



Sacred
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Sacred Heart Parish Tatura

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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 12 October 2025



Readings for
this week:

2 Kings 5:14-17
2 Timothy 2:8-13
Luke 17:11-19



Readings for
next Sunday

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



Liturgical Jottings

Masses for Public Needs

"Since the liturgy ... has as its effect that for the faithful who are properly disposed almost every event in life is sanctified by the divine grace that flows from the Paschal Mystery, the Roman Missal provides Mass formularies that may be used in the various occasions of Christian life." GIRM 368

Part 2 has Masses for Civil or Public Needs: For a nation or state, those in public office, governing assembly, head of state or ruler, beginning of the civil year, sanctification of human labour, in time of seedtime, the harvest, progress of peoples, preservation of peace and justice, time of war or civil disturbance, for refugees and exiles, time of famine or for those suffering hunger, in times of earthquake, for rain, fine weather, end to storms. The Australian Missal adds in times of bushfires, droughts, flood, cyclones. The Ambrosian Rite adds, peace, justice, liberty, for beginning of the school year, in praise of the Creator.

Looking at the Readings

I wonder what the ten lepers thought when meeting Jesus as they started to walk back into Jerusalem. They were not cured immediately. Did they think they may never be healed? Did they believe that they will be healed when they reached the Temple? Without medical clinics and few practitioners in the places and times of Jesus and when health, wealth and spiritual wellbeing were so entwined, the Temple priests were the arbiters to declare a person free from disease. The miracle is like a parable. Following the parables from the gospel last week, it teaches us about faith, service and now thanksgiving.

Naaman, an Aramaean army commander, contracted leprosy. At first, he did not believe in God or have faith in what the Prophet Elisha had told him to do. His friends and servants convinced him to obey Elisha. (1 Kings 5:1-13) The first reading picks up the story from here. Naaman is healed, returns to the Prophet to thank him by bestowing gifts. The words of the Prophet and the Lord and the actions of the Naaman and the lepers are very similar. Each foreigner found time to discover God and give God thanks for life and wellbeing. While we do not have leprosy and we do have recourse to medical treatment, we still must find time for God, "increase our faith" and give praise and thanks to God and one another.

Prayer of the Day: The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.
(from the words of the Samaritan Leper, Blind Bartimaeus and the Good Thief on the cross; this prayer was popularised in the East)

Quote of the Week

The greatest disease in the West today is not TB or leprosy; it is being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for. We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love. There's a hunger for love, as there is a hunger for God. Mother Teresa

On the Lighter Side

At 93 years old, the Bishop was dying. Trying to make his last journey comfortable a nurse brought some warm milk to drink, but he refused. She took it back to the kitchen and added a generous amount of whiskey. Returning to the Bishop's bed, she held the glass to his lips. He drank a little, then a little more, then the whole glass. A monsignor, asked him "please give us some wisdom before you die." Rising up from the bed, a most pious look on his face, he said: "Don't sell that cow."



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 Please email or contact the office to add names to the prayer list	For those who have died and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Santo Calleri, Cavicchiolo & Lopiccolo families
	Our sick and their carers	Harney McKinnon

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Saturday 18th October 6:00pm

Commentator: Carol Coulston
Reader: Denice Bourke
Gospel Procession: Debbie Turvey
Gifts: J Caiafa & D Hamilton
Eucharistic Minister: Not required
Screen Operator: Anne Hutchison
Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Sunday 19th October 10:30am

Commentator: Gem Reyes
Reader: Theresa Cook
Gospel Procession: Leo McGrath
Gifts: Jan & Barry Lowe
Eucharistic Minister: Danny Reyes
Screen Operator: Mary Gale
Music Operator: Trish Warnett
Money Counters: E Worm & L Worm

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 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: \$ 1044.70

Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 15th October

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 15th October 9:15am
Friday 17th October 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 18th October 6:00pm
Sunday 19th October 10:30am

Weekday Masses

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

Weekend Mass

Sunday 26th October 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

Ladies Cuppa & Chat

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



The next one will be Wednesday 5th November

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us to notice God's blessings. It calls us to give thanks for what He has done. The readings show healing, mercy, and the gift of faith. They help us see that faith grows stronger when we trust God and give Him praise.

Naaman is healed after listening to the prophet Elisha. He chooses to follow the God of Israel. In the Gospel, ten lepers are healed, but only one comes back to thank Jesus. This man, a Samaritan, shows true faith by giving thanks.

These stories remind us that faith is not just believing. It is also saying thank you to God. We are invited to look at our own lives. We can ask if we thank God enough for His care and love.

Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?

Luke 17:17-18

The Gospel of Luke: A Grateful Heart and True Faith

Luke 17:11-19 shows Jesus healing ten lepers, but only one returns to give thanks. This fits Luke's theme of God's mercy extending to outsiders. The grateful Samaritan stands as a model of faith, showing that salvation is not just for Israel but for all who believe and give glory to God.

Luke often highlights compassion, inclusion, and the call to discipleship. This story shows that true faith is shown by thanksgiving and worship. The Samaritan's gratitude reveals a heart open to God's saving work. On the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we are invited to be like him, praising God for His mercy.

