



*Readings for
this week:* Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20



*Readings for
next Sunday:* Jeremiah 20:7-9
Romans 12:1-2
Matthew 16:21-27



Liturgical Catechesis I

In June Pope Leo XIV began a series of catechesis on the Second Vatican Council Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. Below is a précis of Part One.

The Council sought to lead the Church to contemplate and deepen that living bond which constitutes and unites her with the mystery of Christ. Indeed, the liturgy touches the very heart of this mystery: it is at once the space, the time and the context in which the Church receives her very life from Christ. The Church underwent biblical, patristic and liturgical renewal in 20th century. This Mystery does not designate an obscure reality, but God's salvific plan, hidden from all eternity and revealed in Christ. The liturgy is at the service of the mystery of Christ and is described as "the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed ... the font from which all her power flows" (SC, 10). Let us allow ourselves to be shaped inwardly by the rites, symbols, gestures and above all the living presence of Christ in the liturgy.

Rome 20 May 2026

Looking at the Readings

Perhaps we can say the key to the readings is the key. Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, is given the key of the palace of the king. Key is a symbol of authority. The holder will be in charge of opening and closing the palace. Jesus, in today's Gospel gives Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Again the holder of the key has the authority to bind and loose on earth the spiritual aspect of life and faith. However, these symbols of authority are bestowed upon Eliakim and Peter because of their committed faith and emerging leadership.

Another symbol of Peter's faith is his new name, also bestowed by Christ who said: "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church." Peter means rock. The act of naming by Christ indicated Christ's possession or intimacy with Peter and renaming also recognised as conferring a particular mission onto Peter. Here the use of symbol has its fullest impact. Keys and rock are symbols of power and more significantly the granting of power.

Yet before granting of power and authority came the profession of faith, in words and actions. Peter spoke up in response to Jesus' question "Who do you say I am?" We find out that faith is a gift, requires response, leads to mission and brings happiness. All expressed in this Gospel passage!

Prayer for the Day

Living God, you sent your Son among us to reveal your wisdom and make known your ways. Increase our faith, that we may confess Jesus as your Son, take up his work on earth, and trust his promise to sustain the Church. Amen.

Sunday ClipArt

The image for this week depicts Eliakim with the robe and key of the House of David bestowed upon by God. (Is 22:21-22).

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Feasts of Feasts

St Bartholomew, Apostle, Monday 24 August
Our Lady of Czestochowa Wednesday 26 August
St Monica, mother of St Augustine, 27 August
St Augustine, bishop and doctor, 28 August
Passion of St John the Baptist, 29 August



On the Lighter Side

What should you do when you hear a joke about rocks? Take it with a grain of basalt.

Sherlock Holmes' famous line is: "Sedimentary, my dear Watstone. We should never take it for granite."

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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	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Vincenzo Cassetta
	Our sick and their carers	Sue McDonald, Mary Vraca, Kim Mann, Catherine O'Toole, Antoinette Mancini, Russell Parsons, Harney McKinnon

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 30th August 10:30am

Commentator: Carol Coulston
 Reader: Sheila Gregg
 Gospel Procession: Angela Lombardozzi
 Gifts: L Mercuri & C Bannan
 Eucharistic Minister: A Ciavarella
 Screen Operator: Deb Turvey
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: E Worm & C Coulston

Saturday 5th September 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
 Money Counters:

Sunday 6th September 10:30am

Commentator: Elisabeth Edwards
 Reader: Domelina Phelan
 Gospel Procession: Cecilia Bannan
 Gifts: D Corrigan & P Moroney
 Eucharistic Minister: Leo McGrath
 Screen Operator: Mary Gale
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters:

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



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 September & October are available in the Narthex.

Meeting in the Spirit Group: all welcome on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 26th August at 6:00pm in the Presbytery.

Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 26th August

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 26th August 9:15am
 Friday 28th August 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sunday 30th August 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 2nd September 9:15am
 Friday 4th September 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 5th September 5:00pm
 Sunday 6th September 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 on Wednesday 2nd September



Plate Collection and Envelopes

Collections for last week was \$752.50

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

May God bless you always.



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Thank you to the St Donato Committee for the very generous donation of \$2000 to the parish. Your support of the parish is very much appreciated.



THANK YOU!

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18

- **Shared lunch in St Mary's Hall after Mass today. All welcome**
- **Thank you to those who attended, on behalf of the Tatura Parish, the Sandhurst Formation Institute Forum in Shepparton on Friday and Saturday. Your support is very much appreciated**
- **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.



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

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Daniel Kezerle and Melanie Rushby who were married by Fr Uday in the Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 22nd August. We wish you a lifetime of love, happiness and faith as you continue your life together with your family.



- **Please pray for the children of the parish who are preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.** Bless these children as they grow in faith. May Your Holy Spirit guide them, strengthen their hearts, and fill them with joy as they prepare to receive Your gifts.
- There is a flyer for the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Sandhurst on Saturday 19th September in the Narthex

Built on a Rock of Faith

On the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we hear about strength, trust, and responsibility. God chooses people for His work and gives them what they need to carry it out. Each reading shows how God works through others to guide His people.

