



WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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The Living Word

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

9 August 2026

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were

made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The disciples had started off from the Jewish side of the Sea of Galilee, familiar territory. Jesus guided them through the stormy situation to 'the other side', the pagan side, unfamiliar territory where they would not have felt at home.

Buffeted by storms, the Church is in the midst of a journey from familiar to unfamiliar territory.

Some of the storms include a new attitude to authority, to gender roles. There is anger and suspicion at sexual abuse and its cover up. Many of our contemporaries are openly hostile or contentedly indifferent.

In all these situations and many more, Our Lord will not allow us the indulgence of nostalgic yearning for the safety of the past country inhabited by the Church. We are not to throw Tradition with a capital 'T' overboard. To jettison the spirit-led experience of the Church over two millennia will not help us. Discerning tradition from nostalgia, we must make our way to the other shore.

We could pause for a moment, resolving to row with courage because we know we are in the same boat as Peter whom our Risen Lord assures:

'Do not be afraid.'

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St Mary's Primary School 90th Anniversary

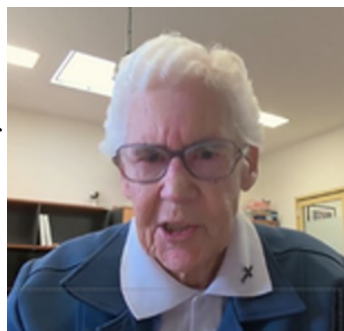
St Mary's PS Alumni Visits have continued this term at each assembly, providing students with a wonderful opportunity to hear from former St. Mary's students who have gone on to achieve success in a variety of fields.

In **Week 3**, they welcomed Ryan McNaught, one of the world's leading LEGO® Certified Professionals. Ryan shared fond memories of his time at St. Mary's, recalling how his passion for building and creating with LEGO began while he was a student at the school. He also spoke about helping to make and set up the school's first computer when he was in Grade 5, demonstrating how curiosity, creativity and a willingness to try new things can lead to exciting opportunities.



In **Week 4**, the School was delighted to welcome Sr Margaret Henderson who was the final Mercy Sister Principal from 1977 to 1982. It was inspiring to hear Sr Margaret reflect on her experiences at St.

Mary's, the strong sense of community that has always been part of our school, and the many students whose lives she touched during her time here. Remarkably, Sr



Margaret also taught some of our current staff members, making her memories especially meaningful for our school community today.

These visits continue to inspire our students, reminding them that great achievements often begin with the opportunities, friendships and experiences formed at St. Mary's.

We are truly blessed to have such wonderful alumni and community members willing to share their stories as the School celebrates 90 years of faith, learning and community.

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 10.30am

RECONCILIATION

10:30am to 11:15am Saturday

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 10/08	No Mass	
Tues 11/08	Holy Hour	5pm
Tues 11/08	Mass	6pm
Wed 12/08	Mass	6pm
Thurs 13/08	Mass	6pm
Fri 14/08	Mass	10am

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 8 Aug: Sarah Richards
Sun 9 Aug: AM Carroll

Sat 15 Aug: Liz Donnelly
Sun 16 Aug: Imelda

St Mary's Baptism Dates 2026

Sunday 16 August

Sunday 20 September

Sunday 18 October

Sunday 15 November

Formation Meetings Dates for 2026

- Tuesday 13 October from 7pm in the Church.



You're Invited!

**On Sunday,
9th August,
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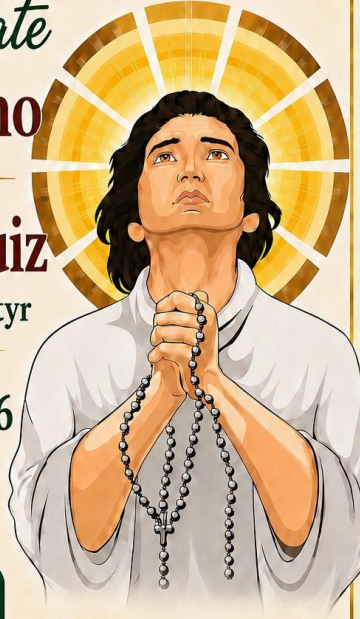
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Keynote Speakers



Fr Richard Rosse and Ann O'Brien

St Kilian's Parish Fire

The damage to St Kilian's Parish is truly heartbreaking. Amid the devastation, however, there is a powerful sign of hope. The preservation of the tabernacle serves as a moving reminder that Christ remains with His people and that faith endures, even in times of great hardship.

While buildings can be restored, the true strength of a parish lies in its people, whose faith, compassion and resilience continue to shine.

Fr Junray Rayna expressed his heartfelt gratitude, thanking the emergency services, Bishop René, and everyone who has offered messages of support, love and prayers. Reflecting on the outpouring of compassion from the community, he said, *"When crisis comes, the good people rise."*

Please continue to keep the St Kilian's parish community in your prayers as they begin the journey of healing and rebuilding.



BISHOP RENÉ RCJ



Vocations Awareness Week 2026

“Every time we pray for vocations, we also pray that we may become labourers that Christ desires us to be.”

In his Pastoral Letter for Vocations Awareness Week 2026, Bishop René Ramirez RCJ reminds us that, as Christians, we all have a vocation.

“Through Baptism, each of us is called to holiness and to participate in Christ's mission according to the unique path God has prepared for us.”

POPE'S INTENTIONS

FOR THE MONTH OF

AUGUST

For the evangelization in the city

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



Readings
for
this week:

1 Kings 19:9,11-13
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

Readings
for
next week:

Isaiah 56:1,6-7
Romans 11:13-15,29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

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Recently Deceased: Damian White

Anniversaries: Maria, Rose, Nancy & Salvatore Iacono, Brendan Faulkner

ALTAR HELPERS Sat 8 Aug: Mavis Murphy & Liz Donnelly

Sat 15 Aug: not required

BINGO 15 August: Josie Cortese, Maree, Debbie, Fiona Nioa, Christine Flower, Faye Flower

8th & 9th August	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Chris Hogarty	Kamsi Raymond	Rob O'Meara	Annette Rau
10.30 am	Maree Williams	Liam Cowan	Elaine Vertriest	TBC
15th & 16th August				
6:30 pm	Mary Coad	Kevin Murphy	Sarah Richards	Checca Richards
10.30 am	Elaine Vertriest	Marie O'Meara	Mavis Murphy	TBC