



WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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The Living Word

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A

First Reading 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22 R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your
staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
My cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall
follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 5:8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel Jn 9:1-41

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord, by the power of his word alone, could have healed the disease of this man, blind since birth. Yet, he made a paste with spittle and put it over the eyes of the blind man. Just as God would have moistened the dust of the earth to shape the first human being, for the blind man, it was as though he had been created anew.

God rarely works by telepathy but has a preferred way of working through the elements of creation, especially in the Sacraments. So, with the Anointing of the Sick, pressing olive oil onto the forehead and hands of the sick or dying symbolises the Holy Spirit entering the very pores of the sick person, relieving that person of undue anxiety and giving strength for the next stage of life.

This sacrament is a formal ritual of healing by the Church. But there are a million informal ways, such as putting one's arm around someone who is lonely or unwell, which are sacramental to the world.

We could pause for a moment that we might go into the world like the man healed by Jesus, eyes wide open to see where we might exercise the healing power of the Lord of the Gospel.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent
14–15 March 2026

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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 10.30am

RECONCILIATION

10:30am to 11:15am Saturday

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 16/3	No Mass	
Tues 17/3	Holy Hour	5pm
Tues 17/3	Mass	6pm
Wed 18/3	Mass	6pm
Thurs 19/3	Mass	6pm
Fri 20/3	Mass	10am

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 14 Mar: Sarah Richards
Sun 15 Mar: AM Carroll

Sat 21 Mar: Liz Donnelly
Sun 22 Mar: Imelda

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL SANDHURST

"The Harvest of the Spirit of God"

Healing Day Charismatic Mass celebrated by Fr Arun Korlakanti

Spiritual Chaplain CCR Sandhurst
Saturday March 21, 2026

9.30am cuppa, 10.00am-3.30pm

St Brendan's Knight St, Shepparton
at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre

Lunch: Please bring a plate to share
All welcome

An offering will be taken up

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ST BRENDAN'S SHEPPARTON

16-24 March 2026

ST KILIAN'S BENDIGO

24-31 March 2026

GV Deanery Gathering – Park Lake

Two members of our Parish Pastoral Council attended the GV Deanery gathering at Park Lake on Wednesday, along with representatives and priests from other parishes in the deanery.

Each parish shared two hopes and two concerns for their community. Topics included improving communication between priests and parishioners, strengthening links between parish and school, and embracing the cultural diversity that enriches our communities.

Staff from the Chancery also spoke about practical matters such as parish funding, power procurement, and support available through the Bishop Noel Daly Trust.

It was a positive and helpful day, and there are plans to hold similar forums across the Diocese in the future.

Farewell Fr Adi Indra

Fr Adi Indra has been appointed Assistant Priest to the Parishes of Wodonga, Tallangatta and Corryong. His final day in our shared parishes will be Sunday 12 April. While we will greatly miss his presence among us, we wish him every blessing and success in his new ministry.



Seminary Visit

Three parishioners recently visited Corpus Christi Seminary in Clayton, where Mason is currently studying for the priesthood. The Open Day began with Mass in the beautiful historic church on the seminary grounds, attended by family, friends and the seminarians.

After Mass we shared a meal together, followed by a guided tour of the buildings and grounds. It was a lovely day and a wonderful opportunity to spend time with Mason and the other seminarians, and to gain a deeper understanding of their life and formation.

St Mary's Mooroopna

HOLY WEEK

MASS SCHEDULE

Reconciliation
Paraliturgy then Individual Confessions
Tuesday 24 March - 6:45pm

Stations of the Cross
Friday 27 March - 7pm

Holy Thursday
Thursday 2 April - 6:30pm

Good Friday
Friday 3 April - 3pm

Easter Vigil
Saturday 4 April - 6:30pm

Easter Sunday
Sunday 5 April - 10:30am

Upcoming Formation Training for all Five Parishes

Alter Server Training

Saturday 21 March & Saturday 28 March 2026
10am to 1pm
St Mel's Church

Please RSVP for catering purposes to St Mel's Parish
by Tuesday 17 March via email shepparton-south@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Eucharistic Ministers & Sacristans Formation

Saturday 28 March 2026
10:30am to 2pm

St Brendan's Pastoral Centre

Please RSVP for catering purposes to St Brendan's
Parish by Tuesday 17 March on 58212633 or email
Shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Snacks and lunch will be provided for both formation



Readings
for
this week:

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Readings
for
next week:

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-4

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

ALTAR HELPERS Sat 14 March: not required Sat 21 March:

BINGO 21 March:

14th March & 15th March	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Checca Richards	Millicent Raymond	Rob O'Meara	Raymond Family
10.30 am	Mavis Murphy	Sheila Griffin	Elaine Vertriest	Leo & Brenda Pye
21st & 22nd of March				
6:30 pm	Chris Hogarty	Cathie McMaster	Miriam Hogarty	Valoia Family
10.30 am	Helen Betson	Inez Raleigh	Maree Williams	Michael & Kaye Gaffy