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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Sunday 21 June 2026



Readings for
this week:

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-338



Readings for
next Sunday:

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
Romans 6:3-4,8-11
Matthew 10:37-42



Liturgy Jottings Gospel Sequence

The Gospels for the next three Sundays form a continuous theme. Jesus is instructing the Twelve on mission. His mission now but also the mission they will inherit.

Chrisitan Mission will have its ups and downs, hence the Apostles will need preparation, understanding and prayer. The sequence of instruction begins with Jesus words: "Do not be afraid". Next week's instruction requires commitment and understanding. Week 13 Jesus offers prayer of thanksgiving to the Father and a promise to be with them in sharing the burden. The first readings from the prophets tell of persecution and suffering on account of their mission but also welcome their will receive and the qualities of humility and meekness in the service of the Word.

Looking at the Readings

Jeremiah is a very colourful character in the Old Testament. He is a reluctant but inexhaustible prophet. He is a gentle soul but a persistent activist to bring God's message of repentance, conversation and justice for the poor. He had no followers like Isaiah, his own compatriots ridiculed him, the authorities tried to ignore him. The first reading today is known as the fifth Confession of Jeremiah, the others are in chapters 11, 25, 17 and 18. His former friends denounce him and plot against him (see the image on the left). Jeremiah foresees the deliverance of the people by God and encourages them stand firm.

As Jesus is identified as the suffering servant in the book of the prophet Isaiah, Jesus is also identified as the persecuted one we see in Jeremiah. In foreseeing his own trials and persecutions Jesus warns the apostles that they too would suffer trials and rejection. Jesus concludes with comforting words making real the presence and compassion of the Father.

Quote of the Day

"Victorious love shouts to the four winds

You who follow Jesus, do not fear what leads to death,
Rather fear to yield to fear.

The joy of the Lord is our rampart" *Cistercian chant*

Prayer for the Week

Dear Father, my heart and mind are flooded with fears. Sometimes I am paralyzed. These fears are overwhelming; they remain with me day and night.

You have told us not to fear, for you have overcome the world. So I cling to you, I trust in your promises, that you will never fail me, never forsake me.

In moments of such crippling fear, I choose to hold your hand. I know you have experienced the most fearful places, I know that you have risen again. In you all promises meet and new life begins.

You are my Savior, I hide in you, protected by your love, and sheltered by your grace. My Father. Amen.

St Therese of Lisieux

On the Lighter Side

Persecution and gossip are cousins. Sometimes you should tell people quite different stories about your life and what you have done, so that when they gossip to each other about you they would argue about among themselves who is right.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Barbara Cameron, Fay Shaw, Joanne Cox, Pat Commons, Julie Kleinert, Shane Boyd, Noreen Gallardo, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy, Olive McElroy, Philip Bowman, Millie Perry, Frances Corso.

Recently Deceased: Hilda Baumann

Anniversaries: Nicola Spina, Carmina Di Petta

(Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list)

ROSTERS

Saturday 27 June at 5pm

Commentator – L Ratcliffe

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – A O'Meara

Sunday 28 June 8.30am

Commentator – C Cabaraban

Lector – C Goode

Special Minister – K McGlade

Sunday 5 July 8.30am

Commentator – R Chapman

Lector – L Sorbello

Special Minister – B Lyon

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 1069.30

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PARISH DETAILS

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MASS TIMES

KYABRAM

Week Day: Tuesday Rosary 4pm, Mass 4.15pm & Thursday 9.15am

Saturday: 2nd and 4th weekend of month: 6pm EDT (5pm EST)

Sunday: 8.30am

TONGALA: First Sunday of month 11.30am

RECONCILIATION: Second Saturday (Weekend) of month 30 mins before Mass in St Augustine's Church.

ANointing MASS: First Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Throughout the year, many people celebrate milestone birthdays, especially our octogenarians (80+) and nonagenarians (90+). This weekend we would like to acknowledge and celebrate our special parishioners of our parish community.

We thank you for your commitment to Kyabram Catholic Parish and faithfulness to Jesus. We thank you for the blessings who have shared with your families, friends and communities through your years of service, love and devotion. May the Holy Spirit continue to shower you with abundant blessings, graces, good health and happiness in the years ahead.

PARISH MEN'S GROUP – MEN WALKING TOGETHER IN FAITH

All men of the parish are warmly invited to our next gathering on **Wednesday, 1 July 2026, from 5:00pm–7:00pm at the Presbytery.**

Join us for an informal evening of fellowship, shared meals, faith sharing, and brotherhood as we continue our journey together in Christ. New members are always welcome.

“How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.” (Psalm 133:1)

Please bring a plate to share.

