



Sacred
Heart
Parish
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Sacred Heart Parish Tatura

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

14 June 2026



Readings for
this week: Exodus 19:2-6
Romans 5:6-11
Matthew 9:36-10:8



Readings for
next Sunday: Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Politics III

To assure that liturgy serves the mysteries of faith and the human community in faith, it is regulated by church authorities. Within stated limits and to promote full, active and fruitful participation bishop conferences, diocesan bishops, and individual presiders may adapt the liturgy to be more responsive to local conditions and influences. This demands greater responsibility for the liturgical life of communities, including its political aspects in education, planning, and preaching. The relationship between liturgy and politics involves certain other considerations: (1) an autonomy proper to civil political life; (2) the balance between the transcendent and historical dimensions of the liturgy; (3) language and symbols and (4) the control, planning, and evaluation of liturgical worship in light of its proper purpose and integrity. In the background is the fundamental issue of the church and its relationship with the world. "Separation of church and state never meant the separation of faith and society." *Cardinal Bernadine*

Looking at the Readings

It was at Rephidim that the Amalekites attacked Moses and the Israelites during the great exodus (Ex 17:13). The defeat of the Amalekites showed God's protection in answer to Moses' prayer and confirmed the covenant once more that God had chosen his people among all the nations. Today's first reading concludes with the words: "I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation." These words we heard six weeks ago in St Peter's homily to the newly baptised (1 Pet 2:9). Yet it is to all the nations that the message of salvation must be preached.

There is both tension and harmony in the selection of Scripture reading this Sunday. The tension arises from establishing our identity, unity and mission in a complex world of conflict, disunity and interconnections. The harmony is found in the sense of being a consecrated people, a people that is the sheep of God's flock and whom God calls us by name.

The naming of the twelve is more than a count of the Apostles and getting to know them. This naming became way for Christ to identify them as his own and as a call to mission. "Apostle" means: "One who is sent" Jesus sent them out to proclaim the kingdom firstly to their own people (Matt 10:5) but eventually to all the nations (Matt 28:19).

The Gospel shows Christ's passion for his people and heartfelt desire to bring them with him: "He felt sorry for them ... so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest."

Quotes for the Day

I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples. *Mother Teresa*

You may choose to look the other way, but you can never say again that you did not know. *William Wilberforce*

Pope Leo XIV on Mission & the Apostles

The unity of disciples is not an end in itself; it is directed towards mission. Jesus states this clearly: "So that the world may believe that you have sent me" (Jn 17:21). It is through the witness of a reconciled, fraternal and united community that the proclamation of the Gospel acquires its full communicative power.

Message for 100th World Mission Day 2026

On the Lighter Side

Q: How do we know Peter was a successful fisherman?

A: By his net income.

Q: Why were Peter, James and John the best letter writers?

A: Because as fishermen they learned to drop a line.



 Please email or contact the office to add names to the prayer list	For those who have died and those who are grieving	Philomena Lo Piccolo, Antonio Salamone, Phyllis Gaylard
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Antonio Villani, Antoinetta Carrafa
	Our sick and their carers	Mary Vraca, Kim Mann, Russell Parsons, Rita Fairchild, Harney McKinnon

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Saturday 20th June 5:00pm

Commentator: Carol Coulston
 Reader: Sheila Gregg
 Gospel Procession: Angela Lombardozzi
 Gifts: L Mercuri & C Bannan
 Screen Operator: Deb Turvey
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Sunday 21st June 10:30am

Commentator: Rob Miller
 Reader: Ross Kelly
 Gospel Procession: Elizabeth Edwards
 Gifts: D Hamilton & J Caiafa
 Eucharistic Minister: Anna Ciavarella
 Screen Operator: Debbie Worm
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: L & D Worm

Sunday 28th June 10:30am

Commentator: Theresa Cooke
 Reader: Mary Gale
 Gospel Procession: Catherine O'Toole
 Gifts: Jan & Barry Lowe
 Eucharistic Minister: Domelina Phelan
 Screen Operator: Carol Coulston
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: E Worm & C Coulston

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

World Refugee Day 2026 – A Million Stories

Each year on 20 June, the world celebrates World Refugee Day (WRD). Designated by the United Nations, WRD honours refugees who have been forced to flee their homes and promotes solidarity with them in pursuit of a "world where refugees are welcomed."

Pope Leo XIV invites us to unite in prayer and action to respond to the urgent challenges faced by displaced people amid war, climate crises, and economic inequality. We are encouraged us to welcome, promote, accompany, and integrate those who knock on our doors.

Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 17th June

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 17th June Funeral 11 am
 Friday 19th June Funeral 10:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 20th June 5:00pm
 Sunday 21st June 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 24th June 9:15am
 Friday 26th June 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sunday 28th June 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)

Ladies Cuppa & Chat

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



The next one will be Wednesday 1st July

Plate Collection and Envelopes

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



Donation QR Code



Last week: \$ 871.00

May God bless you always.



Thank You

Feast of the Sacred Heart

We will celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart on Sunday 28th June. There will be a shared lunch following the Mass.

The harvest is abundant but the labourers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out labourers for his harvest.

Matthew 9:37-38

Names on Prayer List: Please email or contact the office to add names on the prayer list.

Gluten Free Hosts: Please Trish or Fr Uday know if you require gluten free hosts.

Sacred Heart Winter Appeal: Sacred Heart School is taking donations of non-perishable goods, toiletries, blankets etc. for St Vincent de Paul. These will be collected and delivered to Vinnies on the Founders Day and Feast of the Sacred Heart. If you would like to donate please drop them off at the school by 12th June or into the basket in the Narthex.

