



Sacred
Heart
Parish
TATURA

Sacred Heart Parish Tatura

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Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 October 2026



Readings for
this week: Isaiah 25:6-10
Philippians 4:12-14,19-20
Matthew 22:1-14



Readings for
next Sunday: Isaiah 45:1,4-6
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
Matthew 22:15-21



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Marriage I

Christ neither established the state of marriage nor provided us with its liturgy. However, Jesus did display a sensitive regard for the joining of husband and wife, spoke several times about that union and elevated this natural relationship to the divine level of a sacrament. His very words as he repudiated divorce recalled the original Genesis ideal of two becoming one and remaining faithful forever. The Catholic belief is that Christ finally lifted the natural union of spouses to the status of a supernatural sacrament. Nevertheless, it took the church many centuries to articulate a somewhat complete understanding of marriage's sacramental nature and an equally long or longer period to develop a standard rite of marriage. (*New Dictionary of Sacrament Worship* pp796ff)

The Rituals were revised in the 1960's. The renewed format follows a set pattern but allows many variants for the rite of Marriage to be celebrated taking account of the couple and their circumstances.

Looking at the Readings

The first reading, responsorial psalm and Gospel all mention a banquet. The earthly banquet and the parable point to a heavenly banquet which the Lord has provided (Ps22). The Gospel parable has atypically allegorical features; each part of the parable alludes to persons or events in life and to the invitation to eternal life. It resembles the parable that preceded it.

The king is God; the wedding feast is the happiness of the messianic age and the king's son the Messiah; those sent with invitations are the prophets and the apostles; the invited who ignore them or do them violence were the first chosen people; those called in from the streets are the sinners and the pagans; the burning of the city is the destruction of Jerusalem. At verse 11 the scene changes to that of the Last Judgement. Matthew, it seems, has combined two parables: one akin to Luke 14:16-24 and another whose concluding verses are found in verses 11ff; these verses explain that the man who accepted the invitation should have been dressed for the occasion and in those times the wedding garment was supplied by the host. In other words, God's grace is a gift to be accepted and a person's good works must go with faith.

Grace before a Wedding Banquet

*O God, Creator of our beautiful world, the Lord of life and love,
we give you thanks for all your goodness:*

~ for the abundance of food this evening

~ the abundance of family and friends,

~ the abundance of laughter and love.

We pray that this meal might be a time to nourish our bodies and our relationships.

We pray for this bride and groom that the love they share would flourish and grow. May they continue in your joy and strength. May all who participate in this celebration, carry your joy and love with them. For you, O Lord are the Source and Goal of all being. Amen.

Quote of the Week

It is better to be prepared for an opportunity and not have one, than to have an opportunity and not be prepared. *Whitney M. Young*

On the Lighter Side

October 15, 1066 (960 years) Battle of Hastings.

William the Conqueror forces defeated the English army

October 3, 1226 (800 Years): St Francis of Assisi died

October 15, 1582: (444 years) Gregorian Calendar introduced

October 14, 1926 (100 Years): A.A. Milne's Winnie-the-Pooh

October 4, 1957 (69 Years): Sputnik 1, first satellite launched

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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	Pietro (Peter) De Rosa, Giuseppina (Pippa) Vraca
	Our sick and their carers	Nathan Dodd, Catherine O'Toole, Kim Mann, Russell Parsons Sue McDonald, Mary Vraca, Harney McKinnon, Antoinette Mancini

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 18th October 10:30am

Commentator: Theresa Cooke
Reader: Elisabeth Edwards
Gospel Procession: Connie Serra
Gifts: L Mercuri & A Lombardozzi
Eucharistic Minister: Anna Ciavarella
Screen Operator: Debbie Worm
Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Sunday 25th October 10:30am

Commentator: Anne Marie Nihill
Reader: Ross Kelly
Gospel Procession: Sheila Gregg
Gifts: D Corrigan & P Moroney
Eucharistic Minister: Debbie Worm
Screen Operator: Mary Gale
Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Saturday Mass times for 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

6:00pm (Oct – Mar) 5:00pm (Apr-Sep)
Please note there will be no Saturday Masses during October while Fr Uday is away.

