**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

From east and west they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.'

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets," but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.'

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word

AT THE FEAST IN THE KINGDOM

In this Sunday's Gospel we are still in that section of Luke that concerns the journey of Jesus and his disciples on their way to Jerusalem. This section of the Gospel, Luke 9-19, is long. It is also important as the evangelist seeks to contemporise the teaching of Jesus, for a later time and culture. The evangelist also provides us in this 'journey narrative' with a window into what some of the issues were with which Jesus' followers were dealing.

One of them here concerned salvation and ultimate communion with God. Someone enquires about the number of those 'saved'? Will it be a few? The question allows Jesus in Luke's Gospel to address a key presumption circulating within the Gospel audience. There were some who presumed that simply being a member of the Gospel household, participating in a meal (the Eucharist?) or listening to the teaching of the Master guaranteed admittance into the Kingdom.

Jesus reminds Luke's audience to be careful about such presumptive and elitist behaviour. This attitude, of being better than others because of one's spiritual heritage or conduct, does not guarantee automatic admission into the Kingdom. It needs to be checked. Rather than a restrictive or exclusive view of Kingdom admission – only those with the right 'credentials' will be admitted – ultimate communion with God is open ended and available to all, as people 'from east and west, from north and south will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. A spirit of openness, hospitality and inclusivity must characterise Jesus' disciples.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

24 AUGUST 2025

FIRST READING

Isa 66:18-21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

R. Go out to all the world; and tell the Good News (or Alleluia!)

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, / acclaim him all you peoples! **R.**

2. Strong is his love for us; / he is faithful for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did



not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!**