

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 September 2026



Readings for this week:
Sirach 27:30-28-7
Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:21-35



Readings for next Sunday:
Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20-24,279
Matthew 20:1-16



Liturgical Catechesis Iva

We will continue our catechesis on the Constitution on the Liturgy (SC)

Dear brothers and sisters, when we participate in the Eucharist, we are invited to listen to the Word of God and to be nourished at the Lord's table, where He offers Himself to the Father. These two parts of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, "are so closely connected with each other that they form but one single act of worship" (SC 56).

The Second Vatican Council called for the treasures of the Bible to be opened more abundantly, so that a richer fare from the table of God's Word might be provided for the faithful (SC 51). The liturgical reform translated this request into the treasure that is the *Lectionary*, the book that gathers all the biblical readings for liturgical celebrations. This richness has been drawn from the purest source of the living Tradition, which combines fidelity with tradition; with openness to legitimate progress (SC 23).

Pope Leo XIV, Rome 24 June 2026

Looking at the Readings

The Book of Sirach, also known as Ecclesiasticus because it was used in the church (Ecclesia) to instruct the catechumens, was written about 195 years before Christ but is as much relevant now as it was then. For we are confronted with selfishness, fierce competition, jealousy, brutality, resentment, and anger. The way we relate to one another is vitally important. Hence sorrow for wrongs and forgiveness of others and oneself are just as essential for good living today.

Peter thought he was being generous forgiving his brother seven times, but Jesus asked of him and us to forgive always. We pray the Lord's Prayer asking Our Father to forgive us as we forgive others. Yet we must pray it often and sincerely so that we have the gift of grace and cooperate with grace to keep on forgiving.

Prayer for the Week

O God most high, you are slow to anger and rich in compassion. Keep alive in us the memory of your mercy, that our angers may be calmed and our resentments dispelled. May we discover the forgiveness promised to those who forgive and become a people rich in mercy. Amen.

Sunday ClipArt

The image for this week may be applied to the first reading and the gospel: reconcile each other from your heart.

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Pope Leo's Message on the Season of Creation

Although the challenges before us are enormous, God does not leave us without the means of healing and transformation. In place of the weapons of war, the God of peace grants us the strength to heal, to reconcile and to build a civilization of love. In this way, we are called to safeguard the many "ecosystems" entrusted to us: the ecosystems of creation, of human relationships and of the human heart itself. Let us imagine a world in which the energies currently invested in war are directed toward integral human development, to overcome poverty, protect human dignity and reconcile divided peoples. Such a vision reflects faith in the coming of God's Kingdom.

Feasts During the Week

Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14 September
Our Lady of Sorrows 15 September
St Hildegard of Bingen, 17 September.

On the Lighter Side

Forgiveness is unlocking the door to set someone free and realising you were the prisoner! Max Lucado



 Please email or contact the office to add names to the prayer list	For those who have died and those who are grieving	Darren Grossman
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Terry White,
	Our sick and their carers	Dean White, Sue McDonald, Mary Vraca, Kim Mann, Harney McKinnon, Antoinette Mancini, Russell Parsons,

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

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

Sunday 27th September 10:30am

Commentator: Domelina Phelan
 Reader: Anne Marie Nihill
 Gospel Procession: Elisabeth Edwards
 Gifts: S Gregg & C Bannan
 Eucharistic Minister: Ross Kelly
 Screen Operator: Anne Hutchison
 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

Gluten Free Hosts: Please Trish or Fr Uday know if you require gluten free hosts.

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.

Book Orders: 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.

Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 2nd September

Weekday Masses

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

Weekend Mass

Saturday 19th September 5:00pm
 Sunday 20th September 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 23rd September 9:15am
 Friday 25th September 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sunday 27th 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 \$630.50



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 9th October



Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?

Matthew 18:20

- **CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SANDHURST Retreat Day** Saturday, 19 September 2026 at St Brendan's, Shepparton 9:30am – 3:30pm. Details are on the noticeboard in the Narthex
- **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.
- **St Brendan's Parish Shepparton** is looking for an Administration Officer – permanent part-time. Details are on the noticeboard in the Narthex.
- **Fr Uday away:** Please note that Father Uday will away from 5th October until 28th October. There will be no Saturday evening Masses during this time. Sunday Masses will be held at the same time. Weekday Masses will be replaced by Liturgies. Fr Sunday 25th of September. Fr Michael Grace will be in the parish on Sunday 11th and 18th and Fr Michael Morley will be in the parish on 25th September. There will be a bucket collection to help support Fr Uday's trip on Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th October.
- **Saturday evening Masses** will star at 6:00pm from October when daylight savings comes into effect.
- **CARITAS AUSTRALIA NEPAL APPEAL:** The Caritas network is working alongside affected communities and local authorities to assess needs and ensure assistance reaches those most impacted. You can support the Appeal at www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413.