Wills & Bequeaths: There is an information sheet on the table in the Narthex regarding Wills and Bequeaths. Please consider your Parish when you are considering your Will.

Rosters for July and August: are available in the Narthex.

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St. Mel's Parish
invites you to
COME
and
CELEBRATE
with us the Feast of
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

 **21st June 2026**
(Sunday)

 Holy Mass at 10:00am

 **St. Mel's Parish Church**
18 Hamilton St., Shepparton

Procession of the Statue and Distribution of the Bread of St. Anthony will follow right after the Holy Mass.

EVERYONE is invited for
LUNCH & PROGRAM
at St. Mel's Parish Hall,
35 Hamilton St., Shepparton

\$10/adult
\$5/child

St. Anthony of Padua, pray for us.

God Calls and Sends His People

The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds people that God chooses them and calls them to follow Him. In the first reading, God tells the Israelites that they are His special people. He saved them from slavery and asks them to obey Him.

The second reading shows how Jesus gave His life for sinners. He did not wait for people to be perfect. He died so that everyone could be saved and have a new life with God. This shows God's great love and mercy.

The gospel tells how Jesus sees the crowds and feels compassion for them. He sends His disciples to heal, teach, and help others. He wants them to share what they have received and serve with love. The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A is a reminder that God saves, calls, and sends His people to help others.

God invites everyone to listen to His call and follow Him. The readings for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A show His love and mercy. They also remind people to serve others and share their faith. Think about how God has called you and how you can answer.

Take time to reflect on these readings. What stands out to you? How have you seen God's love in your life?

Lord, You have called us to follow You and share Your love with the world. Give us the strength to obey Your will, trust in Your mercy, and serve others with kindness. Help us to live as Your chosen people, bringing light and hope to those around us. Amen.

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Parish Child safety officer Debbie Turvey on 0407 804 317.

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 – 14/6/2026



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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.

The latest Along the Track can be found on our website under the heading of **Sharings / Along the Track**

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SANDHURST FORMATION INSTITUTE “GROWING AS COMMUNITIES OF MISSION”

Friday 21 – Saturday 22 August 2026 at Riverlinks Eastbank, Shepparton Building on the success of the 2025 Formation Gathering “Building Communities of Belonging”, Fr Brian Boyle, Diocesan Administrator, is proud to invite you to the Sandhurst Formation Institute 2026 “Growing as Communities of Mission”. The Institute will explore bringing a mission lens to all we do in our faith communities. With a rich program of prayer, keynote, seminars and a dedicated youth stream, it's an opportunity not to be missed. More details soon!

BISHOP RENÉ RAMIREZ RCJ INSTALATION

On 11 April Pope Leo XIV appointed Bishop René Ramirez RCJ as the ninth Bishop of Sandhurst. He will be installed at Sacred Heart Cathedral on 30 July at 11am. Save the date. All welcome. Until that time, Fr Brian Boyle will continue to serve as Diocesan Administrator.

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

“We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!” — Pope John Paul II More than a one-time event, Eucharist 28 is a national journey of renewal, beginning in our own hearts and parishes. This Easter, we saw our churches filled with new life as many were welcomed into the faith. The invitation now is to keep that flame alive: to encounter Christ in the Eucharist every week as we prepare for a global celebration of the Eucharist and a Papal Mass celebrated in Sydney by Pope Leo XIV. Find out more and register at eucharist28.org. World Mission Ros

Lebanon Emergency Relief Appeal

The situation in Lebanon remains extremely fragile – over 1.1 million people displaced nationwide. Stand with the people of Lebanon today.

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

WRENCHED BY PITY

After the celebration of Easter and the Feasts that immediately follow, we now return to the Gospel of Matthew. We come to a scene set after Jesus' great teaching in the 'Sermon on the Mount'. In the Sermon he taught the essential qualities of discipleship ('the Beatitudes') and how to live these out daily. Now we come to Jesus' teaching in action. He sees the crowd surrounding him and Matthew says 'he felt sorry for them'. The Greek for 'felt sorry' (*splagnizomai*) means something more powerful. 'Pity' doesn't quite capture the meaning of Matthew's intent. The Greek root is linked to one's innards or 'guts'. Jesus' response to this group of harassed and dejected individuals is visceral. His innards are twisted because of what they are experiencing.

For this reason, the rest of the Gospel passage has Jesus sending his disciples on mission to respond to the tragic and forlorn experience of those who need to encounter the message of the 'kin-dom'. Twelve are especially selected. We are given their names and they enact Jesus' desire to renew the twelve tribes of Israel. Given the Jewish audience addressed by Matthew, they ratify this renewal through their proclamation of the 'kin-dom' and deeds of healing. Their focus is specifically to the 'lost' sheep of Israel. They are to care about those who are lost in spirit, need healing and are looking to be included in Jesus' household of disciples.

Today's Gospel lays the foundation for what will become the 'synodal' approach of our Church today. We are to walk with and identify the 'lost' in our communities and parishes. This is our missionary focus. This is the primary mission of the synodal Church.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

14 JUNE 2026

FIRST READING

Ex 19: 2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus.

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 99: 2-3, 5. R. v. 3

R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. / Serve the Lord with gladness. / Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. / He made us, we belong to him, / we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, / eternal his merciful love. / He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 5: 6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of



course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mk 1: 15

Alleluia, alleluia! / The kingdom of God is near; / repent and believe the Good News! / Alleluia!