



*Readings for  
this week:*

Jeremiah 20:10-13  
Romans 5:12-15  
Matthew 10:26-33



*Readings for  
next Sunday:*

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16  
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11  
Matthew 10:37-42



## Liturgical Jottings Gospel Sequence

The Gospels for the next three Sundays form a continuous theme. Jesus is instructing the Twelve on mission. His mission now but also the mission they will inherit.

Christian Mission will have its ups and downs, hence the Apostles will need preparation, understanding and prayer. The sequence of instruction begins with Jesus words: "Do not be afraid". Next week's instruction requires commitment and understanding. Week 13 Jesus offers prayer of thanksgiving to the Father and a promise to be with them in sharing the burden, The first readings from the prophets tell of persecution and suffering on account of their mission but also welcome their will receive and the qualities of humility and meekness in the service of the Word.

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## Looking at the Readings

Jeremiah is a very colourful character in the Old Testament. He is a reluctant but inexhaustible prophet. He is a gentle soul but a persistent activist to bring God's message of repentance, conversion and justice for the poor. He had no followers like Isaiah, his own compatriots ridiculed him, the authorities tried to ignore him. The first reading today is known as the fifth Confession of Jeremiah, the others are in chapters 11, 25, 17 and 18. His former friends denounce him and plot against him (see the image on the left). Jeremiah foresees the deliverance of the people by God and encourages them stand firm.

As Jesus is identified as the suffering servant in the book of the prophet Isaiah, Jesus is also identified as the persecuted one we see in Jeremiah. In foreseeing his own trials and persecutions Jesus warns the apostles that they too would suffer trials and rejection. Jesus concludes with comforting words making real the presence and compassion of the Father

## Quote of the Day

"Victorious love shouts to the four winds  
You who follow Jesus, do not fear what leads to death,  
Rather fear to yield to fear.

The joy of the Lord is our rampart" *Cistercian chant*

## Prayer for the Week

Dear Father, my heart and mind are flooded with fears. Sometimes I am paralyzed. These fears are overwhelming; they remain with me day and night.

You have told us not to fear, for you have overcome the world. So I cling to you, I trust in your promises, that you will never fail me, never forsake me.

In moments of such crippling fear, I choose to hold your hand. I know you have experienced the most fearful places, I know that you have risen again. In you all promises meet and new life begins.

You are my Savior, I hide in you, protected by your love, and sheltered by your grace. My Father. Amen.

*St Therese of Lisieux*

## On the Lighter Side

Persecution and gossip are cousins. Sometimes you should tell people quite different stories about your life and what you have done, so that when they gossip to each other about you they would argue about among themselves who is right.



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| <br><b>Please email or contact the office to add names to the prayer list</b> | <b>For those who have died and those who are grieving</b> |                                                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                               | <b>For those whose anniversary occurs at this time</b>    | Brian Moroney, Jim Nihill, Hugh Nihill                                 |
|                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Our sick and their carers</b>                          | Mary Vraca, Kim Mann, Russell Parsons, Rita Fairchild, Harney McKinnon |

## ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

### 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 4th July 5:00pm

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

### Sunday 5th July 10:30am

Commentator: Elizabeth Edwards  
 Reader: Dean Filgate  
 Gospel Procession: Cecilia Bannan  
 Gifts: D Corrigan & P Moroney  
 Eucharistic Minister: Leo McGrath  
 Screen Operator: Mary Gale  
 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

## Eucharistic Adoration



Beginning in July, there will be Eucharistic Adoration on the first Friday of the month at 5:30pm in the sacred Heart Church. All welcome.

## Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 17th June

### Weekday Masses

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

### Weekend Mass

Sunday 28th June 10:30am

### Weekday Masses

Wednesday 1st July 9:15am  
 Friday 3rd July 9:15am

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 20th June 5:00pm  
 Sunday 21st 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)*

**4th Sunday of the month:** Shared lunch in St Mary's Hall

## 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.

**Last week: \$ 991.20**

*May God bless you always.*



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## 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.

So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Matthew 10:31

**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.

**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.

**Faith Sharing Group:** all welcome to attend a Faith Sharing group on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 6:00pm in the Presbytery.

