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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Sunday 26 July 2026



Readings for
this week:

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Romans 8:28-30

Matthew 13:44-52



Readings for
next Sunday:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Peter 1:16-19

Matthew 17:1-9



Liturgy Jottings

Liturgy and Social Issues II

The church's liturgical life has responded to social issues in its rituals. The sacrament of penance testifies to the church's continuing struggle against sin in its own members and its commitment to forgive sin and support personal conversion. On all occasions the liturgy calls people to holiness and reminds them of their obligation to practice justice and live in charity with all.

Another facet of the church's response is its official statements on social and political issues. These statements deal with a wide range of local, national, and international problems, both theoretically as well as concretely. Especially since Pope Leo XIII's encyclical *Rerum Novarum* issued in 1891 and more recently Pope Leo XIV's encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* this year addressing human society and artificial intelligence. These interventions manifest the seriousness with which the Church has taken contemporary social and political problems.

New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship

Looking at the Readings

The first reading opens with God asking Solomon what would he like God to give him. Solomon is the newly appointed king, he may wish for many things. This type of request of God offering his help to his chosen servants occurs regularly in Scripture and in other forms in classical literature and even fairy tales: "Your wish is my command" Genie in *Aladdin's Lamp* and also in Doctor Who. In a wise response Solomon asked for wisdom: "Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, ..." (Verse 9). Like prevenient grace, that is grace given to receive grace (see Prayer over the Gifts, Mass of Immaculate Conception of BVM). It seems that Solomon had prevenient wisdom. Such a gift should be our aspiration!

The Gospel today completes Matthew's Parables Discourse (chapter 13) with four very short parables: treasure in the field, the fine pearl, the dragnet and the storeroom. Each parable requires wisdom: Someone who finds the treasure in the field needs to know what to do. Similarly the merchant seeking the fine pearl and the fishermen discerning what fish to take to market and what to throw back into the sea. And finally the householder who goes looking into the larder. Like Solomon, these agents must discern the good from the bad. The kingdom of heaven is a treasure we must seek with all our heart. The world consists of good and bad, people of every kind. While final judgement is with God we live alongside people of all kinds here and now but look and work towards the future with freedom and hope.

Quotes

"Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom." Aristotle

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" Solomon (Prov 9:10)

"Fear of the Lord" is now rendered: "Wonder and Awe in God's Presence"

Pope Leo on Grandparents and the Elderly

The life of the Church and the world can only be understood in light of the passage of generations. Embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment, and should not be wasted in superficial encounters and fleeting relationships. Instead, life is constantly pointing us toward the future. In the book of Genesis, we find the moving episode of the blessing given by the aged Jacob to his grandchildren, the sons of Joseph; his words are an appeal to look to the future with hope, as the time when God's promises will be fulfilled.

On the Lighter Side

"Our club is looking for a treasurer." "Didn't you just hire one last month?" "Yes, that's the one we're looking for."

"What does a fruitcake pirate do with his treasure? He berries it on a dessert island."

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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:

Anniversaries: Giuseppe & Frank DeMaio, members of De Maio and Auddino Family

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 2 August 8.30am

Commentator – B Elliott

Lector – R Chapman

Special Minister – A Ryan

Saturday 8 August at 5pm

Commentator – L Ratcliffe

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – L Moran

Sunday 9 August 8.30am

Commentator – L Sorbello

Lector – **Help Required**

Special Minister – M DiPetra

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 639.15

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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St Patrick's Primary - Jackie Stockdale - Phone 5859 0371

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.

A Blessing Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.

Look with love on grandparents and the elderly the world over.

Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church, and for all of society.

Support them! As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of faith, hope, and love.

Guide them! As we celebrate the 2026 [World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly](#), let your message of "I will never forget you" bring them comfort in times of isolation.

Make them teachers of wisdom and faith, and may their example lead younger generations closer to you.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

INSTALLATION MASS OF BISHOP RENÉ RAMIREZ RCJ LIVESTREAM

We are expecting a full house at Sacred Heart Cathedral for the Installation of Bishop René Ramirez RCJ as the ninth bishop of Sandhurst. For those who would like to watch the Mass from the comfort of the office or home, Mass will be livestreamed from Sacred Heart Cathedral on 30 July 2026 at 11:00 am. To watch, please go to our YouTube Channel, here:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/noxqv-CaUpM>

BAPTISMS

This weekend we welcome Murphie and Marli Culpan and Charlie and Hayden Cooke into our faith community. They will be baptised in St Augustine's church. Please keep Murphie, Marli, Hayden and Charlie and their parents and godparents in your prayers, as they continue on their faith journey.

