



Sacred
Heart
Parish
TATURA

Sacred Heart Parish Tatura

Parish Priest: Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS

World Mission Sunday

Sunday 19 October 2025



Readings for
this week:

Exodus 17:8-13
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2
Luke 18:1-8



Readings for
next Sunday:

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14



Liturgical Jottings

Mass for Various Intentions

Last week we looked at Masses and prayers for various needs and occasions, section 2 for Civil or Public Needs in the Roman Missal "These provide Mass formularies that may be used in the various times of Christian life." GIRM 368.

Section 3 is titled: "For Various Intentions or for personal needs. The Masses include intentions for: Forgiveness of Sins, Chastity, Charity, Relatives and Friends, Our Oppressors, Those Held in Captivity, Those in Prison, the Sick, the Dying, the Grace of a Happy Death, In Any Need, Giving Thanks to God, The Roman Missal in USA adds: Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life. The Ambrosian Missal (in Italy) adds: for Concord and one for the Family. Since the missals had been printed new Masses and prayers have been approved: In Time of Pandemic (2021) and Mass of Care for Creation (2025).

© Diocese of Sandhurst 2025

Looking at the Readings

The painting *Rephidim* by John Dubrow depicts the scene in the first reading about Moses whose arms were supported by Aaron and Hur while he prayed to God for victory against Amalek. Dubrow notes: "The battle confronts us with difficult questions that defy easy answers." The Amalekites were cut down. Does God condone such hostility? What is the message of this reading? One noted writer, Fr Ronald Rolheiser OMI, explained it this way: "when we read passages in the Old Testament of much slaughter, we need to read the fine print at the foot of the page: 'no person was harmed in the production of this story'." While often the stories are embellished, and numbers exaggerated to convey God's power and protection, we do wonder what really happened. This passage, like many others, have quite a different angle on the events – or rather about the relationship between God and the people. God is the protector of his people; he answers their pleas. While the people may forget his promises and fail to trust, God does not forget his people, his ways are not our ways. The responsorial psalm sums up this relationship well. Today's Gospel adds another light on the necessity for perseverance in prayer.

Prayer for World Mission Day

God of all people, fill our hearts with your Holy Spirit, that we will act justly in our relationships with each other and for our brothers and sisters all over the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pope's World Mission Sunday Message 2025

In following Christ the Lord, Christians are called to hand on the Good News by sharing the concrete life situations of those whom they meet, and thus to be bearers and builders of hope. Indeed, "the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts" (*Gaudium et Spes* 1). Given by Pope Francis, 25 February 2025

On the Lighter Side

A carpenter, a gardener and an electrician argue whose trade is the oldest. The carpenter says: "when Noah built his ark before the flood, he made it out of wood, so carpentry is the oldest." The gardener says: "well, when Adam and Eve were in the garden, someone had to plant the trees and flowers there, so gardening is the oldest." The electrician smirks and says: "fellas, when God said 'let there be light,' we already had the cables laid down."



 Please email or contact the office to add names to the prayer list	For those who have died and those who are grieving	Pippa Vraca
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Maria Worm, Rose Curtis, Guilia Tassone
	Our sick and their carers	Harney McKinnon, Mary Luscombe

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 26th October 10:30am

Commentator: Domelina Phelan
Reader: Ross Kelly
Gospel Procession: Doreen Corrigan
Gifts: S & S De Lai
Eucharistic Minister: Mary Gale
Screen Operator: Lou Worm
Music Operator: Trish Warnett
Money Counters: L & D Worm

Saturday 1st November 6:00pm

Commentator: Carol Coulston
Reader: Sheila Gregg
Gospel Procession: Joyce Caiafa
Gifts: D Hamilton & M Vraca
Eucharistic Minister: Not required
Screen Operator: Debbie Turvey
Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Sunday 2nd November 10:30am

Commentator: Mary Gale
Reader: Debbie Worm
Gospel Procession: Domelina Phelan
Gifts: D Corrigan & P Moroney
Eucharistic Minister: Ross Kelly
Screen Operator: Lou Worm & Trish Warnett
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.

