



Sacred
Heart
Parish
TATURA

Sacred Heart Parish Tatura

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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 July 2026



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23



Liturgical Jottings

Prayer and AI

The avenues to exercise responsibility [international organisations and diplomacy] are sustained by prayer, and in turn nourish prayer. Indeed, for each of us, peace primarily comes from God, God who loves us all, unconditionally. It is a gift given by Jesus to his disciples on the day of Easter: "Peace be with you!" It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering.... Let us never tire of praying for peace and of committing ourselves to achieving it in our relationships and in society. Since the Church in her social doctrine, has emphasised the protection of workers and the need to combat all forms of exploitation. Above all it is through their work that individuals develop many dimensions of their existence. In view of this, we can understand the great intuition of Saint Benedict of Nursia, who united prayer and work, showing daily activity to be a part of the human response to God's call. Created in the image of the Creator, our own work in some way continues his: we contribute to the progress of society and the common good. *Pope Leo XIV Encyclical Magnifica Humanitas nn 228 & 148.*

Looking at the Readings

The Liturgy of the Word begins with the words of the Prophet Zechariah speaking of the final battle against evil. A time of rejoicing and gladness, symbolised by the playing of tambourines and the king not on a warhorse but riding on a donkey. He sees a future time of peace, a lasting peace to the ends of the earth. It is an interesting prelude to the gospel of today. Zechariah's oracle would fit very nicely into Palm Sunday.

The first half of Matthew chapter 11 which is omitted in the sequence of Sunday readings recounts his rejection by the crowds and their indifference to his message. Yet this passage today turns around those difficult times and presents us with the prayer of Christ to the Father and his words of encouragement to his faithful disciples. They were, and we are, the subjects of a just and victorious king, a humble and peace-loving master who is meek and carries our burdens. In him we find rest for our souls!

The Prophet Zechariah

Not to be confused with Zechariah the husband of Elizabeth and father of John the Baptism of the Gospel, Zechariah the prophet was. In fact, two prophets: the first Zechariah wrote after the return from exile in Babylon (5th century BC) chapters 1-8 and the second Zechariah wrote in the time of Greek domination (3rd century BC) chapters 9-14. It is the Second Zechariah that appears only twice in the three-year cycle of Sunday readings but is quoted or alluded to 24 times in the Gospels.

Quote of the Week

Enlightened leadership is spiritual if we understand spirituality not as some kind of religious dogma or ideology but as the domain of awareness where we experience values like truth, goodness, beauty, love and compassion, and also intuition, creativity, insight and focused attention. *Deepak Chopra*

Prayer of the Day

Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
by whose gracious will
the mysteries of the kingdom are revealed to the childlike,
make us learn from your Son humility of heart,
that in shouldering his yoke
we may find refreshment and rest.

On the Lighter Side

What's AI's favourite sweet treat? Cookies.

What's the AI drummer's favourite beat? An algo-rhythm."

What's AI's favourite weather? Cloudy.

How does AI pay for groceries? In cache!

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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	Philomena Lo Piccolo (1 month)
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Maria Assunta Carrafa, Felice Lo Piccolo, Dorothy Bock
	Our sick and their carers	Mary Vraca, Kim Mann, Russell Parsons, Rita Fairchild, Harney McKinnon

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

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 18th July 5:00pm

Commentator: Anne Hutchison
 Reader: Sheila Gregg
 Gospel Procession: Joyce Caiafa
 Gifts: Jan & Barry Lowe
 Screen Operator: Carol Coulston
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Sunday 19th July 10:30am

Commentator: Anne Maree Nihill
 Reader: John Keane
 Gospel Procession: Angela Lombardozzi
 Gifts: D Thomson & D Phelan
 Eucharistic Minister: Deb Turvey
 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

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 next Eucharistic Adoration will be on Friday 7th August.

Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 1st July

Weekday Masses

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

Weekend Masses

Sunday 12th July 10:30am

Weekday Masses

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

Weekend Mass

Saturday 18th July 5:00pm
 Sunday 19th 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 5th August



Plate Collection and Envelopes



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Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

SANHURST FORMATION INSTITUTE “GROWING AS COMMUNITIES OF MISSION”

Join people from all over the Diocese at the SFI; two days to explore “Gospel, Mission, and Pastoral Outreach”; the First Direction of the Sandhurst Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals. Opening Reflection and Closing with Bishop René Ramirez RCJ; Keynotes on both Friday and Saturday: “What is the Mission and What Does that Mean?”, and “Growing as Communities of Mission”. Many seminars to choose from, inter-parish dialogue, intergenerational dialogue and a special Youth Stream (16 – 35s). Friday 21 – Saturday 22 August 2026 at Riverlinks Eastbank, Shepparton For more information, go to our website: <https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/3078-sandhurst-formation-institute2026> Or the Facebook Event: (20+) Diocesan Formation Institute | Facebook

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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CLOSE 17 JULY

Expressions of Interest for Sandhurst pilgrimage to WYD Seoul, South Korea, August 2027 close on 17 July. Already 42 people have responded. If you feel called to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime journey of faith, community, and encounter and are between the ages of 18 and 35, we invite you to take the first step! Head to our website for more information and fill out a noobligation expression of interest. Contact SYM with any queries: sandhurstyouthministry@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

FINDING SOLACE IN JESUS?

The gospel for the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A brings comfort. Jesus invites those who are tired and burdened to come to him. He promises rest to those who trust in him. His way is not heavy or difficult but brings peace.

Life brings many struggles. People face stress, worry, and hardship. Sometimes, the weight of life feels too much to carry. Jesus

Trusting in Jesus means giving up control. It means believing that he knows what is best. This takes faith and patience, but it brings peace. Jesus does not leave us to figure everything out by ourselves. He is always ready to help.

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.



ST. DONATO FESTA TATURA

SATURDAY, 1ST AUGUST 2026

10:00 A.M. MASS
TATURA SACRED HEART CHURCH

11:30 A.M. DOORS OPEN
TATURA ITALIAN SOCIAL CLUB
LUNCH 4 COURSE MEAL
ADULTS \$65 - YOUTH \$25 (5-12 YEARS)
CASH PAYMENTS AT DOOR

ENTERTAINMENT BY RICK BRUN
GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES/AUCTIONS!

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR LUNCH
RSVP 2 1st July by phoning:

Pino Lagostino 0437 677 943
Mary Zober 0423 198 282
Frank De Palma 0423 552 686
Joe Gagliardi 0438 579 989

All names required for Group Bookings!

Vegetarian/Gluten Free options available.
Please advise when booking.

Please note: The events listed above may be subject to change without notification.

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulders my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

COMFORT AND REST

At times life seems burdensome and overwhelming. Depending on where we live in the world or what's been happening to us, this burden can be almost impossible to carry. Today's Gospel offers us—and for those countless numbers in other parts of our world who are faced with suffering, starvation, even death—a consoling and necessary word. We are privileged listeners to Jesus' prayer to the Father. It is, characteristically, in the style of a Jewish blessing prayer, given Matthew's Jewish audience.

The prayer praises God for disrupting social favoritism in favour of children. These are the 'little ones' from last week's Gospel. For Matthew, the socially unaccepted and rejected ones are those whom God blesses with wisdom and insight. This is divine revelation that comes from Jesus through his communion with God.

The final part of today's Gospel is worthy of lingering contemplation. Jesus invites all who listen to the Gospel—and that includes us—to allow him to shoulder our burdens and concerns. He models for us how to be. He is 'gentle and humble of heart'. The evangelist draws Jesus' self-description from the wisdom writings of the First (Old) Testament. It is this wisdom in which souls find comfort and rest. It is a 'yoke' that is easy to bear. Into this welcoming and restful presence, we are invited in our Sunday celebrations of the Eucharist.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

5 JULY 2026

Zach 9:9-10

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. V. 1

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (or Alleluia!)

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, / I will bless your name for ever, / I will bless you day after day / and praise your name for ever. R.

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love, / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. R.

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their blessing, / They shall speak of the glory of your reign / and declare your might. O God. R.

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words / and loving in all his deeds, / The Lord supports all who fall / and raises all who are bowed down. R.



SECOND READING

Rom 8:9, 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! / Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, / you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. / Alleluia!

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Find out more and register at **eucharist28.org**.

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.

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.