



Readings for  
this week: Jeremiah 20:7-9  
Romans 12:1-2  
Matthew 16:21-27



Readings for  
next Sunday: Ezekiel 33:7-9  
Roman 13:8-10  
Matthew 18:15-20



## Liturgical Catechesis II

The Second Vatican Council gathered with the desire to “impart an ever increasing vigour to the Christian life of the faithful; to adapt more suitably to the needs of our own times those institutions which are subject to change; to foster what-ever can promote union among all who believe in Christ; to strengthen whatever can help to call the whole of mankind into the household of the Church, There was a strong sense of the need for a renewal of the ritual forms through which, for centuries, the Church had glorified God and sanctified the Christian people. A very close and organic bond exists between the renewal of the liturgy and the renewal of the whole life of the Church. The Church not only acts but also expresses herself in the liturgy, lives by the liturgy and draws from the liturgy the strength for her life: “That sound tradition may be retained, and yet the way remain open to legitimate progress” (SC, 23) Rome 27 May 2026

## Looking at the Readings

Jeremiah was the classic prophet of doom warning the citizens of Jerusalem of their impending captivity and their city of its impending destruction. They did not appreciate that, nor did Jeremiah find comfort or reward in telling them. But he was impelled by a fire within. On reflection, his passion was a great motivation and awesome emotion. It makes us listen and take heed of events and advice we may encounter.

Jesus faced the same reactions from the citizens and leaders of Jerusalem. He warns the disciples of this impending rejection and suffering. Peter and the others were with Jesus in the good times and the bad but wanted to avoid the bad times. Life has its contradictions! And the last of these is that suffering leads to glory.

St Paul echoes the words of Jeremiah, that now as Christians we must model Christ in offering our lives as servants and pursue God's will.

## Pope Leo XIV on the Season of Creation 2026

Pope Leo has chosen “They shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks” (*Isaiah* 2:4) as the theme for the 2026 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to be celebrated on Tuesday 1 September. During the whole season the scripture theme is on “Living Water” from Ezekiel 47:1–12, focusing on life-giving water flowing from God's sanctuary to restore ecosystems and heal the earth. The season continues until Sunday 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi).

## Prayer for the Week

Holy God, whose Spirit hovered over the waters at the beginning, we gather as part of your community of all creation, thirsty for your grace. We give thanks for the gift of water, the veins of our common home, that sustains the cedar and the whale, the pasture and the city. We are grateful for the local waters that nourish our homelands and our fellow creatures. We give thanks that in your well-watered garden, every drop is a sacred testament to your love. (Season of Creation Prayer. Part 1/4)

## Sunday ClipArt

The image for this week depicts the prophet Jeremiah facing his critics and denouncers.

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## On the Lighter Side

People will always criticize how you said something regardless of what you actually said.

“The trouble with most of us is that we would rather be ruined by praise than saved by criticism” Norman Vincent Peale



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|  <p>Please email or contact the office to add names to the prayer list</p> | For those who have died and those who are grieving |                                                                                           |
|                                                                                                                                                             | For those whose anniversary occurs at this time    | Denise Woodman, Carmel Sier, Bob Licciardo, Nola Mulcahy                                  |
|                                                                                                                                                             | Our sick and their carers                          | Sue McDonald, Mary Vraca, Kim Mann, Harney McKinnon, Antoinette Mancini, Russell Parsons, |

## ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 5:00pm

Commentator: Carol Coulston  
 Reader: Denise Bourke  
 Gospel Procession: Anne Hutchison  
 Gifts: J Caiafa & D Hamilton  
 Screen Operator: Deb Turvey  
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett  
 Money Counters:

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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:

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10:30am

Confirmation & First Eucharist Mass organised by the school.

### Saturday Mass times for 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> September

### Weekday Masses

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 9:15am  
 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 9:15am

### Weekend Mass

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 5:00pm  
 Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 10:30am

### Weekday Masses

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 9:15am  
 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 9:15am

### Weekend Mass

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 10:30am  
 (Confirmation & First Eucharist)

### Monthly events

*Anointing Mass every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Mass at 9:15am*

*Italian Rosary every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 2pm in the Church*

*Reconciliation every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month (30 minutes before Mass)*

*Shared lunch: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month in St Mary's Hall*

*Eucharistic Adoration every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of month at 5:30pm in the Church*

## Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 2pm  
 in St Mary's Hall. All welcome.

The next one will be on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 6:00pm in the Presbytery.



## Plate Collection and Envelopes

The collection for last week was \$570.00



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

*May God bless you always.*

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> September



Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.  
 For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Matthew 16:24

- **Baptism Preparation Meeting:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7:00pm.
- **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 19<sup>th</sup> September in the Narthex
- **RCIA INQUIRY EVENINGS in Kyabram:** Inquiry evenings for the RCIA program will begin on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 5.30pm in the presbytery. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of Christian formation by which those who are seeking full communion with the Church. For more information contact Annette Ryan 0408 502 858 or Mary Zobec 0427190282.
- **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SANDHURST Retreat Day** Saturday, 19 September 2026 at St Brendan's, Shepparton 9:30am – 3:30pm. 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. Starting at 9:30am with a cuppa, ready for 10am start. Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre, St Brendan's, 121 Knight St, Shepparton. 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



Last Saturday Fr. Uday officiated at his first Australian wedding. Congratulations to Daniel and Melanie Kezerle, may God bless you both as you continue your life together. Well done Fr Uday.

