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Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Sunday 23 August 2026



Readings for
this week:

Isaiah 22:19-23

Romans 11:33-36

Matthew 16:13-20

Readings for
next Sunday:

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Romans 12:1-2

Matthew 16:21-27



Liturgical Catechesis I

In June Pope Leo XIV began a series of catechesis on the Second Vatican Council Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy. Below is a précis of Part One.

The Council sought to lead the Church to contemplate and deepen that living bond which constitutes and unites her with the mystery of Christ. Indeed, the liturgy touches the very heart of this mystery: it is at once the space, the time and the context in which the Church receives her very life from Christ. The Church underwent biblical, patristic and liturgical renewal in 20th century. This Mystery does not designate an obscure reality, but God's salvific plan, hidden from all eternity and revealed in Christ. The liturgy is at the service of the mystery of Christ and is described as "the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed ... the font from which all her power flows" ([SC](#), 10). Let us allow ourselves to be shaped inwardly by the rites, symbols, gestures and above all the living presence of Christ in the liturgy.

Rome 20 May 2026

Looking at the Readings

Perhaps we can say the key to the readings is the key. Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, is given the key of the palace of the king. Key is a symbol of authority. The holder will be in charge of opening and closing the palace. Jesus, in today's Gospel gives Peter the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Again the holder of the key has the authority to bind and loose on earth the spiritual aspect of life and faith. However, these symbols of authority are bestowed upon Eliakim and Peter because of their committed faith and emerging leadership.

Another symbol of Peter's faith is his new name, also bestowed by Christ who said: "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church." Peter means rock. The act of naming by Christ indicated Christ's possession or intimacy with Peter and renaming also recognised as conferring a particular mission onto Peter. Here the use of symbol has its fullest impact. Keys and rock are symbols of power and more significantly the granting of power.

Yet before granting of power and authority came the profession of faith, in words and actions. Peter spoke up in response to Jesus' question "Who do you say I am?" We find out that faith is a gift, requires response, leads to mission and brings happiness. All expressed in this Gospel passage!

Prayer for the Day

Living God, you sent your Son among us to reveal your wisdom and make known your ways. Increase our faith, that we may confess Jesus as your Son, take up his work on earth, and trust his promise to sustain the Church. Amen.

Sunday ClipArt

The image for this week depicts Eliakim with the robe and key of the House of David bestowed upon by God. (Is 22:21-22).

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Feasts of Feasts

St Batholomew, Apostle, Monday 24 August

Our Lady of Czestochowa Wednesday 26 August

St Monica, mother of St Augustine, 27 August

St Augustine, bishop and doctor, 28 August

Passion of St John the Baptist, 29 August



On the Lighter Side

What should you do when you hear a joke about rocks? Take it with a grain of basalt.

Sherlock Holmes' famous line is: "Sedimentary, my dear Watson. We should never take it for granite."

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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:

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

ROSTERS

Sunday 30 August 8.30am

Commentator – C Cabaraban

Lector – C Goode

Special Minister – J Stockdale

Sunday 6 September 8.30am

Commentator – R Chapman

Lector – L Sorbello

Special Minister – K McGlade

Saturday 12 September at 5pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – **Help Required**

Special Minister – L Cosgriff

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 690.15

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

PARISH SECRETARY

Vicki Arnel – 0417 147 695

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Mary Zobec – 0427 190 282

Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursday 8.30am-4pm

PRINCIPALS

St Augustine's College - Tim Campbell - Phone 5851 3000

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.

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Louie McDonell and Sophia O'Shea into our faith community. Sophia and Louie will be baptised in St Augustine's church. Please keep them and their parents and godparents in your prayers, as they continue on their faith journey.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, 25th August as we will be attending the Diocesan Administration Conference in Bendigo on 25-26th August.

PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be in our parish from 31st August to 5th September. The Church will be opened on Tuesday 1st September and Thursday 3rd September from 8.45am to 5pm for private devotion. For other times please see Mary Zobec. We warmly invite you to come and spend some quiet time with Our Lady, asking her intercession for our loved ones, our parish, and the needs of the world.

RCIA INQUIRY EVENINGS

Inquiry evenings for the RCIA program will begin on Monday 5th October at 5.30pm in the presbytery. The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is a process of Christian formation by which those who are seeking full communion with the Church. The RCIA is a process, not a program. It is a process which responds to Christ's invitation to unbaptised (catechumens), and to candidates (those who have received Baptism in other Christian denominations), to come and see how the Catholic community live, pray and worship. The process supports those seeking to deepen their personal relationship with Christ through developing familiarity with the Gospel teachings, deepening the personal experience of prayer and worship and help discern the movement of the Holy Spirit. For more information contact Annette Ryan 0408 502 858 or Mary Zobec 0427190282.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sat 22nd August - 5pm Mass

Sun 23rd August - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 25th August - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 27th August - 11.30am Augustine' Feast Day
Whole School in the Brigidine Centre

Sun 30th August - 8.30am Mass St Augustine' Feast

Weekly Masses

Tue 1st September - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 3rd September - 9am School Fathers Day Liturgy