Plate Collection and Envelope



Thank You

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

May God bless you always.

Last week: \$ 746.50

Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 22nd October

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 22nd October 9:15am
Friday 24th October 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sunday 26th October 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 29th October 9:15am
Friday 31st October 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 1st November 6:00pm
Sunday 2nd November 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
Cemetery Mass 8th November 9:15am

Ladies Cuppa & Chat

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



The next one will be Wednesday 5th November

SAFEGUARD TRAINING

Thankyou to all those who have now completed this bi-annual training.

And a thankyou to Carolyn Goode and the staff at Sacred Heart School who made available the school library for our group training last week. It was much appreciated by Fr Uday, myself and the participants.

If you would like to complete this training and do not have a log in please contact me and I will arrange to give you details for this.

Debbie Turvey Sacred Heart Parish Child
Safeguarding Representative

Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them?

Luke 18:7

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – Envelopes are available for donations or there will be a Bucket Collection after Mass today.



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



Diocesan Formation Gathering

Fr Uday, Deb T, Denice, Sheila, Domelina, Dolly, Evert, Sue and Debbie along with 11 parishioners from St Augustine's Kyabram attended the Diocesan Formation Gathering. There were lots of discussions and sharings with other parishes about Building Communities of Belonging. The PPC will discuss some ideas at their next meeting. Thank you to those who represented our parish.



JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

As part of the Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope", a pilgrimage is being organised to Numurkah to visit St Mary of the Cross Indigenous Garden and Historical Trail. Australia's first saint and co-founder of the sisters of Saint Joseph, Mary MacKillop of the Cross founded the first Josephite School in Victoria at Numurkah in 1890. In December 2024, Numurkah parishioners celebrated the opening of an indigenous garden and history trail dedicated to the memory of Mary MacKillop and the Josephite Sisters who have served their community so well.

The Pilgrimage will leave Sacred Heart Tatura 9:30 am on Saturday 25th October to arrive at Numurkah by 10:30 am and then tea and Historical Garden walk. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Uday at 12 noon. Lunch at Shamrock hotel at 1 pm. If you have a spare seat in your car, please reach out to those in need of a lift.

RSVP to Fr. Uday or Debbie Worm by 19th October or put your name on the list in the Narthex.

On the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, the readings invite us to reflect on the themes of persistence in prayer, the support of our faith community, and the importance of scripture. Through the stories of the persistent widow, Moses, and Paul's advice to Timothy, we are encouraged to trust in God's timing and stay faithful in our journey. These reflections will explore how these themes can be applied to our daily lives, offering guidance and hope.

The Power of Persistent Prayer

On the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, the Gospel highlights the power of persistent prayer through the parable of the persistent widow. This story teaches us that even when we feel like our prayers are unanswered, we should continue to pray and trust in God's timing. The widow's determination in asking the unjust judge for justice is a powerful example of how we should approach prayer with persistence and faith.

Lord, help us to be persistent in our prayers and faithful in our actions. Strengthen us with the support of our community and guide us through your word. May we trust in your timing and always seek justice and peace in our lives. 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.

Sacred Heart Parish, Tatura

PO Box 110 Tatura VIC 3616

Phone: 0436 112 232

Email: tatura@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Website: <http://www.sacredheartparishtatura.com.au>

Facebook: Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Tatura

DIOCESE NEWS – 19/10/25



Discover Catholic Podcasts and events happening across Australia – retreats, pilgrimages, workshops and more.

Visit www.CathEvents.org.au to find opportunities to grow in faith and community. Event organisers can also list their events for free, helping more people connect and participate.

40th Anniversary of the New Church & 114th year of St Joseph's Parish, Cobram

You are warmly invited to join us in celebrating the 40th anniversary of St Joseph's Catholic Church & the 114th year of St Joseph's Parish, William Street, Cobram on Sunday 9th November.