Congratulations to Jordan and Alyssa Strudwick who were married last Saturday in the Sacred Heart Church. May God bless you both as you continue your life together.



Please pray for the following children who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist today.

Stasiya B	Charlie D	Douglas Mc
Tessa Mc	Maycey B	Alexandra H
Ruby D	Domenic C	Nunzio M
Alec M	Olivia D	Angelina C
Evelyn T	Lottie S	Olivia W
	Ethan M	

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.



Forgiveness Without Limits

The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that forgiveness is at the center of our faith. The readings show how anger and resentment can harm us, but mercy brings healing. God's love is full of patience, and he asks us to treat others with the same care.

Sirach teaches that clinging to wrath only leads to trouble. We are told to remember our short lives and let go of grudges. Paul reminds the Romans that whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. This means our choices should show mercy and unity, not judgment.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells a story about a servant who was forgiven but would not forgive. This parable shows that mercy must flow both ways. The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A is a call to forgive as we have been forgiven. It is about living in God's mercy every day.

Lord, You are full of mercy and love. Teach me to forgive as You forgive. Help me let go of anger and resentment. Fill my heart with peace so I can show kindness to others. Strengthen me when forgiveness is difficult. Let my actions reflect Your love 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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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

Contact: Brigita Hore: 0412 042 196

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WE ARE HIRING

Join the St Brendan's Catholic Church Office team

Administration Support Officer

13.5 hours per week

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during school hours

Permanent part-time position

Location: St Brendan's Catholic Church Office

A welcoming opportunity for an organised and reliable person to provide administration support in a parish office setting.

Enquiries: shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Contact: 5821 2633

Applications close: 24 September 2026

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.

‘And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master’s feet. “Give me time,” he said, “and I will pay the whole sum.” And the servant’s master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. “Pay what you owe me,” he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, “Give me time and I will pay you.” But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. “You wicked servant,” he said, “I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?” And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

FORGIVE FROM THE HEART

Have you ever been hurt by another? How do you act? Can you forgive? Hurts, misunderstanding and at times serious ruptures can occur amongst Jesus’ members. The question which Peter asks Jesus is relevant: ‘How often should one forgive another? Seven times?’ Jesus replies, ‘Seventy times seven,’ meaning forgiveness is beyond calculation.

Jesus then offers a parable to highlight the essential truth about forgiving others ‘from the heart’. The story involves two servants. One owes his king 1000 talents. In Matthew’s day a talent was worth a year’s wage. The servant owes the king 1000 years’ wages! An impossible debt to honour, even though the servant promises to pay it in time. The king, out of compassion, cancels the debt. Whew! Leaving the judgement hall, that same servant comes across a fellow servant who owes 100 denarii. A denarius is a day’s wage, so the debt is a hundred days’ wages, a paltry sum by comparison. But in this second scenario, compassion and debt cancellation are absent. The king gets to hear of this and imprisons the first servant for his lack of forgiveness.

Meanness of spirit and forgiveness of heart will have their divine repercussions, the point of the final words of today’s Gospel. Matthew’s Jesus invites us to reflect upon our own forgiving and compassionate spirit towards those who have hurt or wronged us. As we pray in the Lord’s Prayer, ‘...forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.’ The measure of our forgiveness is ultimately not God but our own hearts.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

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FIRST READING

Sir 27:30–28:7

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

Forgive your neighbour’s faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 102: 1-4, 9-12. R. v. 8

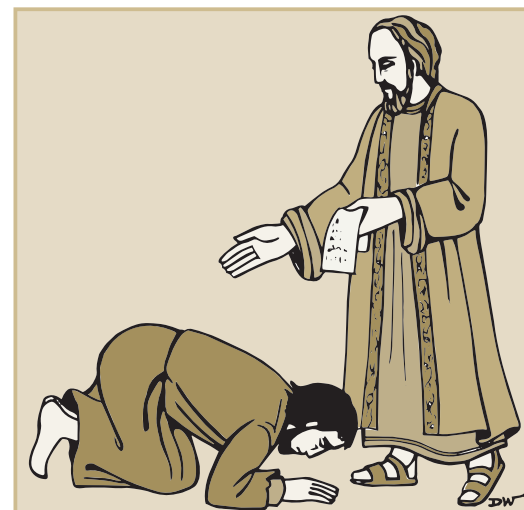
R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, / all my being, bless his holy name. / My soul, give thanks to the Lord / and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

3. His wrath will come to an end; / he will not be angry for ever. / He does not treat us according to our sins / nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

4. For as the heavens are high above the earth / so strong is his love for those who fear him. / As far as the east is from the west / so far does he remove our sins. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 14: 7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13: 34

Alleluia, alleluia! / I give you a new commandment: / love one another as I have loved you. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 18: 21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.