Thu 3rd September - 10am Anointing Mass

Sun 6th September - 8.30am Mass

Sun 6th September - 11.30am Mass Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue 8th September - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

ST AUGUSTINE FEAST DAY

St Augustine feast day will be held on Sunday 30th August at 8.30am Mass. You are warmly invited to bring a plate to share and to enjoy fellowship as we celebrate our patron saint together.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SANDHURST

Retreat Day

Saturday, 19 September 2026 at St Brendan's, Shepparton 9:30am – 3:30pm
Come be refreshed and renewed, encounter the Presence of God. Facilitated by Br Massino Chang and Fr Doroteo Bravi from the Community of the Sons and Daughters of God. Starting at 9:30am with a cuppa, ready for 10am start. Monsignor Peter Jeffrey Centre, St Brendan's, 121 Knight St, Shepparton. All welcome. Lunch: Please bring a plate to share. An offering will be taken up. Contact: Brigita Hore: 0412 042 196, Mary Zobec: 0427 190 282 Denise Illot: 0407 506 813

ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH DEBUTANTE BALL 2027

St Augustine's Parish is seeking expressions of interest from young people wishing to participate in the **2027 Debutante Ball**. If you are interested, please register with the Parish Office by **20 September 2026** on (03) 5852 1026 or email: kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au to register your details. For further information, please contact Alana Brennan at brenpk1@gmail.com. Note this event is subject to sufficient numbers.

PROTECT ST KILIAN'S APPEAL

Following the recent fire at St Kilian's, Fr Junray Rayna has launched the **Protect St Kilian's Appeal** to help fund a modern fire detection and suppression system for our historic church. While insurance will assist with the repairs, the Parish must invest in improved protection measures to safeguard St Kilian's for the future. The estimated cost is **\$500,000**. All parishioners and friends of St Kilian's will be invited to support the appeal. Every contribution will help preserve this treasured place of faith, prayer and community. A Deductible Gift Receipt will be available to those who donate.

How you can help:

- Make a donation to the Protect St Kilian's Appeal (Details shortly).
- Encourage business, family and friends who value St Kilian's to contribute.
- Keep St. Kilian's Parish and this important project in your prayers.

Together, we can ensure St Kilian's remains a place of faith, prayer and welcome for generations to come.

Fr Junray Rayna Administrator St Kilian's

MONTHLY EVENTS

- 1st Tuesday - Men's Group 6pm
- 1st Thursday - Anointing Mass 10am
- 1st Saturday - Monthly working bee 9.30am (church cleaning)
- 2nd Wednesday - Ladies Cuppa and Chat 2pm
- 2nd Saturday - Adoration 4pm
- 3rd Wednesday - Prayer Meeting 5.30pm

Please note these dates and times 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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"Do not tire yourself over things that cause anxiety and worry. Only one thing is necessary: to lift up your spirit and love God."

– St. Pio da Pietrelcina

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia! / You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church / the gates of hell will not hold out against it. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

Who is Jesus? What would I want to say to him? Today's Gospel brings us to one of the most important questions posed by the evangelist to the Gospel's audience – and to us: Who is Jesus for us?

Jesus first asks the disciples about the gossip circulating concerning him and who they believe him to be. Their response reflects how the disciples understand Jesus and how they will follow him as they draw closer to Jerusalem, the city where Jesus' ministry will conclude in his death and resurrection. The disciples respond to Jesus' question as to what others say about him: He is John the Baptist, or Elijah who will return at the end of time, or one of the prophets. Then Jesus asks them, 'Who do you say I am?'

Simon Peter, speaking for the group, acknowledges Jesus as 'the Christ', the Greek for the Hebrew word 'Messiah', literally 'the anointed one'. Jesus is God's emissary anointed with the Spirit. Jesus affirms Peter's response as divinely inspired and declares that Peter – *Petros*, 'rock' – will be the foundation or 'rock-base' for the growth of the Jesus movement.

For Matthew's audience, this is an affirmation of the movement's authority through time and history. It is within this graced community that we gather today. As contemporary followers of Jesus, we are invited to give our response personally and communally as to Jesus' identity: Who do you, who do we say Jesus is? Our response will shape how we act, with whom we engage and the kind of community of Jesus' followers we will be.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

23 AUGUST 2026

FIRST READING

Isa 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
I gird him with your sash,
I entrust him with your authority,
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8. R. v. 8

R. Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, / you have heard the words of my mouth. / Before the angels I will bless you. / I will adore before your holy temple. **R.**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love / which excel all we ever knew of you. / On the day I called, you answered; / you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**



3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly / and the haughty he knows from afar. / Your love, O Lord, is eternal, / discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the

Romans

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

■ The word of the Lord.

SAVE THE DATE

Sandhurst Celebration

to launch the

Season Of Creation

Tuesday 1 September



Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12



**Mass celebrated by
Bishop Rene Ramirez**

Venue:
Huntly Streamside Reserve
Time: **11am**



Followed by Picnic Lunch
Sausage sizzle provided



ALL SANDHURST SCHOOLS & PARISHES are invited
and encouraged to come along and celebrate in
this beautiful bush setting.



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026