



Sacred
Heart
Parish
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Sacred Heart Parish Tatura

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 June 2026



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Zechariah 9:9-10
Romans 8:9,11-13
Matthew 11:25-30



Liturgical Jottings

The Liturgy and AI

235. The “Amen” that we say in the liturgy, the Body we eat and the Blood we drink shape our entire lives. The Eucharist is an extremely personal encounter with the Lord and yet never simply an act of individual piety. In the Eucharist we find a visible manifestation of the reality that we are the Church of Christ, his members, his body. We are brothers and sisters in him. And in Christ, though many and diverse, we are one: The Eucharist opens us to justice and sharing, with a preferential concern for those who are burdened by poverty or marginalisation. And while new economic and technological networks can generate exclusion, isolation and dependencies, the Church - nourished by the Eucharist - is called to make visible a different paradigm, one that preserves human connections, gives a voice to the invisible and ensures that processes are aimed at respecting people’s dignity. Pope Leo XIV Encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas* n 235

Looking at the Readings

The story in the first reading about Elisha, the prophet, and the Shunemite couple is a warm hearted example of welcome and hospitality. It serves also as an example of future encounters with the people of God. The story goes deeper into human relationships and responses. Elisha accepts their hospitality with humility and discretion. Likewise the Shunemite couple offer food and accommodation to Elisha with generosity and that same level of discretion. Finally with the words of thanks, Elisha broached an issue that was unto then unspoken. He offered a reward to them that would remove their sadness; he promised next year they will have a child.

In the Gospels these last three Sundays Christ has been instructing his apostles. Today he begins with the demands of discipleship. He concludes these instructions with words of hospitality and reward. To welcome the strangers, the prophets or the saints and anyone in need they will receive a holy reward. Even giving a cup of water will earn a holy reward!

The welcoming of guests has become a religious tradition. From the early Christians like St Perpetua whose faith and hospitality seemed in contradiction to the worldly standards and St Francis of Assisi who show welcome and hospitality to the leper, the Muslim, the hungry thief and the injured wolf and to the present day Christians value hospitality.

Quote of the Week

Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place. *Henri Nouwen*

Prayer for the Day:

Father, Giver of Life, open my heart so that I will welcome others as You do. Dispel all that holds me back from giving freely to those I do not know well, to the strangers in my life. Help me to know the holiness that comes from acknowledging those I meet, from seeing others as eternal souls, and from sharing a place for them at my table. Here is where I will find Christ, Your Son. Amen. (*Adapted from The National Shrine of Saint Jude*)

Feasts this Week

Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles Monday 29 June

St Oliver Plunkett Wednesday 1 July

St Thomas the Apostle, Friday 3 July

On the Lighter Side

A photon checks into a hotel and the concierge asked if he needs any help with his luggage. “No, thanks, I’m travelling light.”



 Please email or contact the office to add names to the prayer list	For those who have died and those who are grieving	Rose Rodgers
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Tom Collins
	Our sick and their carers	Mary Vraca, Kim Mann, Russell Parsons, Rita Fairchild, Harney McKinnon

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

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: Elisabeth 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

Sunday 12th July 10:30am

Commentator: Mary Gale
 Reader: Theresa Cooke
 Gospel Procession: Domelina Phelan
 Gifts: C Serra & D Hamilton
 Eucharistic Minister: Anna Ciavarella
 Screen Operator: Anne Hutchison
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett

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.

The first one is this Friday 3rd July.

Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 1st July

Weekday Masses

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

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4th July 5:00pm
 Sunday 5th July 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 8th July 9:15am
 Friday 10th July 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sunday 12th July 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 Thank you so much for your generosity and support of the parish.

Last week: \$ 648.60

May God bless you always.

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Feast of the Sacred Heart

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart on Sunday 28th June.

There will be a shared lunch following the Mass.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Matthew 10:39

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 28th June (this Sunday). 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.

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.