We thank all of our volunteers for their assistance during Mass



Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 14th October

Weekday Liturgies

Wednesday 14th October 9:15am
Friday 16th October 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sunday 17th October 10:30am (Fr Michael Grace)

Weekday Liturgies

Wednesday 21st October 9:15am
Friday 23rd October 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sunday 25th October 10:30am (Fr Michael Morley)

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 4th November.**

PARISH NOTICES

Meeting in the Spirit Group: all welcome on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 28th October at 6:00pm in St Mary's Hall.

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.

Names on Prayer List: Please email or contact the office to add names on the prayer list.

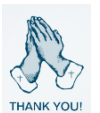
Baptism Preparation Meeting: The final meeting for the year will be on Wednesday 2nd December at 7:00pm. Please contact the parish Office if you would like to attend.

The annual **Cemetery Mass** will be on Saturday 7th November at 9:00am at the Tatura Cemetery. Please bring your own chair for the Mass.



Plate Collection and Envelopes

The collection for last week was \$767.50



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 Friday 6th November.



Fr Uday would like to thank everyone for their support for his trip to India.

The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.

Matthew 22:8-9

Fr Uday away: Please note that Father Uday will away from 5th October until 28th October. No Saturday night Masses while he is away. This week we welcome Fr Michael Grace back to Sacred Heart Parish Tatura.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL

A bucket collection will be taken up today following Mass for the Retired Priests of the Sandhurst Diocese. The Diocese has 15 retired priests who depend on the support from the diocese, which means the support of the people of the diocese. All donations are tax-deductible. Those requiring receipts for donations, please use the envelopes provided. You can donate online by using the QR Code.

Thank you.



Deanery Forum – Round 3

10am – 3pm

You are invited to join Bishop René for Deanery Forum 3 as it explores the work of the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council through the lens of draft Diocesan Provisional Statutes for each. This is especially important for Priests, and PPC/PFC members. Parish staff, ministry coordinators and engaged parishioners will also find this focus very relevant.

After you register using details, you will receive the Forum papers via email.

20 October - Goulburn Valley Deanery - MOVE (Museum of Vehicle Evolution), Kialla.

Register at Trybooking via the following Link or QR Code:

<https://www.trybooking.com/DPJNH>



National Carers' Week 2026.

From Sunday, 11 October to Saturday, 17 October, the national theme will be "Care for a Carer".

Focusing on making carers visible and supporting the more than three million Australians who provide unpaid care, and support family members and friends who have a disability, mental health condition, chronic condition, terminal illness, and alcohol or other drug issue, or who are frail aged.

According to National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR), figures from 2021 Census showed there were 11,268 Catholics providing unpaid care in our Diocese. Most take on a caring role because of sense of family responsibility. This often means they can only work part-time which leads to serious financial challenges and, sometimes, poverty.

Carers need to be supported – their own health, mental health and wellbeing can be seriously affected.

Contact <https://www.carergateway.gov.au/> or Carers Victoria to develop carer skills or access support services.

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that God invites everyone to share in His joy. The readings speak of abundance, welcome, and being ready to take part in what God offers. Like a great feast, His love is open to all, but we must come prepared to receive it. We hear about God's generosity and the need to accept His invitation. The readings show that God provides for His people, but they must respond with faith and preparation.

Lord, thank You for calling us to be with You. Help us to recognize Your invitation and accept it with open hearts. Give us the strength to trust in You and live in a way that honors Your love. Keep us faithful and ready for the feast You have prepared.

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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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

Caritas Australia Nepal Flood Appeal

Caritas Australia have opened an appeal to support their on ground network in Nepal to deliver humanitarian aid. If you would like to donate to this appeal, please follow the following link: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/nepal-floods/>

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
LAUNCH OF A
MEMORIAL IRISH HARP
COMMEMORATING THE
IRISH CONTRIBUTION
TO AUSTRALIA

Honouring the courage, perseverance
and enduring legacy of the Irish people
who helped shape Australia.

