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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Sunday 28 June 2026



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Zechariah 9:9-10
Romans 8:9,11-13
Matthew 11:25-30



Liturgy Jottings

The Liturgy and AI

235. The “Amen” that we say in the liturgy, the Body we eat and the Blood we drink shape our entire lives. The Eucharist is an extremely personal encounter with the Lord and yet never simply an act of individual piety. In the Eucharist we find a visible manifestation of the reality that we are the Church of Christ, his members, his body. We are brothers and sisters in him. And in Christ, though many and diverse, we are one: The Eucharist opens us to justice and sharing, with a preferential concern for those who are burdened by poverty or marginalisation. And while new economic and technological networks can generate exclusion, isolation and dependencies, the Church - nourished by the Eucharist - is called to make visible a different paradigm, one that preserves human connections, gives a voice to the invisible and ensures that processes are aimed at respecting people's dignity. *Pope Leo XIV Encyclical Magnifica Humanitas n 235*

Looking at the Readings

The story in the first reading about Elisha, the prophet, and the Shunemite couple is a warm hearted example of welcome and hospitality. It serves also as an example of future encounters with the people of God. The story goes deeper into human relationships and responses. Elisha accepts their hospitality with humility and discretion. Likewise the Shunemite couple offer food and accommodation to Elisha with generosity and that same level of discretion. Finally with the words of thanks, Elisha broached an issue that was unto then unspoken. He offered a reward to them that would remove their sadness; he promised next year they will have a child.

In the Gospels these last three Sundays Christ has been instructing his apostles. Today he begins with the demands of discipleship. He concludes these instructions with words of hospitality and reward. To welcome the strangers, the prophets or the saints and anyone in need they will receive a holy reward. Even giving a cup of water will earn a holy reward!

The welcoming of guests has become a religious tradition. From the early Christians like St Perpetua whose faith and hospitality seemed in contradiction to the worldly standards and St Francis of Assisi who show welcome and hospitality to the leper, the Muslim, the hungry thief and the injured wolf and to the present day Christians value hospitality.

Quote of the Week

Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place. *Henri Nouwen*

Prayer for the Day:

Father, Giver of Life, open my heart so that I will welcome others as You do. Dispel all that holds me back from giving freely to those I do not know well, to the strangers in my life. Help me to know the holiness that comes from acknowledging those I meet, from seeing others as eternal souls, and from sharing a place for them at my table. Here is where I will find Christ, Your Son. Amen. *(Adapted from The National Shrine of Saint Jude)*

Feasts this Week

Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles Monday 29 June

St Oliver Plunkett Wednesday 1 July

St Thomas the Apostle, Friday 3 July

On the Lighter Side

A photon checks into a hotel and the concierge asked if he needs any help with his luggage. “No, thanks, I’m travelling light.”

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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: Danny Lingard

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 5 July 8.30am

Commentator – R Chapman

Lector – L Sorbello

Special Minister – B Lyon

Saturday 11 July at 5pm

Commentator – M Tesoro

Lector – S Carroll

Special Minister – L Cosgriff

Sunday 12 July 8.30am

Commentator – **Help required**

Lector – N Watt

Special Minister – J Chant

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 766.25

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you, always.

PARISH DETAILS

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Fr Uday Kumar Marneni ALCP/OSS

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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.

BISHOP RENÉ'S INSTALLATION

Bishop René's installation will be on Thursday 30th July at 11am at Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo.

There are limited numbers per parish. Please fill in the clipboard at the back to register your intention to attend.

Names need to be in this week.

For further information please see Mary or Annette.

SAVE THE DATE:

Tuesday 1st September, Celebration of the Season of Creation. Sandhurst Diocese's now annual event to mark the Season of Creation begins with an outdoor Mass at 11am in the beautiful bushland of Huntly Streamside Reserve followed by a Picnic Lunch. Bishop Rene Ramirez, our newly installed bishop, will be the main celebrant. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to come along and celebrate this occasion.

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.

MONTHLY WORKING BEE

The next working bee is Saturday 4th July at 9.30am.

SANDPIPER E-NEWS

Catch up on news and events across the Diocese with the latest edition of the Sandpiper. You can find it on our website under "News".

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

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

Thu 9th July - No Mass

Sat 11th July - 5pm Mass

Sun 12th July - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 14th July - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 16th July – No Mass

Sun 19th July - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 21st July - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

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

SANDHURST FORMATION INSTITUTE "GROWING AS COMMUNITIES OF MISSION"

Join people from all over the Diocese at the SFI; two days to explore "Gospel, Mission, and Pastoral Outreach"; the First Direction of the Sandhurst Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals. Opening Reflection and Closing with Bishop René Ramirez RCJ; Keynotes on both Friday and Saturday: "What is the Mission and What Does that Mean?", and "Growing as Communities of Mission". Many seminars to choose from, inter-parish dialogue, intergenerational dialogue and a special Youth Stream (16 – 35s). Friday 21 – Saturday 22 August 2026 at Riverlinks Eastbank, Shepparton For more information, go to our website:

<https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/3078-sandhurst-formation-institute-2026>

Or the Facebook Event: [\(20+\) Diocesan Formation Institute | Facebook](#)

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>

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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.

"Walk with your feet on earth, but in your heart be in heaven." – St. John Bosco

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Pet 2: 9

Allcluia, allcluia! / 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

Mt 10: 37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy
of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

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.

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Breaking Open the Word

HOW SHOULD I LIVE AND ACT?

If Jesus were to meet you (and he does
constantly!) and you were to ask him, 'How
should I act and live my life?', the answer
would come into today's Gospel. It continues
Jesus' teaching concerned with disciples
(us!) on mission. As our church deepens its
practice of synodality, the instructions Jesus
offers are meant for all: our focus is to be on
Jesus. Our relationship with him guides every
other relationship and commitment. In the
Gospel, Jesus tells the Twelve, the symbolic
leadership group of disciples who spearhead
the Jesus missionary movement, 'Anyone
who prefers ... [fill in the blanks] ... is not
worthy of me. His words are not a rejection
of one's relationships or family ties but the
preference in all relationships is to be guided
by our abiding commitment and friendship
with Jesus.

The second collection of sayings in today's
Gospel concerns hospitality. Those who
welcome others, members of the Jesus
household, and act in holiness or speak
prophetically are also welcoming the presence
of Jesus. This spirit of openness and receptivity
continues into the last part of today's Gospel.
Offering a welcoming drink to 'one of these
little ones'—those regarded as social nobodies
without prestige or status—and discerned,
surprisingly, as disciples, as members of Jesus'
community of believers, will be eternally
rewarded: '... they will most certainly not lose
their reward.'

Today's Gospel is not about earning rewards,
though. It is about how to live, with a firm
commitment to Jesus and welcoming all,
especially the 'little ones' and identifying as
disciples the most unlikely.

Fr Michael Trainor

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings.

That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19. R. v. 2

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the
Lord.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

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THE SAVING WORD



SECOND READING

Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11

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

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we
shall walk in a new life.*

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.