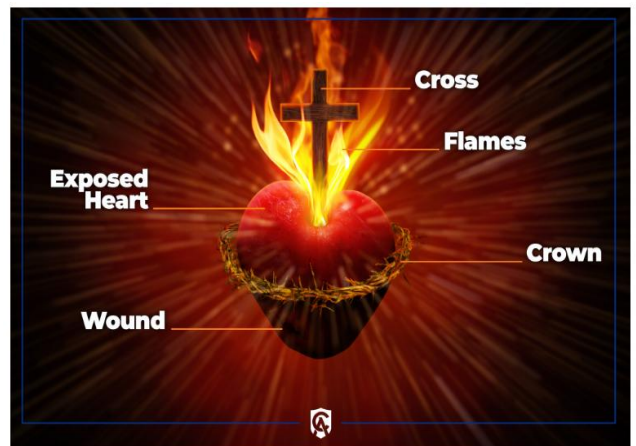
Faith Sharing Group: all welcome to attend a 'The Meeting in the Spirit' group on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24th June at 6:00pm in the Presbytery.

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

Thank you to the members of the parish who attended the Goulburn valley Deanery Forum last Tuesday at the Parklake Hotel in Shepparton. Your support of our parish is very much appreciated.

What Are the Five Symbols of the Sacred Heart?

The image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is rich with symbolism. The exposed Heart, often depicted with a crown of thorns, represents Jesus' suffering and his immense love for humanity. The flames emanating from the Heart signify the transformative and purifying power of his love, while the cross above the Heart is a reminder of his redemptive sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. The wound in the side of his Heart represents the wound inflicted on him by both the Roman soldier and by all human beings through their sins.



Lord, help me to welcome others with kindness. Teach me to put You first in my life. Strengthen my faith so I can follow You without fear. Lead me to live out my baptism every day. May my heart always be open to Your will. 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.

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WHO IS BISHOP RENÉ RAMIREZ RCJ

From the Heart of Christ: Zeal and Mercy

As we prepare to welcome Bishop René Ramirez RCJ, as the Ninth Bishop of Sandhurst, let us take a moment to get to know the man who will soon become our shepherd.

Born in 1969 in Gapan City, Philippines, Bishop René joined the Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus in 1985 and was ordained a priest in 1998.

Throughout his priestly ministry, he has served in a variety of roles, including vocation promotion, seminary formation, education, social communications, and parish leadership. In Australia, Bishop René served as Parish Priest of Holy Family Parish in Melbourne's west, where he helped guide the renewal and growth of a vibrant and diverse faith community.

Many people across the Diocese of Sandhurst already know Bishop René through his ministry in Shepparton South, Nagambie, and Rushworth, where he served prior to his appointment as Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne in 2024.

His episcopal motto, *Zelus et Misericordia* (Zeal and Mercy), expresses his desire to serve with both missionary enthusiasm and compassionate care.

As we prepare for his installation on 30 July 2026, let us continue to pray for Bishop René and for our diocesan family.

Alleluia, alleluia! / You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. / Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 10: 37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

HOW SHOULD I LIVE AND ACT?

If Jesus were to meet you (and he does constantly!) and you were to ask him, 'How should I act and live my life?', the answer would come into today's Gospel. It continues Jesus' teaching concerned with disciples (us!) on mission. As our church deepens its practice of synodality, the instructions Jesus offers are meant for all: our focus is to be on Jesus. Our relationship with him guides every other relationship and commitment. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Twelve, the symbolic leadership group of disciples who spearhead the Jesus missionary movement, 'Anyone who prefers[fill in the blanks] ... is not worthy of me.' His words are not a rejection of one's relationships or family ties but the preference in all relationships is to be guided by our abiding commitment and friendship with Jesus.

The second collection of sayings in today's Gospel concerns hospitality. Those who welcome others, members of the Jesus household, and act in holiness or speak prophetically are also welcoming the presence of Jesus. This spirit of openness and receptivity continues into the last part of today's Gospel. Offering a welcoming drink to 'one of these little ones'—those regarded as social nobodies without prestige or status—and discerned, surprisingly, as disciples, as members of Jesus' community of believers, will be eternally rewarded: '...they will most certainly not lose their reward.'

Today's Gospel is not about earning rewards, though. It is about how to live, with a firm commitment to Jesus and welcoming all, especially the 'little ones' and identifying as disciples the most unlikely.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

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FIRST READING

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings.

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19. R. v. 2

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; / through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. / Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, / that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, / who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, / who find their joy every day in your name, / who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; / it is by your favour that our might is exalted: / for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; / our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11

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

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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