



WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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The Living Word

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Year C

22 June 2025

First Reading Gn 14:18-20

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High,
creator of heaven and earth,
and blessed be God Most High for
handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4

**R. You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.**

1. The Lord's revelation to my Master:
'Sit on my right;
I will put your foes beneath your feet.' (R).
2. The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes. (R).
3. A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I
begot you. (R).
4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not
change.
'You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.' (R).

Second Reading 1 Cor 11:23-26

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to his death.

Sequence (shorter form)

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:

Oft in the olden types foreshadowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the living bread from heaven,
says the Lord;**

**whoever eats this bread will live
for ever.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 9:11-17

They all ate and were filled.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The feeding of the five thousand in today's Gospel is one of those anticipatory sharings in the heavenly banquet of the age to come.

We say this feeding is miraculous, and it was. A major part of the miracle is in the transformation of the Twelve. Our Lord did not personally feed the five thousand. He required his followers to get involved in alleviating hunger: 'You give them something to eat,' rather than leaving the crowd to fend for themselves, or resort to market economics. When they shared the food he had blessed, the miracle of the hospitality of God was multiplied throughout the crowd – extravagantly.

And so Our Lord gave his followers and the crowd a real taste of the future generosity of God in the heavenly banquet. But, it would not have happened had the inner groups of disciples not shared Jesus' vision and got involved in what seemed to be an impossible task.

The Last Supper was the greatest anticipatory meal which Our Lord shared with his disciples. And, at Mass, we are eating and drinking the glorified humanity of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ: the life of the future.

We could pause for a moment to identify the myriad of hungers in this world and resolve to fulfil Our Lord's Command: 'You give them something to eat!' so that Divine Generosity might transform human history.

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ST MARY'S PARISH MOTTO

“Reaching out to each other
- growing together in love”

St Mary's Mooroopna acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Nation and the Aboriginal people who have walked this land for thousands of years

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

10:30am to 11am Saturday

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 16/6	No mass	
Tues 17/6	No holy hour	5pm
Tues 17/6	No mass	6pm
Wed 18/6	No mass	6pm
Thurs 19/6	No mass	6pm
Fri 20/6	No mass	10am

NO MASS NEXT WEEK

Fr Addin will be attending a Priest's Retreat from Monday 23 June to Friday 27 June. It was previously announced that there would be communion services, but it has now been decided that there will be no services at all next week. Sorry for the inconvenience.

St Mary's Monthly Devotions

Friday Adoration and Saturday Adoration will be postponed until further notice.



EASY WORSHIP

Sat 21 June: Imelda
Sun 22 June: AM Carroll

Sat 28 June: Mavis & Liz
Sun 29 June: Valoia Family

MEETINGS

Baptism Formation Meeting:
Tues 22 July from 7pm
St Mary's Church Mooroopna

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NEW PARISH PRIEST—FR RONALD MASILANG RCJ

This week Bishop Shane and the Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst announced that Father Ronald Masilang RCJ will soon become the Parish Priest of St Mel's Shepparton, St Malachy's Nagambie and St Mary's Mooroopna. Father Ronald moved here from the Phillipines in December and is thoroughly enjoying living in the Goulburn Valley. There will be more details to come but for now, please pencil the details below into your calendars and RSVP to Mel Shiels at St Mels if you would like lunch after the Mass on 6 July 2025.

The Parishes of St. Mel's, St. Malachy's & St. Mary's and the Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus – St. Matthew Province cordially invite you to the

INSTALLATION of

Fr. Ronald N. Masilang, RCJ
as Parish Priest



on 6th July 2025
at 9:30AM Sunday Mass
at St. Mel's Parish Church
18 Hamilton St., Shepparton VIC 3530

to be presided by
H.E. MOST REV. SHANE MACKINLAY, D.D.
Bishop of Sandhurst, Bendigo VIC Australia

*LUNCH FOLLOWS AFTER THE MASS
*RSVP until 2nd July 2025 thru Mel Shiels - +61 400 150 188



Most Reverend Shane Mackinlay announced as the next Archbishop of Brisbane

Pope Leo has this evening appointed Most Reverend Shane Mackinlay, as the new Archbishop of Brisbane. Bishop Shane will replace Archbishop Mark Coleridge, who is retiring after 13 years as the Archbishop of Brisbane and 51 years as a priest. Bishop Shane said he was deeply honoured by Pope Leo's decision to appoint him as Archbishop of Brisbane and was excited by the opportunity to serve the broader Church in a new way, even though moving on from the Diocese of Sandhurst comes with sadness: "Since I became the Bishop of Sandhurst nearly six years ago, I have been greatly encouraged and inspired by the lively faith and commitment of the people, priests and communities of the Diocese, and by the generous friendship and welcome they have offered to me personally. I am grateful to have shared in the pilgrim journey of the People of God here, where we have together begun new initiatives in living out our mission as Jesus' disciples." Bishop Shane is pleased he will be following Archbishop Mark Coleridge, who has been a friend and mentor of his for many years.

