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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Yorta Yorta Nation. We pay our respects to elders past and present and acknowledge the lessons the Yorta-Yorta people teach us about care, respect and justice for mother earth.

27th & 28th June 2026

Parish Newsletter

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Looking at the Readings

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus states that the path of discipleship is a difficult one. It involves challenges and changed relationships. Jesus also instructs his followers that by losing their lives for his sake, they will find them. But what does it mean to "lose" your life? In the context of discipleship, it means realising that the things we value – comfort, status, even family – come second to Jesus and his word. Placing Jesus at the centre of our lives, before anything else, opens up to receiving rich blessings from God. Today, let's reflect on where Jesus sits in our list of priorities. What might be preventing me from 'losing my life' for his sake?



A portion of our second collection this weekend will be contributed to Peter's Pence, the annual worldwide collection that supports the Holy Father's charitable works and the mission of the Holy See throughout the world.

PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses: 27th & 28th June 2026

Saturday: 6:00pm Mass
Sunday: 9:30am Mass

Weekday Masses: 29th June – 3rd July 2026

Wednesday: 12:00pm Mass
Friday: 11:30am Adoration
12:00pm 1st Friday Mass

Reconciliation:

Baptism:

Weddings:

Sophia Sisters:

Men's Group:

Ladies Drinks:

G'Day Weekend:

Children's Liturgy:

Approach Fr Novie before Mass
Every Second weekend of the Month
By Appointment with the Parish Priest
Every Tuesday 1:30pm (Parish Centre)
Every Saturday 9am (Parish Centre)
4th Wednesday 5:30pm (Parish Centre)
Every 3rd Weekend of the Month
Every G'Day Weekend

The Good Works Crew

We're very excited to advise that we have a new parish group called 'The Good Works Crew.' This group has been established with the primary function of being a fundraising team within our community. We will undertake a number of events each year and look forward to your participation and support of these events. Any new ideas you have for fundraising will be welcomed by our team members. Please reach out!

Our inaugural event will be the St Mary's Mini Market to be held on the 16th August, within the Parish grounds. It will commence at 10.30am (after 9.30am Mass) and will conclude around 1pm or until sold out! We will have cakes, books, preserves, plants, morning tea, crafts and a kids corner, plus much more! It's guaranteed to be a day of fun and entertainment. So please put it in your diary and keep an eye out for further details. All funds raised will be put towards an Accessible Toilet, closer to the Church.

Thank you and we look forward to your support.

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The Good Works Crew

This image was created by one of our Year 6 learners, Tatum, and is a detailed Family Tree that clearly identifies family members and their relationships, demonstrating an understanding of family connections and the importance of family heritage. This Family Tree connects to Aboriginal cultures, where family, kinship, and relationships are highly valued and play an important role in shaping identity, responsibilities, and connections to community, Country, and culture. May each of us value the importance of family and the relationships that nurture, support, and connect us to others.



**May the warm embrace of
our Christian community
extend a joyful welcome to**

Edward Flannery

**as he receives the sacrament
of Baptism this weekend
after Mass.**

Planned Giving Envelopes 2026–2027

New Planned Giving Envelopes are now available at the back of the church. We kindly ask all parishioners who participate in the Planned Giving Program to collect their new envelopes at their earliest convenience.

If you are not currently part of the Planned Giving Program and would like to pledge your support for the 2026–2027 financial year through the envelope system, direct debit, or credit card giving, please speak with Fr Novie or one of the members of the Finance Ministry: Graham Jefferson, Michael Delahunty, Margaret Hart, Max Marchetti, and Chris Exton. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

Installation of Bishop René Ramirez RCJ

The Diocesan Administrator has invited each parish to send up to 20 parishioners to the Installation of Bishop René Ramirez RCJ at Bendigo Cathedral on Thursday, 30 July. If you would like to attend and represent our parish, please contact Julie Moyle and provide your email address, as this will be a ticketed event.