Isaiah tells of Shebna losing his role and Eliakim being raised up instead. God chooses Eliakim and gives him real authority. He becomes like a peg, steady and trusted, holding up his family and his people.

In the Gospel, Jesus gives Peter a new mission. Peter recognizes Jesus as the Son of God. Jesus responds by giving him the keys of the kingdom and calling him the rock on which the Church will stand. This reading helps us reflect on faith and leadership. They also highlight the role of Peter and the Church in carrying out God's plan.



The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A calls us to think about who we trust and follow. God is always working, even when we don't fully understand. He gives strength and purpose to those who say yes to Him.

Prayer

Lord, you are the source of wisdom and strength. Help us to trust in your plan, even when we do not understand it. Teach us to lead with humility and to serve others with love. Strengthen our faith so that we may follow you fully. Guide us to always seek your truth. 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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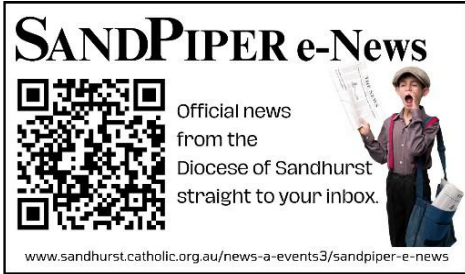
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DIOCESE NEWS – 23/8/2026



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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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

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



**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL
SANDHURST**

Retreat Day

Come be refreshed and renewed

Encounter the Presence of God

Facilitated by Br Massino Chang and

Fr Doroteo Bravi

From the Community of the Sons and Daughters of God

Saturday 19th September 2026

9.30 cuppa, 10.00am-3.30pm

St Brendan's Knight St. Shepparton

at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre

All welcome

Lunch: Please bring a plate to share

An offering will be taken up

Contact: Brigita Hore: 0412 042 196

Mary Zobec: 0427 190 282

Denise Illot: 0407 506 813

Alleluia, alleluia! / You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church / the gates of hell will not hold out against it. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

Who is Jesus? What would I want to say to him? Today's Gospel brings us to one of the most important questions posed by the evangelist to the Gospel's audience – and to us: Who is Jesus for us?

Jesus first asks the disciples about the gossip circulating concerning him and who they believe him to be. Their response reflects how the disciples understand Jesus and how they will follow him as they draw closer to Jerusalem, the city where Jesus' ministry will conclude in his death and resurrection. The disciples respond to Jesus' question as to what others say about him: He is John the Baptist, or Elijah who will return at the end of time, or one of the prophets. Then Jesus asks them, 'Who do you say I am?'

Simon Peter, speaking for the group, acknowledges Jesus as 'the Christ', the Greek for the Hebrew word 'Messiah', literally 'the anointed one'. Jesus is God's emissary anointed with the Spirit. Jesus affirms Peter's response as divinely inspired and declares that Peter – *Petros*, 'rock' – will be the foundation or 'rock-base' for the growth of the Jesus movement.

For Matthew's audience, this is an affirmation of the movement's authority through time and history. It is within this graced community that we gather today. As contemporary followers of Jesus, we are invited to give our response personally and communally as to Jesus' identity: Who do you, who do we say Jesus is? Our response will shape how we act, with whom we engage and the kind of community of Jesus' followers we will be.

Fr Michael Trainor



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

23 AUGUST 2026

FIRST READING

Isa 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.

I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

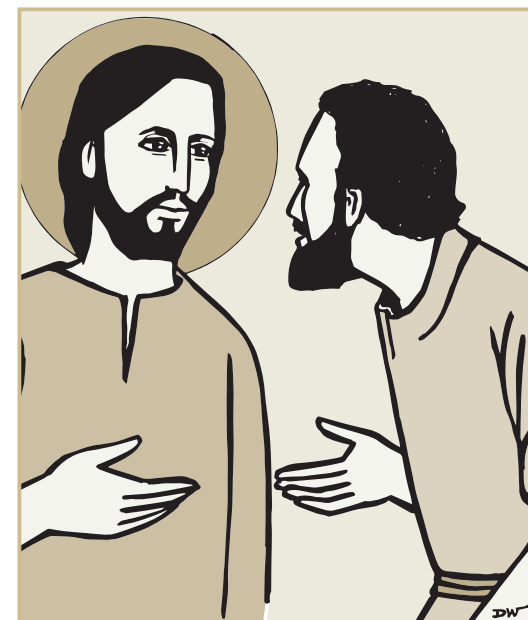
■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8. R. v. 8

**R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, / you have heard the words of my mouth. / Before the angels I will bless you. / I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love / which excel all we ever knew of you. / On the day I called, you answered; / you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**



3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly / and the haughty he knows from afar. / Your love, O Lord, is eternal, / discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

■ The word of the Lord.