### CARRYING THE CROSS

The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A invites us to look closely at what it means to follow Jesus. The readings show that God's call is not always easy.

Jeremiah speaks of a fire in his heart that he cannot hold back, even when others laugh at him. God's word is alive and cannot be silenced.

Paul, in his letter to the Romans, calls us to offer our lives to God. He tells us not to copy the ways of the world but to be renewed in mind and spirit. This is how we learn what pleases God. It is a call to live each day with faith and courage.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells His followers to deny themselves and take up their crosses. He warns that gaining the world is nothing if we lose our souls. On the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we are asked to choose the way of Christ, even when it is hard. It is the path that leads to true life.

Lord, following You is not always easy. Sometimes doubts, struggles, and suffering make it hard to trust. Give me the strength to keep going. Help me renew my mind and live for You each day. Teach me to carry my cross with faith and courage.  
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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Visit [www.CathEvents.org.au](http://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**

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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](mailto:kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

For further information, please contact **Alana Brennan** at [brenpk1@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://eucharist28.org)



**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](http://www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering)



CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL  
SANDHURST

#### Retreat Day

*Come be refreshed and renewed*

*Encounter the Presence of God*

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From the Community of the Sons and Daughters of God

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2026

9.30 cuppa, 10.00am-3.30pm

St Brendan's Knight St. Shepparton

at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre

#### All welcome

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An offering will be taken up

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**YOU'RE INVITED to**  
**Sandhurst Celebration**  
to launch the  
**Season Of Creation**  
**Tuesday 1 September**



Immersion in Living Water  
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12



Mass celebrated by  
Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ



Followed by Picnic Lunch  
Sausage sizzle provided

**ALL SANDHURST SCHOOLS & PARISHES** are invited  
and encouraged to come along and celebrate in  
this beautiful bush setting.



**Living Water**  
Season of Creation 2026

## Excerpts from Pope Leo XIV's

### 2026 Message for World Day of Prayer for Creation



Pope Benedict reminded us that “the external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast” (24 April 2005). This calls us to recognize that, in some way, what is broken around is also broken within us. In order to build a peaceful society, therefore, we must not only reform structures but also renew our hearts.

The deep-set causes of conflict and the exploitation of creation stem from an ethical and cultural crisis, including the loss of a sense of limits, the desire for domination, the pursuit of immediate profit, and the inability to recognize the God-given dignity of each human person. ...

The prophetic call to “beat swords into ploughshares” (*Is* 2:4) is therefore not only a vision for nations, but a call to each person. It invites us to transform harm into life. ...

Where hearts are renewed, new possibilities begin to open. What has been used for destruction can be redirected toward life, toward the care of the poor, the nourishment of the hungry, and the safeguarding of creation. This is the path of authentic ecological conversion, where the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in our relationship with the world around us (cf. *Francis*, *LS* 217). Peace, then, begins in the heart and flows outward ...

The true tools for building peace are not weapons of destruction, instead they are truth, dialogue, patience, goodness, justice, mercy, understanding, care and love. These flow from hearts shaped by the Gospel and sustained by God's grace. Only these qualities possess the power to transform individuals, renew communities & heal the wounds of our world.

Dear brothers and sisters, the path before us is clear, though it is not easy. We are called to allow our hearts to be renewed, so that we might seek peace and care for creation. Scripture tells us to guard our hearts, for everything we do flows from them (cf. *Prov* 4:23).

If we take up this task with humility and faith, we will become collaborators in God's work of renewal. We will move, slowly but surely, from desert to garden, from division to communion, from violence to peace.

*So perhaps this Season of Creation begins with a personal question:*

***What is flowing from my heart into the world?***



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

#### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## GENUINE DISCIPLESHIP

Today's Gospel follows on immediately from last Sunday's Gospel and the question posed to Jesus' disciples in Matthew's day, and to us, about his identity. Jesus then outlines what awaits him in Jerusalem—his suffering, death and resurrection. These words seem either incomprehensible to his disciples, represented by Peter, or are rejected.

Whatever the reason for Peter's reaction, following God's anointed one on a path of suffering, death and resurrection is unfathomable. The disciples imagine a triumphant, powerful figure who will overcome Roman opposition. Success and status are their vision for the future of discipleship!

Today's Gospel is a sobering reminder that suffering is not excluded from discipleship. Life's tragedies and concerns are not the opposite of following Jesus; they can be authentic expressions of it. Disciples are not called to seek suffering nor to become victims. Rather, suffering can be integrated into genuine discipleship. These are important insights especially for some who think that they must 'prove' their loyalty to Jesus by seeking out further pain or suffering. We know that suffering is part of life; we need not look for it further. We are surrounded by a world of suffering.

Today we acknowledge the sufferings of those who gather with us in our Assembly, especially those borne silently or through violence, including domestic violence.

Fr Michael Trainor

# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

30 AUGUST 2026

## FIRST READING

Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

*The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,

I could not bear it.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v. 2

**R.** My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; / for you my soul is thirsting. / My body pines for you / like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary / to see your strength and your glory. / For your love is better than life, / my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

3. So I will bless you all my life, / in your name I will lift up my hands. / My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, / my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**



4. For you have been my help; / in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. / My soul clings to you; / your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

■ The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Eph 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia! / May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ / enlighten the eyes of our heart, / that we might see how great is the hope / to which we are called. / Alleluia!