



Readings for
this week: Exodus 22:20-26
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Matthew 22:34-40



Readings for
next Sunday: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a



Liturgical Catechesis: Music

Dear brothers and sisters, the sixth chapter of the Second Vatican Council's Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium (SC) is dedicated to sacred music. The document states that: "The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as sacred song united to the words, it forms a necessary or integral part of the solemn liturgy" (SC, 112).

Music is part of the liturgical action and is not merely a decorative part of the celebration. To sing and play music during the liturgy is to pray, attuning one's heart to that of our sisters and brothers and to God, through active participation in the mystery being celebrated. Music expresses the affective dimension of prayer, as St Augustine says: "Cantare amantis est", that is, "singing belongs to those who love" (Sermon 336, 1).

Pope Leo XIV, St Peter's Basilica,
Wednesday 19 August 2026

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Looking at the Readings

Normally where a certain Gospel passage occurs in each of the three synoptic gospels, only one of the passages is selected for the Sunday cycle of readings. However, the passage concerning Christ's "Commandment of Love" is read each year (Matthew 22:33-40 this Sunday, Mark 12:28-34, Thirty-first Sunday year B and Luke 10:25-37, Fifteenth Sunday Year C). So great is the Command to Love, it is deemed appropriate to proclaim it each year. However, each evangelist has his own slant: In Matthew the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, in Mark a scribe asks the question and praise Jesus for his reply; in Luke it's a lawyer who then asks: "Who is my neighbour?" Jesus replies with the parable of the Good Samaritan.

The Gospel is coupled with the First Reading from the book of Exodus 22:20-26 which gives us three commandments. These follow the Ten Commandments (Chapter 20) but are very person specific: the widow, the orphan and the poor man and have a different lead: "You must not ..."

In these inseparable commands lies, not legalism but a faith-filled relationship between God, self and other persons. Certainly, a command, but not one that hinders or binds but one that frees and advances the believer towards the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Prayer for the Week

Your love, O God, is boundless. We, who were strangers, have been made your children. We, who were defenceless, have been brought into your household. Keep us mindful of your deeds of mercy, that we may love you with our whole heart and love our neighbour as ourselves. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The 'O Shema' Prayer

The command Jesus quotes is part of a Jewish prayer known as the *Shema* (Deut 6:4). 'Hear O Israel, the Lord, our God, is one....' This text is placed inside boxes called *Mezuzah* hung on doorposts of Jewish homes. The *Shema* forms their daily prayer.

Quote of the Week

Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come. *Henri Nouwen*

On the Lighter Side

A boy was asked to lead grace: "Lord, thank you for the food. Please bless Mum, Dad and Charlie." Then he added: "And if you can't make my Brussel sprouts disappear, at least make them taste like chocolate. Amen."



 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	Giulia Tassone, Antonio Ciavarella, Rosina Ciavarella
	Our sick and their carers	Pope Leo, Nathan Dodd, Catherine O'Toole, Kim Mann, Russell Parsons, Sue McDonald, Mary Vraca, Antoinette Mancini, Margaret Bannan

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Saturday 31st October 6:00pm

Commentator: Carol Coulston
 Reader: Denice Bourke
 Gospel Procession: Anne Hutchison
 Gifts: J Caiafa & D Hamilton
 Eucharistic Minister: Not required
 Screen Operator: Deb Turvey
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Sunday 1st November 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

Sunday 8th November 10:30am

Commentator: Rob Miller
 Reader: Mary Gale
 Gospel Procession: Dolly Thompson
 Gifts: L Mercuri & A Lombardozzi
 Eucharistic Minister: Anna Ciavarella
 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)
 Please note there will be no Saturday Masses during October while Fr Uday is away.
 We thank all of our volunteers for their



PARISH NOTICES

Meeting in the Spirit Group: all welcome on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on this 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.

Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 28th October

Weekday Liturgies

Wednesday 28th October 9:15am
 Friday 30th October 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 31st October 6:00pm
 Sunday 1st November 10:30am

Weekday Masses

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

Weekend Mass

Sunday 8th November 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

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**.

Plate Collection and Envelopes



The collection for last week was \$ 757.00.



Thank you so much for your generosity and support of the parish.
 May God bless you always.

Bucket collection for Mission after Mass today

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.



You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

Matthew 22:37

This week we welcome Fr Michael Morley back to Sacred Heart Parish Tatura. Fr Uday will be back on 28th October from his trip to India.

Shared Parish Lunch today

Rosters for November and December are available in the narthex.

Love That Fulfills the Law

The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A brings us a simple but strong message. Love God. Love your neighbor. Jesus teaches that these two commands hold all of God's law and all the words of the prophets. They guide how we live, how we treat others, and how we show our faith in action.

God cares about how we treat people who are weak or alone. He listens to their cries and calls us to be kind, fair, and generous. Love for God is seen in how we care for others.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

November is the month of the Holy Souls. This year All Souls Day falls on Monday 2nd November. Mass offerings envelopes for our deceased are available at in the Narthex.

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.

Advance Notice:

On **Sunday 6th December**, the old Byrneside Catholic Church (which is now a private home) will be open for parishioners to have a look following Mass.

There will also be an Open House on Christmas Eve. Further details to follow.

BUCKET COLLECTION TODAY FOR THE MISSIONS AFTER MASS



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united

This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity.

Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children.

In the coming weeks, we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities, and how you can be part of this living mission of love.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.

Lord, teach us to love as You love. Help us to treat others with kindness and fairness. Open our eyes to see those who need our help. Give us the courage to act with justice and compassion. May our faith be shown in the way we live.

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

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/>



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.**

**Please click on the link below to read
Bishop Rene's Message for World
Mission Sunday'**

<https://sacredheartparishtatura.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Bishop-Renes-message-ahead-of-World-Mission-Month.pdf>

Alleluia, alleluia! / All who love me will keep my words, / and my Father will love them and we will come to them. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

As with last Sunday's Gospel, we find ourselves again on the Temple Mount—the sacred place where the Torah was taught and people were encouraged to live its demands and invitations. As Matthew's Gospel approaches its concluding chapters, however, the Temple also becomes the arena for another trial, continuing from last Sunday. Jesus' religious opponents set theological traps, seeking to expose him as an imposter and false teacher. This time the question concerns the greatest of the 613 commandments discerned in the Torah. It is a formidable test. Throughout his Gospel, Matthew presents Jesus to a Jewish community of followers living decades after the Galilean ministry of Jesus. The teaching Matthew records in the mid-80s CE reaches back to the original teaching of Jesus in the 30s.

Both then and now, Jesus draws upon the Torah to identify the two commandments that stand at the heart of faithful living. The first comes from Deuteronomy: to love God with one's whole being—heart, soul and mind. This command was so central to Jewish faith that it was symbolically carried on the body, clothing and doorposts of the home, and recited frequently each day in prayer. From this all-encompassing love of God flows the second commandment: to love one's neighbour as oneself. The two cannot be separated. Love of God finds its expression in how we love and treat others.

These commandments remain at the heart of our Christian heritage. They continue to shape our relationship with God and with one another, calling us beyond religious observance alone into a life grounded in love.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

25 OCTOBER 2026

FIRST READING

Ex 22:20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans."

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v. 2

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, / my rock, my fortress, my saviour. / My God is the rock where I take refuge; / my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. / The Lord is worthy of all praise: / when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! / Praised be the God who saves me. / He has given great victories to his king / and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Thess 1:5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

■ The word of the Lord.