

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 September 2026



Readings for
this week:

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Roman 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20



Readings for
next Sunday:

Sirach 27:30-28-7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35



Liturgical Catechesis III

As we continue our catechesis on the *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, we wish to pause and reflect on some of the fundamental elements of the sacred liturgy, such as the rite, the sign and the symbol. Through the sacred rite we are thus formed in listening to the Word of God, in giving thanks and in adoration, in fraternal sharing and in ecclesial communion. We discover that we are an assembly with many faces, united by the same faith. The rite involves us in a sequence of gestures and prayers simplicity of its rhythms, the rite interrupts our frenetic activities. We thus discover another dimension of action ruled by calculations of productivity and another experience of time and space. Above all, symbols have a unique performative and transformative dimension, both in relation to the material elements of which they are composed and to those who come into contact with them, engendering a sense of belonging, touching the heart and mind, and giving rise to authentic ecclesial relationships. *Rome 3 June 2026*

Looking at the Readings

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities. ©

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Pope Leo's Message on Season of Creation

To build a peaceful society, we must not only reform structures but also renew our hearts. The 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 recognise 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. Yet this transformation cannot be achieved through external change alone. It requires, through cooperating with God's grace, a deeper personal and collective conversion — a returning to God, who will reorder our desires, heal our wounds and help us grow in virtue.

Sunday ClipArt

The image for this week depicts the Prophet Ezekiel as a sentry to the House of Israel. *By Steve Erspamer © 1992 Archdiocese of Chicago*

On the Lighter Side

AI gives four warnings about brotherly correction: The Hypocrisy Trap, Sibling Dynamic, Awkward Timing, Pedantism



 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	Nell Mulcahy, John Phelan, Michele Pietropaolo (Italy)
	Our sick and their carers	Sue McDonald, Mary Vraca, Kim Mann, Harney McKinnon, Antoinette Mancini, Russell Parsons,

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 13th September 10:30am

Confirmation & First Eucharist Mass organised by the school.

Saturday 19th September 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 20th September 10:30am

Commentator: Anne Maree Nihill
Reader: Dean Filgate
Gospel Procession: Angela Lombardozzi
Gifts: D Thompson & D Phelan
Eucharistic Minister: Deb Turvey
Screen Operator: Debbie Worm
Music Operator: Trish Warnett

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



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.

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 23rd September at 6:00pm in the Presbytery.

Baptism Preparation Meeting: The final meeting for the year will be on Wednesday 2nd December at 7:00pm. Please contact the parish Office if you would like to attend.

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.

Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 2nd September

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 9th September 9:15am
Friday 11th September 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sunday 13th September 10:30am
(Confirmation & First Eucharist)

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 16th September 9:15am
Friday 18th September 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 19th September 5:00pm
Sunday 20th 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 7th October



Plate Collection and Envelopes

The collection for last week was \$795.00.00



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 4th September



If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.

Matthew 18:15

- **Please add your name to the list in the Narthex if you would like to order a Daily Mass Book, Columban Calendar and God's Word books for 2027.**
- **Please pray for the children of the parish who are preparing for the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist next Sunday.** 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
- **RCIA INQUIRY EVENINGS in Kyabram:** Inquiry evenings for the RCIA program will begin on Monday 5th 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
- **FIRST AID REGISTER:** If you are trained in First Aid or are a nurse and would be willing to be put on a list of First Aiders in the parish please let Debbie know and your name will be added to our list.

***** A PRAYER FOR ***** *Father's* DAY

Gracious God,
bless fathers and all father
figures with such love and
faithfulness that children
flourish and grow in
uprightness and joy.
Bless those who long to be
fathers and those for whom
this day is difficult.
Amen.

A Community Built on Love

The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that faith is lived in relationship with others. God does not call us to walk alone. We are asked to care for one another, to guide each other, and to live in love.

These readings show how warning, correction, and forgiveness are all part of belonging to God's people. In the first reading, Ezekiel is told to be a watchman. His duty is to speak up when others stray. This shows that silence can also bring guilt. God's word is not only about comfort but also about responsibility. We are called to speak truth with courage, even when it is hard.

The second reading tells us that love fulfills every commandment. To love our neighbor is to follow God's law. Love never harms, but instead brings peace and unity.

Lord, help us to love others with patience and truth. Give us the wisdom to correct with kindness and the courage to speak against injustice. May we seek peace in our relationships and work for goodness in our communities. Be with us when we gather in your name. 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 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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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



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

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A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

SEEK RECONCILIATION

Last Sunday reminded us that following Jesus is not free from struggle. Challenges, even misunderstandings, will be part of the disciple's vocation. This Sunday, the evangelist moves deeper to highlight further concerns that beset the community of disciples—internal struggles, tensions, even rejection.

The evangelist draws on the wisdom of Jesus to address these realities and suggests a three-step process towards reconciliation. It begins with personal dialogue. The one wronged seeks to invite the wrongdoer to reconciliation. If this fails, witnesses to what has happened verify the authenticity of the issues and encourage resolution. If this fails then the whole faith community, the *ekklesia*, witness to the wrong that has created the division, inviting the wrong doer to a change of heart and reconciliation.

Even if this third step fails then Matthew advises to treat the wrong doer 'like a pagan or tax collector.' In other words, as Jesus welcomed strangers and invited a tax collector to become one of his disciples, the door must always be left open. The final words of the Gospel contain Jesus' assurance that he is always present to even a small discipleship gathering, of even two or three, no matter what they are dealing with.

Today's Gospel is as relevant for our day as it was in the time of Matthew. No faith community is tension free. Disagreements arise and, sometimes, are not easily resolved by faith leaders. Rather than gossiping or character assassination, personal approaches that invite conflict resolution and community building are essential. In everything, Jesus is present.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

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FIRST READING

Ezek 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

R. O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! / God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; / and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. / Alleluia!