



**Sacred
Heart
Parish**
TATURA

Sacred Heart Parish Tatura

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 August 2026



*Readings for
this week:*

Isaiah 55:1-3
Romans 8:35,37-39
Matthew 14:13-21



*Readings for
next Sunday:*

1 Kings 19:9,11-13
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Social Issues III

Building on biblical renewal and the Roman liturgy, God's word now has a position of paramount importance in all sacramental celebrations. Not only is the word proclaimed more generously in the various liturgies, but the word makes the Lord present to the assembly and manifests the primacy of the Lord in the church, its life, and its worship.

The effort to read the signs of the times and interpret them in the light of the gospel reflects a greater historical consciousness and the imperative to subordinate all human activities to the word of God. This has led recent social teachings to highlight the affinities between faith and social issues and between liturgy and efforts on behalf of justice and peace. This more integral outlook can be expected to continue to mature. It should contribute to a positive reception of Catholic social doctrine and a better appreciation at the local level of the dynamic bonds among God's word, liturgy, and conscientious work for justice and peace in human society. *New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship.*

Looking at the Readings

"For although the Lord had the power to supply wine to those feasting, independently of any created substance, and to fill with food those who were hungry, he did not adopt this course of action; but, taking the loaves which the earth had produced, and giving thanks, and on the other occasion making water into wine, he showed that the God who made the earth, and commanded it to bring forth fruit, who established the waters, and brought forth the fountains, was he who in these last times bestowed upon mankind, by his Son, the blessing of food and the favour of drink: the incomprehensible by means of the comprehensible, and the invisible by the visible." St Irenaeus

The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes is a prevision of the disciples' faith to believe in Christ Jesus as the one who meets their needs. The miracle prefigures the miracle of the Eucharist that we may have food for the journey and the life of Christ within us and about us.

From the Archives (August 2014)

I write these reflections with a heavy heart. More than usual the world seems in disarray. The crisis in Gaza continues and claims the lives of more and more innocents caught in the violence of an intractable conflict. Violence continues in Ukraine, Nigeria, Sudan, and Somalia. Writing to the Romans for the persecuted Christians of his day, St Paul empathizes that God's love for us is stronger than earthly or cosmic powers. Our faith in this love is ultimately not something we do for God, but it is rather something that God does for us. *Chicago Theological Union 2014*

Saints of the Day (2 August)

St Mary of the Angels (Franciscan Feast)

St Eusebius of Vercelli (283 – 371) First Bishop of Vercelli

Saint Peter Faber (1506-1546) co-founder of the Society of Jesus

St Peter Julian Eymard (1811 - 1868) Founder of Congregations of the Blessed Sacrament for Priests, Brothers and Sisters

Quote of the Week

"Seek grace for the smallest things, and you will find grace to accomplish, to believe in, and to hope for the greatest things. Attend to the smallest things, examine them, think about putting them into effect, and the Lord will grant you greater." Saint Peter Faber.

On the Lighter Side

Give a man a fish, and he'll eat for a day. Teach him to fish and he has a livelihood. Eat you lunch and you eat for one, hand your lunch to Jesus, and you'll feed 5,000.

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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	Gwen Ranson
For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Antonio Ciavarella
Our sick and their carers	Sue McDonald, Mary Vraca, Kim Mann, Russell Parsons, Rita Fairchild, Harney McKinnon

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 9th August 10:30am

Commentator: Theresa Cook
Reader: Ross Kelly
Gospel Procession: Anna Ciavarella
Gifts: S Gregg & D Phelan
Eucharistic Minister: Elisabeth Edwards
Screen Operator: Debbie Worm
Music Operator: Trish Warnett
Money Counters: L & D Worm

Saturday 15th August 5:00pm

Commentator: Carol Coulston
Reader: Denise Bourke
Gospel Procession: Anne Hutchison
Gifts: Jan & Barry Lowe
Screen Operator: Deb Turvey
Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Sunday 16th August 10:30am

Commentator: Domelina Phelan
Reader: Elisabeth Edwards
Gospel Procession: Connie Serra
Gifts: L Mercuri & A Lombardo
Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Worm
Screen Operator: Mary Gale
Music Operator: Trish Warnett
Money Counters: E Worm & C Coulston

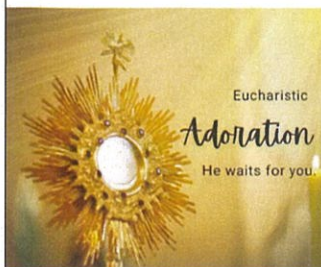
Saturday Mass times for 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

6:00pm (Oct – Mar)

5:00pm (Apr-Sep)

We thank all of our volunteers for their assistance

Eucharistic Adoration



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 this coming Friday 7th August.

Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 3rd August

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 5th August 9:15am
Friday 7th August 9:15am
Friday 7th August 5:00 pm (Eucharistic Adoration)

Weekend Masses

Sunday 9th August 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 12th August 9:15am
Friday 14th August 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 15th August 5:00pm
Sunday 16th August 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 this coming Wednesday 5th August



Plate Collection and Envelopes



Thank you so much for our generosity and support of the parish.
Collections for 18 & 19 July was \$823.40 and collection for last week 26 July was \$1,127.30

May God bless you always.



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“Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.” Matthew 14:19

Bishop René Ramirez RCJ was installed as the ninth Bishop of Sandhurst at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo on 30 July 2026.

His first message to the people of the Diocese was one of gratitude, hope and an invitation to be led by the Holy Spirit. In his homily Bishop René RCJ reflected on his story becoming part of the Sandhurst story that began more than 150 years ago.

"Today I bring my story into the story of this Diocese— a story that has been unfolding for more than 150 years, written through the faith of generations, the ministry of clergy and religious, the witness of families, and the quiet service of many whose names may be known only to God."

"I come with gratitude for what I have inherited and with respect for those who have carried the Church's mission through changing and sometimes difficult circumstances."



"Together, I hope we can build upon these foundations and become ever more deeply centred on Jesus Christ."

"I ask you to share in this vision; a Diocese led by the Holy Spirit, centred on Christ, committed to evangelisation and strengthened by prayerful and courageous leadership. Let us give this mission of zeal and mercy a chance to take deeper root among us."

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 26th August 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.

Prayer

Lord, You give freely and love without limits. Help us to trust in Your care, even when we feel uncertain. Remind us that You are always with us, providing for our needs. Open our hearts to receive Your gifts with gratitude. May we share Your love with others. 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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A Sign of the Eucharist

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

JESUS NURTURES US

Have you ever experienced a time when you needed to rest, restore yourself and, perhaps, even reflect on the direction in which your life is moving? Today's Gospel can speak to this experience. Jesus, accompanied by his disciples, steps ashore from a boat and discovers a troubled crowd in need of healing. It is evening, a *lonely* (literally, 'a desert') place and the crowd needs to eat. Figuratively, this crowd represents how we might feel at times, in need of care, comfort, healing and sustenance. The disciples have the solution. They want *him* to send the people off to purchase food from the local villages. But Jesus surprises the disciples with another solution: *they* are to find the food that is necessary. The Greek text can also be interpreted, 'You give them *yourselves* to eat!' This gets to the heart of the issue. The disciples retort that they don't have what is needed (either physically or personally?) to satisfy the hungry crowd, only five loaves and two fish, representative of the average food allowance for one household in the ancient world.

Jesus gets the crowd to sit down (literally, 'recline'—the dining posture in the Greco-Roman world) on the 'grass' (but isn't this a desert?) takes the meagre offering of the disciples, prays a eucharistic blessing over the loaves and fish, then gets the disciples to distribute to the crowd. They eat, are satisfied, and there remains enough leftovers, twelve baskets full, for the future. Our deepest need for spiritual restoration and nurture is met in today's celebration of Word and Eucharist. Jesus nurtures us.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

2 AUGUST 2026

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;

listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 144:8-9, 15-18. R. v. 16

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs.

1. 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.**

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you / and you give them their food in due time. / You open wide your hand, / grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

3. The Lord is just in all his ways / and loving in all his deeds. / He is close to all who call him, / call on him from their hearts. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 8:35, 37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the

Romans

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia! / No one lives on bread alone, / but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. / Alleluia!