Carpooling can be arranged for those attending. Please register your name and email address with Julie by Friday, 3 July, so that the details can be forwarded to the Diocese.

Thank you for your support and participation in this important diocesan celebration.

**Bishop René Ramirez RCJ will be
installed as the 9th Bishop of the
Diocese of Sandhurst on Thursday,
30 July 2026, at 11.00am at Sacred
Heart Cathedral, Bendigo.**



Safeguarding

Through our policies and practices, we protect the right of children to feel safe and to be safe. We promote the well-being and inclusion of all children.

**For more information, contact our
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Parish Calendar

30th June:	1.30pm Sophia Sisters
3rd July:	9.00am Mary's Makers *11.30am Adoration 12.00pm 1 st Friday Mass
7th July:	1.30pm Sophia Sisters
6th - 10th July:	Fr Novie away at a Conference ACCC- Melbourne
10th July:	10.00am Aged Care Liturgy
14th July:	1.30pm Sophia Sisters
15th July:	Soup and Sandwiches after Mass
17th July:	9.00am Mary's Makers
18th - 19th July:	G'day Weekend (Men's Ministry Sat Night, Music Ministry Sun Morning)
30th July:	11.00am Bishop Rene's Installation (Bendigo Cathedral)

Prayer Requests

For Those Who Are Unwell

Patricia Vogege, Bruno Barbera, Dan Carey, Howard Clark Jnr, Pat Davey, Caroline Farley, Fred Molluso, Meredith Ryan (Maddick), Jim Byrne, Antonia Molluso, David Baker, Carmel Murphy, Dominga Cabantac, John & Elaine Farley, Margaret McMahon, Geoff Brown, Barb Smith, Paul Wallace, Margaret Hoelter

Death Anniversaries

Olive Morgan, Fr Maurice Dullard, Rose Morrow, Margaret Atkins, Hilary Atkins, William Monahan, Maria Culturi.

Intention (RIP)

Justin Dullard and Maeve Flannery

Recent Deaths

Leah Marchetti and Joan Crowe

Roster THIS Week				27 th & 28 th June	
Mass	LECTORS			Eucharistic Ministers	Church Set-up
6:00pm	Chris Lee Christine Sebire, Tania Dixon			Bob Cooper Kim Wallace	Carol Purdon
9:30am	Margaret Hart Poppy Ferguson, Rob Morris			Bernie Oliver Kenn Liwanag	Noela Boyer
Prayers of the Faithful		Mary Atkins	Counters	Brendan Shingles, Andrew Kennedy	
St. Anne's	Jan Tarr, Gabe Phelan, Jenny Morris			Hospital Visit	John & Julie Moyle
Roster NEXT Week				4 th & 5 th July	
Mass	LECTORS			Eucharistic Ministers	Church Set-up
6:00pm	Mary Atkins Rose Quinn, Carol Purdon			Carmel Mackenzie Tania Dixon	Mary Atkins
9:30am	Rachel McAsey Judi O'Farrell, Win Lavery			John Moyle Bebher Mitchell	Bernie Oliver
Prayers of the Faithful		Kath Quinn	Counters	Roma Bowman, Margaret Hart	
St. Anne's	Loretta Holman, Mary Byrne			Hospital Visit	Noela Boyer
Monthly (July)					
Gardening	Rob Morris & Bob Cooper			Baptism Prep	Mary Byrne

1st Reading**2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16****A reading from the second book of the Kings**

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm***Ps 88:2-3, 16-19*****R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
 through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
 that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
 who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
 who find their joy every day in your name,
 who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
 it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
 for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
 our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

2nd Reading***Romans 6:3-4, 8-11*****A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation***1 Peter 2:9*****Alleluia, alleluia!**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
 a holy people.
 Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!**Gospel*****Matthew 10:37-42*****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings for Next Week

Next Week: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, A
4th & 5th July 2026

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14
2nd Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13
Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30