



Readings for this week:
1 Kings 19:9,11-13
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33



Readings for next Sunday:
Isaiah 56:1,6-7
Romans 11:13-15,29-32
Matthew 15:21-28



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Nature I

The ecological crisis has heightened interest in the relation of worship to the natural world. Now the world of nature, the matrix within which human life is set, can no longer be taken for granted, and the salvation of this world has suddenly become a priority. Within our tradition, the Psalms provides a view of the natural world by displaying the glory and providential care of the Creator. The "land" was always an essential part of ^{Israel's} relationship to God. In the Eastern church liturgies, an important theme is salvation as a cosmic process restoring both humanity and nature to their original purposes. In the Western church mystics such as Hildegard of Bingen, Mechtilde of Magdeburg, Meister Eckhart, Julian of Norwich, Thomas Aquinas and Francis of Assisi, celebrated the interrelatedness of humanity and nature. The forms and emphases of worship respond to the felt needs of every age.

Looking at the Readings

We have not seen God. Not even Abraham, Moses, Elijah or the Apostles have seen God. Yet the Apostles had come close because in seeing Christ the Lord they have "seen" an image of God. We do see a lot of images of God in Artworks, Poems, Stories, Songs and human experiences, Most of these images have been inspired by sacred scripture and meditation on the Word of God. We hear how Elijah, who wanted to see God, was told to leave the cave and stand at its entrance on the mountain and God would pass by. Elijah saw God not in the terrific forces of nature but in the silence of a gentle breeze.

Those terrific forces of nature: storms, earthquakes, wildfires floods and droughts are sometimes described by insurance companies and the like as Acts of God. But God was not in the storm, the earthquake or the fire. The Apostles in the boat were terrified by the fierce storm on the lake but also terrified by Jesus walking on the lake and calming the storm. We need to recognise Jesus, Father and Spirit in the ordinary and quiet moments of our lives. It is in the ordinary that God performs extraordinary actions. It is doing ordinary things extraordinary well we fulfil God's call to service. (Spiritual "Little Way" of Thérèse of Lisieux.)

Sunday ClipArt

This week's image depicts Elijah at the cave covering his face as God passes by as a gentle breeze (1Kings 19:12-13).

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Quote of the Week

The doctrines of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew. *Abraham Lincoln*

Prayer for the Day

God of all power, your sovereign word comes to us in Christ. When your Church is in danger, make firm our trust; when your people falter, steady our faith. Show us in Jesus your power to save, that we may always acclaim him as Lord, who lives and reigns God for ever and ever. Amen.

On the Lighter Side

A chef wants to publish a cookbook that teaches people how to prepare nutritious and tasty meals using meagre rations after cyclones, earthquake, floods or bushfires. It sounds like a recipe for disaster!



 Please email or contact the office to add names to the prayer list	For those who have died and those who are grieving	Wayne Hogan, Luigi Napolitano
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Giovanna Sepe, Michele Sepe, Gaetano & Marianina Basile
	Our sick and their carers	Maree Young, Sue McDonald, Mary Vraca, Kim Mann, Russell Parsons, Rita Fairchild, Harney McKinnon

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

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 Lombardozzi
 Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Worm
 Screen Operator: Mary Gale
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: E Worm & C Coulston

Sunday 23rd August 10:30am

Commentator: Anne Marie Nihill
 Reader: Debbie Worm
 Gospel Procession: Catherine O'Toole
 Gifts: D Corrigan & P Moroney
 Eucharistic Minister: Ross Kelly
 Screen Operator: Lou Worm
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: L & D Worm

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

Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 3rd August

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 12th August 9:15am
 Friday 14th August 9:15am
 1:30pm (funeral)

Weekend Mass

Saturday 15th August 5:00pm
 Sunday 16th August 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 19th August 9:15am
 Friday 21st August 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sunday 23rd 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)

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

Eucharistic Adoration every 1st Friday of month at 5:30pm in the Church

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 2nd September



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 4th September

Plate Collection and Envelopes



Thank You

Collections for last week was \$887.60 and the collection from the St Donato Mass was \$600.00.

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

May God bless you always.



Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.
Matthew 14:27

Bishop René Ramirez RCJ was installed as the ninth Bishop of Sandhurst at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo on 30 July 2026. Thank you to the parishioners who represented Tatura at the Mass, it is very much appreciated.

Parish Council Meeting: The next PPC Meeting will be held on August 12th at 6pm in the Presbytery.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH DEBUTANTE BALL 2027

St Augustine's Parish is seeking expressions of interest from young people wishing to participate in the **2027 Debutante Ball**. If you are interested, please register your expression of interest with the Parish Office by **1 September 2027**.

