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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Sunday 5 July 2026



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23



Liturgy Jottings

The Liturgy and AI

The avenues to exercise responsibility [international organisations and diplomacy] are sustained by prayer, and in turn nourish prayer. Indeed, for each of us, peace primarily comes from God, God who loves us all, unconditionally. It is a gift given by Jesus to his disciples on the day of Easter: "Peace be with you!" It is the peace of the risen Christ. A peace that is unarmed and disarming, humble and persevering.... Let us never tire of praying for peace and of committing ourselves to achieving it in our relationships and in society.

Since the Church in her social doctrine, has emphasised the protection of workers and the need to combat all forms of exploitation. Above all it is through their work that individuals develop many dimensions of their existence. In view of this, we can understand the great intuition of Saint Benedict of Nursia, who united prayer and work, showing daily activity to be a part of the human response to God's call. Created in the image of the Creator, our own work in some way continues his: we contribute to the progress of society and the common good. *Pope Leo XIV Encyclical Magnifica Humanitas nn 228 & 148. Pope Leo XIV Encyclical Magnifica Humanitas n 235*

Looking at the Readings

The Liturgy of the Word begins with the words of the Prophet Zechariah speaking of the final battle against evil. A time of rejoicing and gladness, symbolised by the playing of tambourines and the king not on a warhorse but riding on a donkey. He sees a future time of peace, a lasting peace to the ends of the earth. It is an interesting prelude to the gospel of today. Zechariah's oracle would fit very nicely into Palm Sunday.

The first half of Matthew chapter 11 which is omitted in the sequence of Sunday readings recounts his rejection by the crowds and their indifference to his message. Yet this passage today turns around those difficult times and presents us with the prayer of Christ to the Father and his words of encouragement to his faithful disciples. They were, and we are, the subjects of a just and victorious king, a humble and peace-loving master who is meek and carries our burdens. In him we find rest for our souls!

The Prophet Zechariah

Not to be confused with Zechariah the husband of Elizabeth and father of John the Baptism of the Gospel, Zechariah the prophet was. In fact, two prophets: the first Zechariah wrote after the return from exile in Babylon (5th century BC) chapters 1-8 and the second Zechariah wrote in the time of Greek domination (3rd century BC) chapters 9-14. It is the Second Zechariah that appears only twice in the three-year cycle of Sunday readings but is quoted or alluded to 24 times in the Gospels.

Quote of the Week

Enlightened leadership is spiritual if we understand spirituality not as some kind of religious dogma or ideology but as the domain of awareness where we experience values like truth, goodness, beauty, love and compassion, and also intuition, creativity, insight and focused attention. *Deepak Chopra*

Prayer of the Day

Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
by whose gracious will
the mysteries of the kingdom are revealed to the childlike,
make us learn from your Son humility of heart,
that in shouldering his yoke
we may find refreshment and rest.

On the Lighter Side

What's AI's favourite sweet treat? Cookies.

What's the AI drummer's favourite beat? An algo-rhythm."

What's AI's favourite weather? Cloudy.

How does AI pay for groceries? In cache!

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Frank Mangan

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

ROSTERS

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

Sunday 19 July 8.30am

Commentator – C Goode

Lector – P Jenner

Special Minister – M Cocks

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 1004.15

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

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.

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

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.

LADIES CUPPA AND CHAT

Ladies you are invited to Cuppa and Chat at Fauna Park Café on Wednesday 15th July at 2pm. If you need a ride, please contact Mary Elliott on 0427 822 754.

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

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

Thu 23rd July - 9.15am Year 3/4 & Year 9 & 10

Sat 25th July - 5pm Mass

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](#)

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CLOSE 17 JULY

Expressions of Interest for Sandhurst pilgrimage to [WYD Seoul, South Korea, August 2027](#) close on 17 July. Already 42 people have responded. If you feel called to be part of this once-in-a-lifetime journey of faith, community, and encounter and are between the ages of 18 and 35, we invite you to take the first step! Head to our [website](#) for more information and fill out a no-obligation [expression of interest](#). Contact SYM with any queries: sandhurstyouthministry@sandhurst.catholic.org.au.

SUPPORT OUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

As our access to low-cost nonperishable food from Food Bank Victoria was lost due to insatiable demand. Demand from families in need within our community is also high and supporting them with pantry food made a difference. Our pantry is empty. To provide an opportunity for parishioners to contribute nonperishable food items for our pantry, a basket is located at the rear of the church. The QR code can be used for online donations.

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.

YOUTH PODCAST: CATCH THE FLAME

Sandhurst Youth Ministry has a podcast for young people to explore faith, share real stories, and journey together in discovering what it means to follow Jesus today. Streaming on Spotify and Apple Podcast: Catch the Flame: A Sandhurst Catholic Youth Podcast. Like and follow on Facebook and Instagram: Sandhurst Youth Ministry.

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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 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.

“If God created shadows, it was to better emphasize the light.” — St. John XXIII

Breaking Open the Word

GOSPEL Mt 11:25-30
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Should my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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Fr Michael Trainor

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

FIRST READING

Zech 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. v. 1

R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God. (or Alleluia!)

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, /
I will bless your name for ever. / I will bless
you day after day / and praise your name for
ever. **R.**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, /
slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good
is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his
creatures. **R.**

3. All your creatures shall thank you,
O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their
blessing. / They shall speak of the glory
of your reign / and declare your might,
O God. **R.**

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words / and
loving in all his deeds. / The Lord supports
all who fall / and raises all who are bowed
down. **R.**

THE SAVING WORD

5 July 2026



SECOND READING

Rom 8:9, 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! / Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, / you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. / Alleluia!