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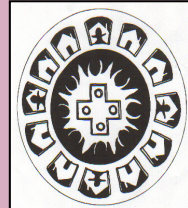
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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

28 June 2020



*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



Liturgical Jottings

Feria Readings I

During the Season of Ordinary Time the scripture readings have series of sequences. The First Reading is often semi-continuous texts from the Old Testament or from the New Testament letters and the Gospel has semi-continuous texts from the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). Solemnities (eg Sts Peter & Paul 29 June) and feast days have their own readings to focus on the Saint or mystery of Christ. On days of obligatory or optional memorials (eg Protomartyrs of Rome 30 June) it is recommended to keep to the semi-continuous readings of the week unless pastoral necessity or spiritual good of the assembly suggest other readings chosen from the common of saints or votive or various needs Masses e.g. Time of Pandemic. (see GPLCWG n 78)

Looking at the Readings

To grab the immediate and undivided attention of his listeners, Our Lord uses at time one of several literary devices such as hyperbole or exaggeration, parables, metaphor, repetition or contradictions. Today's Gospel continues with Matthew Chapter 10: the Missionary Discourse or Instruction to the Twelve Apostles, but the lectionary omits verses 34-36:

"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth: it is not peace I have come to bring, but a sword. For I have come to set son against father, daughter against mother, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law; a person's enemies will be the members of his own household."

Such words would certainly "grab the attention" of the Twelve. We did hear these words last year, paralleled in Luke 12:51-53 on the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Perhaps the lectionary designers reckoned the close repetition of an hyperbole or contradiction was not appropriate or necessary. Though the passage today does present similar instructions that challenge the Apostles and all Christians to put Christ first. But not in a competitive way with family members but to put ourselves into the centre of Christ's mystery: his life death and resurrection. To take up his cross is both metaphoric (execution by crucifixion has largely gone out) and real because in entering the mystery of Christ we enter his suffering and difficulties and see him in others, especially the needy.

Quote of the Week

Great care and concern are to be shown in receiving visitors, pilgrims and the poor, because in them more particularly Christ is received. *Rule of St Benedict ch 53.*

Saints of the Week: 30 June

The first martyrs of the Holy Roman Church, also known as the protomartyrs of Rome were killed in the persecution of 64AD. Their feast day follows the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, who were both martyred in Rome about the same time. St Clement of Rome wrote at the end of the same century: "A great host of the elect suffered many indignities and tortures and have provided for us a most noble example. *Clement's Epistle to the Corinthians v-vi.*

On the Lighter Side

A man is going into a pub when he sees an old woman fishing with a stick, string and hook in the gutter. Out of the kindness of his heart, he invites her in for a drink. He pays for their round and asks: "So how many have you caught today?" The old woman grins, takes a big sip, and replies, "You're the eighth."



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UPDATES . . .

Current restrictions on gatherings at places of worship and ceremonies are:

- Mass—20 people plus celebrant and people required to celebrate mass.
- Weddings—20 people, in addition to the celebrant and couple getting married.
- Funerals—Up to 50 people in addition to the person leading the funeral and other funeral staff.

Refer www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-restrictions-covid-19

We will continue to open St Brendan's for QUIET PRAYER on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 1 hour (4pm – 5pm). Enter from the west side entrance.

WEEKDAY MASSES – you will need to book—phone the office to register your name and phone number.

WEEKEND MASSES – you will be required to continue to book online through our Trybooking site:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BJTDL>

If you encounter any issues please contact the Parish Office on 58212633. We are happy to help.

We encourage you to come up to 15 minutes early for Mass so that our Ushers can be given ample time to record your attendance. We thank you for your co-operation and patience during these times.

CHURCH MAINTENANCE

REPLACEMENT OF GUTTERING and DOWNPIPES

A 2nd Progress Payment of \$32,390.60 (incl GST) was paid this week for work (so far) done on the replacement of the guttering and downpipes of the church as well as repairs to some rotting fascias.

The 1st and 2nd Progress Payments now total of \$59,571.60 (incl GST). There are still a few bits and pieces to be completed.

Fr Joe and the Finance Team are happy to see this almost complete and thank everyone for their contributions which is greatly assisting this work to be (finally) done.

Recently Deceased: Timothy Murphy (Benalla), Walter Pedron (Italy—Cortese cousin).

Anniversaries: Raymond Barwick, Michael Grace, Fortunato Cortese, John Arthur Dixon.



Welcome back
Fr Minh Tran SJ
to St Brendan's Parish.
We hope you enjoy your
stay here.

Ordinations to the Priesthood

"After considering the recommendation of their respective seminaries, which was endorsed by the College of Consultors, I have decided to accept the applications for ordination to the priesthood submitted by Rev. Adi Indra and Rev. DJ Suguitan.

Their ordinations had been tentatively arranged for 11 July, which will not be possible due to the continuing restrictions on gatherings.

It has now been provisionally rescheduled to Saturday 5 September, at 11.00am, in Sacred Heart Cathedral. This may be further postponed if restrictions are not eased sufficiently by then."

~ Bishop Shane

The latest '**Sandpiper**' is currently not available in its usual format however can be read from the Diocesan website: www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au



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