SANDHURST FORMATION INSTITUTE “GROWING AS COMMUNITIES OF MISSION”

Friday 21 – Saturday 22 August 2026 at Riverlinks Eastbank, Shepparton

Building on the success of the 2025 Formation Gathering *“Building Communities of Belonging”*, Fr Brian Boyle, Diocesan Administrator, is proud to invite you to the Sandhurst Formation Institute 2026 *“Growing as Communities of Mission”*. The Institute will explore bringing a mission lens to all we do in our faith communities. With a rich program of prayer, keynotes, seminars and a dedicated youth stream, it's an opportunity not to be missed. More details soon!

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sun 21st June - 8.30am Mass

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Tue 23rd June - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 25th June - 9.15am F-4 Community Mass

Sat 27th June - 5pm Mass

Sun 28th June - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 30th June - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 2nd July - 10am Anointing Mass

Sun 5th July - 8.30am Mass

Sun 5th July - 11.30am Mass Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue 7th July - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

UNPACKING THE PARISH PLANNING RESOURCES (ONLINE ZOOM SESSIONS)

The Diocese is offering a second series of online Zoom sessions to introduce and unpack the **Resources for Parish Mission and Pastoral Planning**, developed to support parishes in creating or strengthening their parish plans in alignment with the Sandhurst Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals.

The sessions will **explain the planning process**, including a synodal approach to decision-making and **guidance for Conversations in the Spirit**. The resources also complement the **Parish Visitation Program** and provide practical tools to support parish planning and action. A range of dates and times is available. Participants are asked to register via TryBooking and are encouraged to have either a hard copy or digital copy of the Resource Book available during the session. We warmly invite parish leaders and members to attend and engage in this important and prayerful work of bringing the Diocese's mission and pastoral goals to life.

30 June 10:00 am – 11:30 am <https://www.trybooking.com/DNFPL>

30 June 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm <https://www.trybooking.com/DNFPR>

1 July 10:00 am – 11:30 am <https://www.trybooking.com/DNFPX>

2 July 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm <https://www.trybooking.com/DNFQD>

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.

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples. Today, we acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples, making His Presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. This year is particularly special as it's the 40th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's visit to Alice Springs so cherished by our First Nations people as they recall Pope John Paul II's words, “The Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others”.

This day also marks the start of NAIDOC Week, a time for celebrating Indigenous culture across the Australian community. For a range of information about First Nations people and the Catholic Church go to www.natsicc.org.au

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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 one of our Parish Child safety officers Mary Zobec 0427 190 282 or Annete Ryan 0408 502 858.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honored. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

“The soul cannot live without love. We can never love our neighbor too much.”
– St. Francis de Sales

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15: 26-27

Alleluia, alleluia! / The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, / and you also will be my witnesses. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 10: 26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Do not fear those who can kill the body:

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

DIVINE PRESENCE

The instruction to the Twelve that concluded last Sunday's Gospel continues today. Again, the Gospel offers us a missionary mandate and insight. The mission is essentially optimistic because 'everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear.' No way of life for the disciples, of their missionary commitment and engagement will be lost. It may appear to be covered and hidden but, ultimately and eventually, God's goodness and the work of the 'kin-dom' will be revealed. No longer will the message of the Gospel be spoken in the dark or whispered. It will be proclaimed from the housetops!

The affirmation of the fruitfulness of the missionary task spills over into the way God will care for those on mission—and this is what is addressed also to us: We are looked after by God, in every detail of our lives. As Matthew puts it in the final verses of today's Gospel, Jesus will affirm us before God.

There is one translation point worth noting in today's Gospel. What is translated about God's care of even the sparrows, which is translated as 'yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing', is better and more accurately translated, 'and not one of them falls to the earth without your Father'. It is not about God's knowledge of the falling sparrow; it is the very presence of God accompanying the falling or dying sparrow that is affirmed. That same God accompanies us. There is nothing in our life that happens without God's presence intimately caring for us. God is joined to us in intimate care and accompaniment. This God we celebrate today in our liturgy!

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

21 JUNE 2026

FIRST READING

Jer 20: 10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,

'Terror from every side!'

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!

All those who used to be my friends

watched for my downfall,

'Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him

and take our revenge!'

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;

my opponents will stumble, mastered,

confounded by their failure;

everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,

who scrutinise the loins and heart,

let me see the vengeance you will take on them,

for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord,

praise the Lord,

for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 68: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35. R. v. 14

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, / that shame covers my face, / that I have become a stranger to my brothers, / an alien to my own mother's sons. / I burn with zeal for your house / and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**

2. This is my prayer to you, / my prayer for your favour. / In your great love, answer me, O God, / with your help that never fails: / Lord, answer, for your love is kind; / in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**



3. The poor when they see it will be glad / and God-seeking hearts will revive; / for the Lord listens to the needy; / and does not spurn his servants in their chains. / Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, / the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 5: 12-15

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

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking'. yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

■ The word of the Lord.