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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Sunday 12 July 2026



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 55:10-11

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23



Readings for
next Sunday:

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43



Liturgy Jottings

Gospel Time

Ages ago this column featured an article on liturgical time of cyclical days, seasons and feasts. This time we look at Gospel time. The four evangelists never intended to give an exact chronology of Christ's life, travels and teachings. We see many discrepancies. Jesus cleanses the Temple at the beginning of his ministry in the Gospel of John and at the near the end of his ministry in the synoptic gospels. The Evangelists have greater concerns for the reader: proclaiming the kingdom of God, revealing the mysteries, a journey of faith, discipleship, Jesus is Lord and Saviour.

Gospel passages often begin: "On the same day"; "At that time," or simply: "Then," The current English lectionary often omits these words, taking heed of the translator's note: "A merely transitional cliché of no chronological significance." See The Jerusalem Bible Standard Edition 1966, Matt 13:1 note A.

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Looking at the Gospel

The teaching of Jesus is grounded firmly in the world that he and his listeners live. His parables are based on farming, fishing, the marketplace and family. He told stories about vineyards, wheat fields, the sea and human realities. Matthew Chapter 13 has seven parables. A parable can be a short metaphor (hidden treasure, a pearl a dragnet) or an extended story with a moral lesson. Rarely does he explain them or elaborate on the different scenarios that we have about the Sower and Seed today.

The longer form of today's Gospel (Matt 13:10-23) exposes the parable as an allegory – every part has a symbolic meaning; every scenario has a different application for the listener. The parable challenges us to see into our lives the way we receive God's word: not at all, initial enthusiasm but lose interest, distracted by the things around us or with understanding and right action.

This parable is a meditation on God's words and works, on our freedom and the choices we make, on our world of trials, tribulations and successes. It is a parable we can read and reread, study and pray.

Prayer for the week

Lord Jesus, Sower of all the good that is in the world,

Place in us the seeds of goodness and justice.

Let our land yield a harvest of fraternal love

And sheaves of joy and eternal life.

Pope Leo XIV on the Sower and the Seed

This parable Jesus tells us that God throws the seed of his Word on all kinds of soil, that is, in any situation of ours: at times we are more superficial and distracted, at times we let ourselves get carried away by enthusiasm, sometimes we are burdened by life's worries, but there are also times when we are willing and welcoming. God is confident and hopes that sooner or later the seed will blossom. *First General Audience, Rome, 21 May 2025*

Quote for the Day

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. *Francis of Assisi*

On the Lighter Side

Management to the Farmer: "Jim, we've looked at your distribution metrics. You're throwing premium seed on a paved footpath, tossing it into rocky soil and blackberries, When are you going to get a targeted marketing strategy?"

The Farmer: "Hey, the yield was up to a hundredfold in the good stuff. I'm just playing a numbers game!"



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Michael Ianacone, 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: Josie Abbate

Anniversaries:

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 19 July 8.30am

Commentator – C Goode

Lector – P Jenner

Special Minister – M Cocks

Saturday 25 July at 5pm

Commentator – **Help required**

Lector – S Carroll

Special Minister – L Busch

Sunday 26 July 8.30am

Commentator – J Chant

Lector – C Cabaraban

Special Minister – M O'Shea

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 839.25

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

PARISH DETAILS

PARISH PRIEST

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.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PRAYER GROUP

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 15th July at 5.30pm in the Presbytery. All welcome.

COMBINED FELLOWSHIP DAY

You are invited to a combined Fellowship Day on Monday 27th July at 1pm at St Andrew's Anglican Church. Guest Speaker is Rev Elwyn Enos. Theme for this year is 'Be not afraid. He will not let your feet Slip.' Come and enjoy a wonderful afternoon of worship, encouragement, and fellowship as we gather together with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We would love you to join us and support this special time of Christian fellowship.

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.

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.

ST DONATO FESTA TATURA

Saturday 1st August 2026. 10am Mass at Sacred Heart Church Tatura. 11.30am doors open at Tuatura Italian Socaial Club. Lunch 4 course meal Adults \$65 Youth \$25. Payment at the door. Bookings essential: Pino Lagozzino 027 677 943, Mary Zobec 0427 190 282, Frank De Palma 0427 552 686. Joe Gagliardi 0438 579 989.

DEANERY FORUMS – THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION

Greg Westbrook, Business Manager of the Diocese and Dr Chris Cotter, Director of Mission and Pastoral Life, wish to extend their gratitude to participants at the second round of Deanery Forums held in June. Information from Round 2 will inform Chancery plans for Round 3 (October 2026), and, ultimately, help the Chancery to better support parishes as we walk together in mission.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

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

Sun 26th July - 8.30am Mass

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".

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

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.

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](#)

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. More info or register 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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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 you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire!" – St. Catherine of Siena

Breaking Open the Word

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes,

for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.'

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

For the next several Sundays we will be in the very heart, the centre, of Matthew's Jewish-oriented Gospel. Jesus absorbed Jewish wisdom and sayings and taught them to his followers. He wanted to teach them about God's 'kingdom'. Today's Gospel has Jesus surrounded by a large crowd. He gets into a boat, sits down in the posture of a rabbinic teacher and instructs the crowd on the lakeside.

The parable that he offers is the most important in the whole Gospel. The principal agent is a sower scattering seed in typical fashion of the time. The farmer is oblivious to where the seed falls but intent that a harvest comes. The seed falls in places characteristic of the Galilean countryside: on the edge of paths and eaten by birds, on rocks, amongst thorns and in places with little depth of soil. But the seed also falls in rich soil and produces an extraordinarily abundant harvest. To a Galilean farmer, a twelve-fold harvest would be a wonderful gift. It would offer food for the coming year and pay off the taxes imposed by Rome and the Jewish religious authorities for the support of the Temple. The production is not twelve-fold, but a *hundred-fold*, *sixty or thirty*! This would be like a farmer winning the mega-lottery!

And this, says Jesus, is what the Kingdom is about. Despite apparent signs of frustration and even death, God's reign will be spectacularly rich and abundant. Jesus' parable teaching is an invitation to the Gospel audience and to us to believe in the ongoing abundant blessings of God's presence despite what appears to the contrary.



Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

12 JULY 2026

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The rain makes the earth give growth.

Isa 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk. 8:8

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, / you fill it with riches. / Your river in heaven brings over / to provide its grain. **R.**
2. And thus you provide for the earth; / you dredge its furrows, / you level it, soften it with showers, / you bless its growth. **R.**
3. You crown the year with your goodness. / Abundance flows in your steps, / in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**
4. The hills are girded with joy, / the meadows covered with flocks, / the valleys are decked with wheat. / They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till

now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Allhaila, allhaila! / The seed is the word of God. Christ is the sower; / all who come to him will live for ever. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 13:1-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but for anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:



SATURDAY, 1ST AUGUST 2026

**10.00 A.M. MASS
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