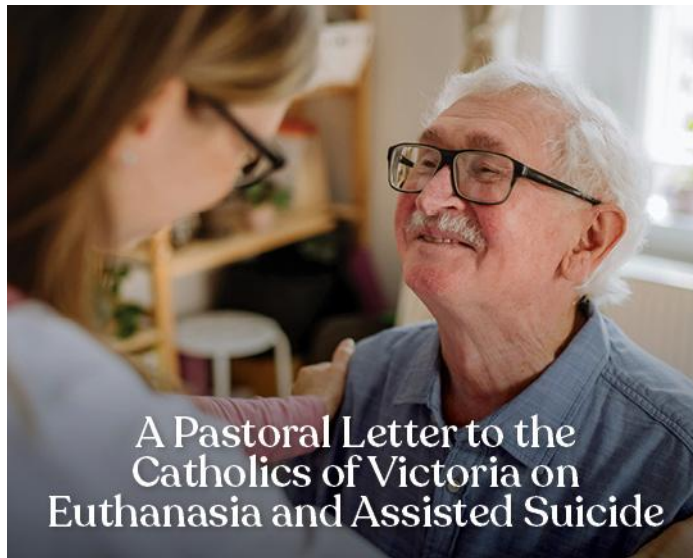
Thanksgiving Mass at 11:00am presided by Bishop Les Tomlinson, followed by a shared lunch in the adjacent school grounds.

Pig on spit & BBQ provided. BYO drinks: NO ALCOHOL.

Enquiries phone Kristel 0418306537

The Victorian Bishops have written a pastoral letter about the proposed changes to the Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) Laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. The Bishops of Victoria ask that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter and find out more at www.bit.ly/EuthenasiaBill.



The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthenasiaBill.



Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our
heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL

Unauthorised reproduction of this bulletin prohibited.
Published with ecclesiastical approval by ST PAULS
PUBLICATIONS, PO Box 906, Strathfield NSW 2135.
Tel 02 9394 3400 Email: sales@stpauls.com.au Scripture
readings taken from The Jerusalem Bible, © 1966 Hodder &
Stoughton Ltd. All rights reserved. Psalm text from The Psalms,
ANewTranslation, © 1963, The Grail (England), HarperCollins. New
translation of the Order of Mass from The Roman Missal © 2010,
International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation.
All rights reserved. Artwork by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj. Layout,
commentaries and illustrations © St Pauls Publications, 2025.
No 2112. Website: www.stpauls.com.au

Breaking Open the Word

HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

'What is the good of praying if wars and evil things continue to exist? Prayer seems to have no effect.' A similar concern existed in Luke's day: why pray if it seems ineffectual? Today's Gospel speaks to the heart of this. It takes the form of a parable, encouraging constant prayer. The parable concerns an unjust judge ignoring a troubling and annoying widow who seeks justice against an *adversary*—even though one translation inaccurately describes her antagonist as an 'enemy'. The widow needs help, and the judge refuses her request. That is, until she continues to badger him; finally, he relinquishes.

Luke's Jesus uses the story as a classical way of describing God: if the judge finally relents through persistent pleading how much more quickly will God respond to those who cry out for help. Prayer opens the one praying to God's presence, allowing God to act within the one praying for what is needed. This deeply religious perspective affects the pray-er in daily life. This in turn shapes wider social contact, which effects relationships and, eventually, global change. Local personal prayer has, though imperceptibly, universal influence.

The last sentence of the Gospel speaks into this global perspective: 'When the Son of Man comes will he find faith on earth?' In other words, in the eschaton, at the definitive coming of Christ at the end of time, will people have given up conviction that prayer is effective and that God responds to the cry of the needy? Today's Gospel encourages us to pray, constantly and with hopeful expectation.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

19 OCTOBER 2025

FIRST READING

Ex 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 120. R. cf. v. 2

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: / from where shall come my help? / My help shall come from the Lord / who made heaven and earth. **R.**
2. May he never allow you to stumble! / Let him sleep not, your guard. / No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, / Israel's guard. **R.**
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; / at your right side he stands. / By day the sun shall not smite you / nor the moon in the night. **R.**
4. The Lord will guard you from evil, / he will guard your soul. / The Lord will guard your going and coming / both now and for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Tim 3:14-4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

■ The word of the Lord.