We thank Bishop Shane for his dedicated service to Sandhurst and assure him of our prayers as he prepares for this new role. A farewell Mass will be held at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo on the Sunday 7th of September 2025.



Congratulations and welcome to

Matilda Vincitorio

and

Sloane and Jaz Marks

who will be baptised at St Mary's
this Sunday at 11am.



Congratulations to St Mary's Primary School students Charlie, Daniel and Evie who made their First Reconciliation last Friday. The three candidates did a wonderful job today during the special 3/4 Sacramental Mass. Thank you to the families who were able to attend and well done to the 3/4 students for being so reverent and knowledgeable!



The Grade 5/6 students attended the 10am mass this Friday 20 June with their Grade Prep buddies. It was so lovely to see the vibrant interactions between the students and Father Addin.

Ordination

Deacon Isaac Demase SJ will be ordained a priest in Sydney on July 5. He will celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass here at the 11am Mass on Sunday, July 13. A light Luncheon will follow the 11am Mass and will be held in the Pastoral Centre.

All Welcome!



MEN'S GROUP

The next Men's Group is set for Saturday 28 June at 7:30am in the St Brendan's Parish Centre.

If you have any questions please call Anthony on 58212633 (Tues or Thurs).



We are relieved to hear that Father Addin's family are safe and well following the volcano eruption in Indonesia a few days ago.

Mount Lewotobi Laki-laki volcano in south-central Indonesia erupted, spewing towering columns of hot ash into the air and prompting authorities to both raise the alert to the highest level and expand the danger zone to 8km (5 miles) from the crater.

Father Addin's family and home country are in our thoughts and we are praying for them.

Exciting Sunset Sessions

The final Sunset Session promises more engaging discussions and inspiring guest speaker Rob Galea on 27 June 2025. For more information contact the email below.

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March 2025 marked the centenary of the Young Christian Workers founded in Belgium by Cardinal Joseph-Leon Cardijn.

A small group of former YCW members, Monsignor Frank Marriott, Tricia Banks and Margaret Watson, invite you to remember your time in the YCW. You are invited to:

Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday 13 July 2025 at 11am.

Celebrated by Bishop Shane Mackinlay and Monsignor Frank Marriott, followed by lunch at the Golden Square Hotel.

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Pilgrimage 9-20 September 2025:

Led by Sr Annie Bond, a Sister of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart, this pilgrimage focuses on prayer and reflection as in integral part of the pilgrimage. The pilgrimage starts in Melbourne and ends in Sydney at the tomb of Saint Mary MacKillop. All are welcome. Contact: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

SAVE THE DATE SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

Fr Joe will be 'relegated to lesser duties' (ie Retire) as of Tuesday 30 September 2025.

The Parish invites you all to help us celebrate Fr Joe's wonderful vocation as a Priest in this Diocese.



He has served many people in the following Parishes (Kennington, Wangaratta, Wodonga, Papua New Guinea, Kerang, Euroa, Kennington, Heathcote, Shepparton/Dookie).

So, needless to say, we are planning a wonderful Liturgy on Sunday 28 September at the 11am Mass which will be followed by lunch in the Sacred Heart Hall (originally known as the Mons Bones Hall). More information to follow. Thank you

Looking for 18-25 Year Olds

Interested in attending the

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

30 Nov 2025 to 2 Dec 2025

Message if you are interested:

Shepparton.ym@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

SAVE THE DATE:

St Patrick's Parish Strathmerton, celebrates 90 years of worship with a Thanksgiving Mass, on Saturday 13th September at 6pm. All welcome. Please spread the word. More details to come.



Readings
for
this week:

Genesis 14:18-20 1
Corinthians 11:23-26
Luke 9:11-17

Readings
for
next week:

Acts 12:1-11 2
Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
Matthew 16:13-19

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Sick List: Graeme Weir, Cherie Mammone, Jim McIntyre, Irene Murphy, Dennis Corboy, Barry Monaghan, Pat Hicks, John Raleigh, Josie Anderson, Rosemary Haig, Jill Taylor (White), Linda O'Rourke, Kellie Seymour, Robert Rocca, Rosanna Scarcella, Melissa Scali, Wendy Sinclair, Carolyn Purcell, Susie Purcell, Dorothy Healy.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Michael Williams

ALTAR HELPERS Sat 21 June: not required Sat 28 June: Josie Cortese, Carmel Fasano

BINGO 28 June: Bernadette Dow, Owen Macreadie, Maree, Carmel Fasano, Anne Maksacheff

21st & 22nd June	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	TBA	Chris Hogarty	Miriam Hogarty	TBA
10.00 am	TBA	TBA	Maree Williams	TBA
28th & 29th June				
6:30 pm	Margaret Campbell	Kevin Murphy	Sarah Richards	Checca Richards
10.00 am	Liz Turk	Marie O'Meara	Inez Raleigh	TBA