**Baptism Preparation Meeting:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 5:30pm in the Church. Please contact the Parish office to book in if you would like to attend.

### **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. Until that time, Fr Brian Boyle will continue to serve as Diocesan Administrator.

We have been advised that each Parish can have up to 20 people attend the installation of Bishop René. If you would like to attend please put your name on the list in the Narthex. Numbers are needed by Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June (next week). Email addresses are required so that the Diocese can communicate with further information.

It would be ideal to carpool as there will be limited car parking space.

### **Do Not Be Afraid**

The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A brings us words of courage and trust. Jeremiah speaks of his fear and the rejection he faces. Yet he declares that God is with him and will deliver him. His cry reminds us that faith is not easy, but God's care never fails.

The psalm continues this theme. It shows how God listens to the poor and those who suffer. Even when the world insults or mocks, God's love remains. This gives hope and strength to keep calling on Him in prayer.

Paul, in his letter to the Romans, explains how sin entered through Adam but grace overflows through Christ. The gift of Jesus is far greater than the weight of sin. It brings life and hope to all who believe.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells His followers not to be afraid. God values each person deeply. If we stand with Jesus, He will stand with us. The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A invites us to live with courage and trust in God's care.

Lord, help us to trust in You when we face challenges. Give us courage to stand firm in faith and strength to follow Your will. Remind us of Your love and care in every moment. Keep us from fear and doubt, and guide us always. 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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### 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](http://eucharist28.org). World Mission Ros

### For PPC members, PFC members and Volunteers

If you would like to attend the the Goulburn Valley Deanery Forum that will be held next week on **23 June 2026** at the **Parklake Hotel in Shepparton**, please register using the link or QR code above.

<https://www.trybooking.com/DLPPF>



Alleluia, alleluia! / The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, / and you also will be my witnesses. / Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Do not fear those who can kill the body.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## DIVINE PRESENCE

The instruction to the Twelve that concluded last Sunday's Gospel continues today. Again, the Gospel offers us a missionary mandate and insight. The mission is essentially optimistic because 'everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear.' No way of life for the disciples, of their missionary commitment and engagement will be lost. It may appear to be covered and hidden but, ultimately and eventually, God's goodness and the work of the 'kin-dom' will be revealed. No longer will the message of the Gospel be spoken in the dark or whispered. It will be proclaimed from the housetops!

The affirmation of the fruitfulness of the missionary task spills over into the way God will care for those on mission—and this is what is addressed also to us: We are looked after by God, in every detail of our lives. As Matthew puts it in the final verses of today's Gospel, Jesus will affirm us before God.

There is one translation point worth noting in today's Gospel. What is translated about God's care of even the sparrows, which is translated as 'yet not one falls to the ground without your Father *knowing*', is better and more accurately translated, 'and not one of them falls to the earth *without your Father*'. It is not about God's knowledge of the falling sparrow, it is the very *presence* of God accompanying the falling or dying sparrow that is affirmed. That same God accompanies us. There is nothing in our life that happens without God's presence intimately caring for us. God is joined to us in intimate care and accompaniment. This God we celebrate today in our liturgy!

Fr Michael Trainor



TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

21 JUNE 2026

## FIRST READING

Jer 20: 10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.*

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,  
'Terror from every side!"  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All those who used to be my friends  
watched for my downfall,  
'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.  
Then we will master him  
and take our revenge!"  
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;  
my opponents will stumble, mastered,  
confounded by their failure;  
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be  
theirs.  
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with  
justice,  
who scrutinise the loins and heart,  
let me see the vengeance you will take on  
them,  
for I have committed my cause to you.  
Sing to the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
for he has delivered the soul of the needy  
from the hands of evil men.

### ■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 68: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35. R. v. 14

**R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.**

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, / that shame covers my face, / that I have become a stranger to my brothers, / an alien to my own mother's sons. / I burn with zeal for your house / and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**
2. This is my prayer to you, / my prayer for your favour. / In your great love, answer me, O God, / with your help that never fails: / Lord, answer, for your love is kind; / in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**



3. The poor when they see it will be glad / and God-seeking hearts will revive; / for the Lord listens to the needy; / and does not spurn his servants in their chains. / Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, / the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Rom 5: 12-15

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

*God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

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