



# WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

27 February 2022

### First Reading Sir 27:4-7

*Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,  
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.  
The kiln tests the work of the potter,  
the test of a man is in his conversation.  
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,  
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.  
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,  
since this is the test of men.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2**

*(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High,  
to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

### Second Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58

*Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

### Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15-16

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.  
Alleluia!*

### Gospel Lk 6:39-45

*A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'



### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In ancient Greece actors wore masks which concealed the face. One may say they were 'two-faced'. They were called 'Hypocrites', and we derive our word and the idea of 'hypocrite' from that. As did Jesus.

He could always see through the veneer which people (such as you and I) present to the outside world, and his gaze would (and still can) penetrate through to the heart – the core of the personality.

For us, judging the heart of someone is fraught with risk. As Jesus humorously put it, how readily we see the smallest splinter of sawdust in someone else's eye, and in super-critical mode fail to see the plank of wood which impairs and distorts *our* vision. We should not rush to judgment.

The fact is that only the gaze of God can really penetrate to the heart of someone. We know that the gaze of Jesus, Who is God, is always a loving gaze visualising a heart open to salvation. (Mk 10:17-22)

This is one of the reasons why recent Popes have opposed capital punishment. Time must be given for the heart of the convicted criminal to respond to that loving gaze. And it leaves the Final Judgment, even of the murderer, to God.

Listen to the dying moments of Our Lord. His loving gaze penetrated beyond the masks and actions of his tormentors and focused on their hearts. Then he cried out this plea: 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.'

We are all conscious of the times we have fallen short of the practice and teaching of our Master despite our praying: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

We could pause for a moment to pray that The Teacher's loving gaze fall upon us to make us whole-hearted disciples willing 'to be formed by divine teaching'.

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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

Sat Vigil	6.30pm
Sunday	10.00am

### RECONCILIATION

10.30am to 11.00am Saturday

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 28/2	Mass	6.00pm
Tues 1/3	Holy Hour Exposition	5.00pm
	Mass	6.00pm
Ash Wednesday		
Wed 2/3	Mass	10.00am
	Mass	6.00pm
Thur 3/3	Mass	6.00pm
Frid 4/3	Mass	10.00am

### PARISH / SCHOOL NEWS

#### EASY WORSHIP

Sat 26th February	Sarah Richards
Sun 27th February	Samoans
Sat 5th March	Liz Donnelly
Sun 6th March	AM Carroll

### PARISH MEETINGS

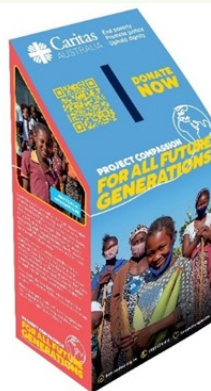
#### Kids in Church

A six-year old was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer at a church service:

"And forgive us our trash passes as we forgive those who passed trash against us."



## WELCOME TO PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY Sat & Sun 26/27th February



Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and

#### *For All Future Generations.*

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build a better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow

#### *For All Future Generations*

Lord, We pray for wisdom and humility, and the ability to see God's creation with the eyes of faith. May our support of Project compassion enable us to produce fruit that will last. AMEN



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Church's season of Lent.



The marking of the ashes on our foreheads on this day is a public expression of our faith and humility. It is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through prayer we come closer to God so that we are better able to realise the promises made for us at our baptism, to live justly as Jesus teaches us.

Fasting joins us in solidarity with people experiencing poverty who often have no choice but to go without the basic human needs. Sharing what we have, or 'almsgiving', is a sign of our commitment to justice and our thanks for all that God has given us. Lent prepares us for the season of Easter, the most important time in the Church's calendar.