A SYMBOL OF HERITAGE
A LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

DATE: Sunday 18 October, 2026
TIME: 2:00pm
VENUE: The Sacred Heart Cathedral,
80 Wattle Street, Bendigo
RSVP: By 5 October, 2026
Afternoon tea provided.

TOGETHER IN HERITAGE
UNITED IN FUTURE

CENTRAL VICTORIAN
IRISH ASSOCIATION INC.
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Join us in celebrating
the wonderful history of
**ST MARY'S SCHOOL
INGLEWOOD**

Save the date

Sunday 22 November 2026

Mass 10.30am - 11.30am
School tours and lunch - 11.30am - 2.00pm
(Lunch, coffee, tea and soft drink provided)

For catering purposes
please RSVP via QR code

Catholic Theological College

aims to support your parish
by providing formation for
staff and volunteers with
introductory and further
studies in theology, ministry
and spirituality.

We invite interested
members of your parish to
our **online information
session** on Monday 26
October at 7pm (AEDT).

In this session, participants
meet our course advisors
and learn about study
options at CTC, including
the wide range of courses
and units that can be
undertaken **online** and/or
face-to-face.

Interested participants may
register via [Google Forms](#).
Registration is essential.

March for the Babies 2026

RALLY DETAILS

WHEN: Saturday 10 October 2026

TIME: 1 pm

PLACE: Treasury Gardens – corner of Spring Street and Wellington Parade,
East Melbourne Vic 3002

HOW TO GET THERE: Walk from Flinders Street Station or catch a 48 or 75
tram east along Flinders Street.

See [PTV journey planner](#) for more public transport information.

World Mental Health Month

October is World Mental Health Month — a timely reminder that mental health is something we all have, and looking after it is part of looking after ourselves and each other.

A little check-in

Mental health can change from day to day. Sometimes we're thriving, sometimes we're under pressure, and sometimes we might simply be having a difficult week.

This month, we encourage everyone to:

- **Check in with yourself** — How are you really going?
- **Check in with others** — A simple “How are you going?” can make a difference.
- **Take a pause** — Give yourself permission to step away, reset and recharge.
- **Speak up** — If something isn't feeling right, don't feel that you need to manage it alone.
- **Look out for each other** — Small acts of kindness and connection can have a big impact.

Mental health isn't just something we talk about when things are difficult.

Building a healthy workplace also means creating opportunities for connection, recognising when people may need support, and making wellbeing part of the way we work.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants. "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Shorter form, Mt 22: 1-10

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Breaking Open the Word



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

11 OCTOBER 2026

COME TO THE WEDDING!

For the third Sunday, Jesus addresses religious leaders. Again, as last Sunday, it concerns their refusal to accept God's invitation to join the feast of the Kin-dom. Jesus describes the Kin-dom as a wedding feast hosted by a king for his son.

Those invited fail to turn up for this sumptuous feast. 'Come to the wedding' is the invitation, but, according to Matthew's story, they are 'not interested'. They have different distractions and interests. Joining the king's feast is not on their agenda. The invitation is in fact such an annoyance or distraction that the invitees maltreat and even kill the messengers. The king responds punishing them. Clearly, the king's response is not meant to represent God. It would be unfortunate to make this identification and reinforce the image of a punishing God!

The point of the story is about the attitude of those invited to join the heavenly banquet, an image of the eucharistic celebration, and those who will eventually join the feast. These guests are identified in the Gospel's last verses: people from the 'roads', symbolic of all people on the path of life and the synodal journey. Everyone, 'bad and good alike', fill the wedding hall. The Eucharist is not a reward for the perfect but sustenance for the weak – for us. As Pope Francis writes, 'The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.' (*The Joy of the Gospel*, n 47).

Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Isa 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v. 6

**R. I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

2. He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. **R.**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**



4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

■ 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!