Contact the Parish Office:

- **Phone:** (03) 5852 1026
- **Email:** kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

For further information, please contact **Alana Brennan** at brenpk1@gmail.com

Sandhurst Formation Institute Forum: Parishioners are encouraged to register for the Sandhurst Foundation Institute Forum on Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd August in Shepparton. Please consider supporting this important diocesan initiative and register for both days. To register go to:

<https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/3081-register-for-sandhurst-formation-institute-2026>

Trusting God in the Storm

The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A shows us how God works in ways we might not expect. Elijah hears God not in the strong wind, the earthquake, or the fire, but in a quiet whisper.

God Is Not Always in the Noise

God's voice is not always found in noise, certainty, or dramatic displays. Robyn points to Elijah, who recognizes God in a quiet whisper rather than in wind, earthquake, or fire. Loud voices can attract attention, but they are not always wise, holy, or kind. Listening for God requires humility and a heart willing to slow down.

Robyn also calls the Church to listen more carefully to people whose voices are often ignored. Women, wounded Catholics, people on the margins, and those carrying doubt or grief may speak truths others miss. Discernment still matters, but it should look for kindness, truth, justice, and peace. A quieter Church would listen before judging and make more room for the gentle ways God speaks.

REPEAT NOTICES

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. The final meeting for the year will be on Wednesday 2nd December at 7:00pm.

Prayer

Lord, help me to trust You in all things. When life feels uncertain, remind me that You are near.
Teach me to listen for Your voice in quiet moments and to hold onto faith during struggles.
Strengthen me when I feel weak and guide me closer to You each day. 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 – 9/8/2026



Discover Catholic Podcasts and events happening across Australia – retreats, pilgrimages, workshops and more.

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**

Diocese Website: <https://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au>

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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

Supporting the persecuted: Help rebuild a Cathedral in the Philippines

In 2017, Christians in the city of Marawi in the southern Philippines faced brutal persecution from Islamist militants. More than 800 people were killed and thousands of families were displaced. During the five months of violence, the Cathedral of St Mary was bombed, desecrated and destroyed.

Nine years on, there is a growing desire for healing and reconciliation. The poor and faithful people of Marawi have asked for our help to rebuild their beloved cathedral so they can once again gather, pray, and be witnesses of Christ in this Muslim-majority region.

To learn more or provide your support, please scan the QR code or visit:

aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

Thanks to generous supporters, every contribution during August will be doubled.



Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering: Caritas Australia & Catholic Religious Australia warmly invite you to participate in the **Season of Creation Gathering: Listen, Reflect, Act**, a national online event on **3–4 September**. The Gathering offers inspiring keynote speakers and practical workshops to help participants deepen their faith and respond to the call to care for our common home. Learn more & register: www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering

Vocations Awareness Week: In his Pastoral Letter for Vocations Awareness Week 2026, Bishop René Ramirez RCJ reminds us that, as Christians, we all have a vocation.

“Through Baptism, each of us is called to holiness and to participate in Christ's mission according to the unique path God has prepared for us.”

Bishop René RCJ asks parents and schools to pray with children to the Lord of the Harvest, asking not simply, “What do I want to do with my life?” but rather, “Lord, what are You calling me to become?”

To read Bishop René RCJ's pastoral letter in full, please click on the attachment:

Pastoral-letter-National-Vocations-Week-Bishop-Rene-2026.pdf

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

TOWARDS UNKNOWN SHORES

There are times when we struggle, as though we are personally battling against a strong headwind and can't move out of our physical or spiritual slump. Today's Gospel reflects something of this experience. Jesus makes his disciples get into a boat (a symbol of Matthew's Gospel household) to sail to the 'other side'. This 'side' is unfamiliar and frightening. Jesus spends time on the land praying while the boat, in the meantime, is battling heavy seas and a strong headwind.

All this is a powerful image of the community of Jesus' disciples and, at times, like us or our experience of Church: battling, trying to move forward as we feel alone. At this point in the story, Matthew draws on imagery used of God from the First Testament to describe Jesus walking on the water, coming towards a boat filled with terrified disciples. When they see Jesus, their terror heightens thinking he is a ghost. Jesus reassures them.

Peter, the leader and spokesperson, then asks to come out to be with Jesus on the water. While Peter's focus is on Jesus all is safe as he steps from the boat on to the water. But when he becomes distracted by the wind and waves and takes his gaze off Jesus, he begins to sink. Jesus responds immediately to his plea for rescue and the scene concludes with the disciples worshipping Jesus as God's saving agent. This story speaks forcefully to our community of struggling believers. Jesus seeks to be with us in this 'boat' called 'Church' as we sail together, in that synodal spirit, towards unknown and frightening shores while subject to fearful and unsettling conditions.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

9 AUGUST 2026

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14. R. v. 8

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, / a voice that speaks of peace. / His help is near for those who fear him / and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; / justice and peace have embraced. / Faithfulness shall spring from the earth / and justice look down from heaven. **R.**
3. The Lord will make us prosper / and our earth shall yield its fruit. / Justice shall march before him / and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia! / I hope in the Lord, / I trust in his word. / Alleluia!