**Ash Wednesday, 2nd. March**  
**MASS TIMES 10.00AM, 6.00PM**

## MAJOR CHANGES TO COVID PROCEDURES

- Check in is no longer required
- Face masks are no longer required

However

**Hand sanitising is still required**



We will continue with the practice of forming one line only for holy communion and thank you all for your co-operation in this regard

## World Day of Prayer 2022

**Friday, 4th March, 1.30pm**  
**In Activity Centre, Rodney Park Village**  
**Knight Street, Mooroopna**



**ALL WELCOME**  
**Enquiries Cathie McMaster**  
**0434 343 327**

*Thank You*

**Ken and Maureen Keating wish to sincerely thank St. Mary's parishioners for all their support, prayers and concern during the illness and ultimate passing of their beloved son Chris.**

## NEW PARISH APPOINTMENTS

**Bishop Shane has announced the following appointments to parishes of the Diocese.**

### Benalla

Parish Priest: Fr Vijay Bandanadam ALCP/OSS (following his recent grant of permanent residency)

### Echuca

Parish Priest: Fr Novelito Lim, from 9 April

### Kerang

Parish Priest: Fr Dean Bongat, from 9 April

### Nathalia & Numurkah

Administrator: Fr Joe Taylor VG (in addition to his appointments as Parish Priest of Shepparton and Dookie)

### Shepparton & Dookie

Assistant Priest: Fr Jophin Joy ALCP/OSS, from 26 February  
 Assistant Priest: Deacon Jackson Saunders, from 9 April (following his priestly ordination)

### Wodonga

Assistant Priest: Fr Uday Marneni ALCP/OSS, from 26 February



## ST MARY'S BALL COMMITTEE

**Has been running for 40 years and we have one ball each year with 18–20 debs. We are looking for someone to join this small committee for a period of 8–10 weeks each year in preparation for the ball. We have someone to train the debs and their partners. If you are interested, or know someone who may be, please contact Maree on 5825 2584**



## St Mary's Bingo Help Wanted!

In last week's bulletin, we read about the great financial support St. Mary's Bingo gives to our Parish and School. Each week 8 to 10 people are required to run the program. We have a roster for every 8 weeks. The commitment is not hard or long each night. Such as Helping with canteen - (Small) 2 hours. Selling tickets 2 hours, Floor walking - while games are being played - 2 to 3 hours and calling support from Auto caller set up on computer—3 hours. If you can help with some time or part of the time - particularly with canteen or selling tickets- that would help the people that are coming every week.

**If interested, PLEASE phone**  
**Maree on 58252584 or Bev 58252597.**

## UKRAINE

**There is a huge humanitarian crisis in Ukraine since it was brutally invaded, its territory annexed and it's society traumatized. People near the frontline often lack the basics —clean water, fuel, food, clothes, medicine.**

**Give ear to my prayer, O God,  
 And hide not thyself from my supplication  
 I am distraught by the noise of the enemy  
 Because of the oppression of the wicked  
 But I will trust in thee (Ps.55.1,2-3,23)**

## PRAY FOR US

**St. Jude, O Holy St Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke you. Special patron in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg you to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me now in my present and urgent need and grant my earnest petition.**





Readings for  
this week:

Sirach 27:4-7  
1 Corinthians 15:54-58  
Luke 6:39-45



Readings for  
next week:

Deuteronomy 26:4-10  
Romans 10:8-13  
Luke 4:1-13

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## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR .....

**Sick List:** Graeme Weir, Pauline Griffith, Fr Owen Doyle, Cherie Mammone, Jim McIntyre, Pat Keane, Pat Treacy, Irene Murphy (sister-in-law of Kevin) Bernadette Dickason, Pat Goggin, Noela McIntyre, Irene Biesiekierski, Dennis Corboy, Barry Monaghan, Ruth (Sister of Fr Frank Marriott)

**Recently Deceased :** Pat Horne (Wodonga, ex Shepparton)

**Anniversaries :** John Stein

**ALTAR HELPERS** March 5th: Connie Young, Angela Strangio March 12th Not required

**BINGO** Mar 5th Karen Bubb, Owen Macreadie, Mason Crosier, Carmel Fasano, Anne Maksacheff

26th & 27th February	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Liz Donnelly	Kevin Murphy	Ester Janke	Josie Buttigieg
10.00 am	Marie O'Meara	Cecily Dumaresq	Margaret Campbell	Valoia Family
<b>March 5th and 6th</b>				
6:30 pm	Margaret Campbell	Mavis Murphy	Miriam Hogarty	Merv & Pam Cormick
10.00 am	Rosemary Wingrave	Maree Williams	Marg Lee Rob O'Meara <b>RP</b> Cecily Dumaresq <b>RP</b>	Tom & Cecily Dumaresq