National Carers' Week runs from October 12 to 15 in 2025.

It's a time to recognise, celebrate and raise awareness of the people who provide unpaid care and support to family members and friends who have a disability, mental health issues, drug issues or a chronic condition. About 39% of Victorian carers report living with a disability themselves. Over three quarters of a million Victorians are unpaid carers. They are the social glue that binds family members and service providers. Carers' Victoria can give practical advice and support to any carer when required. Just call 1800 514 845 on weekdays.

Mary Pianta. Disability Contact Coordinator.

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 21st October.

Salvation is not something people earn. It is a gift. The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds everyone to be grateful for what God has done. Living with gratitude changes how people see the world. Instead of focusing on what they lack, they recognize how much they have received and look for ways to share those gifts with others.

Make a gratitude list everyday and pray with it. Practicing daily gratitude connects with these messages. It encourages people to reflect on their blessings and thank God for them. Like the healed leper and Naaman, we should not take God's gifts for granted.



Celebrating 125 years of Catholic Education in Tatura: the 2000 Time Capsule will be opened on October Friday 17th October from 10:30 to 11:30am. Tours of the school will be available. There is a flyer in the Narthex if you would like to register your attendance. Families and students who had something in the Time Capsule will be able to collect their envelope on the day or from the school the following week.

School families and parishioners are invited to share something – it may be a photo with names and dates or a letter for another Time Capsule to be opened in 2050 when we will be celebrating 150 years of Catholic Education in Tatura.

Lord, thank you for your mercy and love. Help us to trust in you, even when things are difficult. Teach us to see your blessings in our lives and to be grateful for all that we receive. Strengthen our faith so that we can follow you with open hearts. 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 – 12/10/25



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

St Mel's Majellan Club – Celebrating 60 Years of Togetherness

In 2025, we mark a remarkable milestone – 60 years of friendship, faith, and community at St Mel's Majellan Club.

We warmly invite all past and present members to join us in celebrating this special occasion at our St Gerard Majellan Feast Day Mass.

Date: Thursday, 16th October 2025 Time: 11:00 AM

Location: St Mel's Church, 18–22 Hamilton Street

Mass will be followed by a celebratory lunch at the GV Hotel at your own cost.

Please register your attendance before October 2nd by contacting:

Lorraine Corish – 0412 848 548, Maree McKenna – 0409 956 464

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in
Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

*It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to
God except this foreigner.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along
the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he
entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to
meet him. They stood some way off and called
to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When
he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves
to the priests.' Now as they were going away
they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one
of them turned back praising God at the top of
his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus
and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan.
This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made
clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems
that no one has come back to give praise to
God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the
man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith
has saved you.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Breaking Open the Word

THE CRY OF THE ABANDONED

In this very familiar Gospel story, often titled
'the healing of the ten lepers', Jesus is in an
unholy and impure setting. He is travelling, as
Luke notes, between the borders of Samaria
and Galilee. In technical terms, this is a
'liminal' place. It is 'on the edge' between an
area familiar to Jesus (Galilee) and one that
is unfamiliar and even potentially dangerous
(Samaria).

He enters a village. Jesus' generic placement (it
is 'a' village, not a definitively named location)
allows Luke's audience to see themselves in this
situation. It is us as we move through life not
knowing what awaits us. Jesus is approached
by ten contaminating and impure characters.
They are called 'lepers'; their leprosy is not our
traditional Hansen's disease but a contagious
skin condition. It has the potential to disrupt
and contaminate the community.

As they distance themselves from Jesus they
appeal: "Jesus, Master, have pity on us." The
Greek literally reads, '...have *mercy* on us'.
This is the cry of the abandoned who seek
God's comforting presence. It is also our cry
in desperate times. Jesus tells the ten to go
to the priests, the officials that can declare
their healed cleanliness. Only one returns to
thank God's healing work revealed in Jesus.
It is the unexpected one, the 'foreigner' that
recognises God's action through Jesus, a
theme that echoes throughout Luke. Today's
Gospel invites us to look for God's actions in
the most surprising places among God's most
unexpected people. These become the sources
of eucharistic thanksgiving.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

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FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:14-17

A reading from the second book of the Kings
*Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and
acknowledged the Lord.*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed
himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had
told him to do. And his flesh became clean once
more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he
went in and stood before him. 'Now I know'
he said 'that there is no God in all the earth
except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present
from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the
Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.'
Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused.
Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No,"
allow your servant to be given as much earth as
two mules may carry, because your servant will
no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god
except the Lord.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-4. R. cf. v. 2

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has
worked wonders. / His right hand and his holy
arm / have brought salvation. **R.**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; /
has shown his justice to the nations. / He has
remembered his truth and love / for the house
of Israel. **R.**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen / the
salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all
the earth, / ring out your joy. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Tim 2:8-13

A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to Timothy

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus
Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the
race of David'; it is on account of this that I
have my own hardships to bear, even to being
chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain
up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of
those who are chosen, so that in the end they
may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus
and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live
with him.
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with
him.
If we disown him, then he will disown us.
We may be unfaithful, but he is always
faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

■ The word of the Lord.

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