MEN'S GROUP GATHERING

Men's group will gather on the First Tuesday of the month. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday 4th August at 5pm-7pm in the Presbytery. Come along for an enjoyable evening of fellowship, conversation, and sharing. All men welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sat 25th July - 5pm Mass

Sun 26th July - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 28th July - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 30th July - 9.15am Year 12 & Foundation Liturgy

Sun 2nd August - 8.30am Mass

Sun 2nd August - 11.30am Mass Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue 4th August - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 6th August - 10am Anointing Mass

Sat 8th August - 5pm Mass

Sun 9th August - 8.30am Mass

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. Please bring a plate to share.

CATHOLIC WOMENS' LEAGUE PRAYER DAY

7 October, Holy Rosary White Hills 9:15 am. Catholic Womens' League Victoria invites you to join them for Mass, Rosary, a Talk and time for building and renewing friendships. BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided. Contact: Margaret 0409 621 080. All Welcome. We would love to see you.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS: NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK (3-9 AUGUST)

The **Serra Club** of Bendigo invites all to attend **Mass, Rosary, and Prayers** at St Therese's Church, **Kennington**, for National Vocations Awareness Week. Commencing Monday 3 August at 9:15 am each day, please join us to pray for our wonderful Priests, Religious, Seminarians and for Vocations. A cuppa and morning tea will follow. Your attendance every day, or even one day, would be warmly welcomed. Enquiries to Anne O'Brien 0447 390 162

SANDPIPER E-NEWS BISHOP RENÉ RCJ'S INSTALLATION FEATURE

The next edition of Sandpiper e-News will go live at 4pm on Friday, 31 July, rather than the usual 8:30 am. This is to allow for news from the Installation Mass the day before to be edited. The link for this special edition of e-News is: <https://mailchi.mp/sandhurst/ninthbishop> (Please note, you will see an error message until the e-News goes live at 4 pm on 31 July).

GROWING COMMUNITIES OF MISSION

Sandhurst Formation Institute Registrations close 14 August! Friday 21 –Saturday 22 August at Riverlinks Eastbank, Shepparton. <https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au/item/3078-sandhurst-formation-institute-2026> Everyone from across the Diocese is strongly encouraged to join us at this Formation Institute; two inspiring days exploring "Gospel, Mission, and Pastoral Outreach". Hear **Bishop René Ramirez RCJ** open and conclude the gathering, engage with keynote presentations.

MONTHLY EVENTS

- 1st Tuesday - Men's Group
- 1st Thursday - Anointing Mass
- 1st Saturday - Monthly working bee (church cleaning)
- 2nd Wednesday - Ladies Cuppa and Chat
- 3rd Wednesday - Prayer Meeting

Please note these dates are subject to change, please check bulletin for updates, times and venues.

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.

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"Love is the most beautiful sentiment the Lord has put into the soul of men and women."
– St. Gianna Beretta Molla

Breaking Open the Word

happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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COMMUNION WITH GOD

Today we continue to hear from the central chapter in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' parable teaching about the kin-dom of God. Over the past Sundays we have been hearing parables concerned with sowed seed (15th Sunday) and the mystery of the dandelion sown among the wheat (last Sunday). Today we hear that the kin-dom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, a common banking technique by peasant farmers to protect their most valuable possessions. Someone discovers this treasure; hides it again and then sells every possession to buy the field and claim the treasure. Between the discovery and the purchase, the finder goes off "happy". The overwhelming joy of the discovery leads the merchant to sell everything to buy the field. This is an image of the disciple, of us, in discovering that the true encounter with God, the experience of the kin-dom, is most precious. Nothing can substitute it.

The second parable that concludes today's Gospel is like the first. It is about a merchant's search for valuable pearls and, in finding one, sells everything to have the pearl. In the ancient world, in the time of Jesus and Matthew, the pearl represented purity, beauty, power, wealth, even divinity. The discovery of the pearl by the parable's merchant leads, as in the first parable, to the selling of everything possessed to gain the pearl.

Both parables speak into our desire for ultimate and intimate communion with the God revealed through Jesus. When we experience such communion, we realise how valuable it is; nothing can compare to it. Intimate communion with God cannot be bought nor can anything else in human existence substitute for it. This communion is deepened in every celebration of the Eucharist.

Fr Michael Trainor

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings
You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this', the Lord said, 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130. R. v. 97

R. Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, / is to obey your word. / The law from your mouth means more to me / than silver and gold. **R.**
2. Let your love be ready to console me / by your promise to your servant. / Let your love come to me and I shall live / for your law is my delight. **R.**
3. That is why I love your commands / more than finest gold. / That is why I rule my life by your precepts: / I hate false ways. **R.**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed: / therefore I obey it. / The unfolding of your word gives light / and teaches the simple. **R.**

THE SAVING WORD

26 JULY 2026



SECOND READING

Rom 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

■ 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!

GOSPEL

Mt 13:44-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off



SATURDAY, 1ST AUGUST 2026

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