



This Week's Readings

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
Luke 12:32-48

Next Week's Readings

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-53



Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

St. Mel's Parish

BULLETIN

Looking at the Readings

The three readings today are linked by the themes of expectation and faith. The Reading from the Book of Wisdom recalls the covenant made to Moses at the first Passover meal on the eve of the Exodus. It tells of God's salvation for his people and the glory God shared with his people. The Second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews recalls the covenant made to Abraham and Sarah who awaited the arrival to their new homeland in great faith and expectation. As pilgrims they lived in tents awaiting the City of God. As Christians we come into to the City of God (St Augustine).

The missing verses in the second reading (Hebr 11:3-7, 20, 32) list many Old Testament persons who also gave us examples of faith along with Abraham and Sarah; they include Abel, Enoch, Noah, Isaac, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, Barak, Samsom, Jeththah, David, Samuel and the prophets. We may have a chance to look them up and read their stories.

The Gospel contains three parables on waiting with expectation. Waiting demands faith, good conduct and service. Christ offer promise and reward to the faithful. His word gives hope and assurances.



Liturgical Jottings The Crucifix

The General Instructions to the Roman Missal, 2011, (GIRM) never uses the word Crucifix but always the word Cross. There are several and significant references to the Altar or Sanctuary Cross, namely:

"The cross adorned with a figure of Christ crucified, and carried in procession, may be placed next to the altar to serve as the altar cross, in which case it must be the only cross used; otherwise it is put away in a dignified place. 117, 122, 188.

The instruction number 308 repeats the earlier instructions and adds:

"Either on the altar or near it, there is to be a cross, with the figure of Christ crucified upon it, a cross clearly visible to the assembled people. It is desirable that such a cross should remain near the altar even outside of liturgical celebrations, so as to call to mind for the faithful the saving Passion of the Lord.

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The Book of Wisdom

It is one for the "deuterocanonical" books of the bible so called because they were added much later to the official list "canon" of biblical writings. They are not part of the Hebrew Bible and sometimes found in the Appendix of other bibles. It was written in Greek in the first century BC. Readings from this book appear in the Sunday Lectionary only eight times, in the Weekday Lectionary seven times and in the Readings for funerals twice.

Words of Pope Leo XIV

Do not hesitate to share the joy and the amazement born of your contemplation of the "seeds" that, in the words of St Augustine, "God has sown in the harmony of the universe." The more joy you share, the more joy you create, and in this way, through your pursuit of knowledge, each of you can contribute to building a more peaceful and just world. *Address to Summer School of Astrophysics 16 June*

Quote for the Day

Contemplation is a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus. "I look at him and he looks at me": this is what a certain peasant of Ars used to say to his priest, the Curé of Ars, St John Vianney, about his prayer before the tabernacle. *From the Catechism of the Catholic Church no. 2715*

On the Lighter Side of Light

Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle.
Abraham Lincoln.

Dreaming is happiness. Waiting is life. Victor Hugo

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Weekly Reflection:

DON'T BE AFRAID, LITTLE FLOCK - Let's reflect and learn

"Don't be afraid" (v. 32a). In verses 22-31, Jesus tells the disciples not to worry or be anxious, because the Father knows our needs (v. 30). If we seek first the Father's kingdom, he will give us both the kingdom and everything else that we need (v. 31).

"little flock" (v. 32b). "Behind the word 'flock' is a reference to Israel (Ezek. 34:11-24) and a reminder that God is the shepherd of the faithful. The 'little flock' in this case represents the disciples and through them the early Christian church".

"for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom" (v. 32c). Jesus says that it gives the Father pleasure to give us the kingdom. Just as we need not be anxious about our daily bread, so we also need not be anxious about our kingdom inheritance.

"Sell that which you have and give gifts to the needy" (v. 33a). Luke, both in this Gospel and in the book of Acts, emphasizes the virtue of charity (Luke 3:10-11; 6:38; 10:33-35; 11:41; 19:8; Acts 6:1-4; 10:4; 11:29-30; 20:35). He also tells how the first disciples exchanged private ownership for common ownership (Acts 2:44-46; 4:32-37). It is a radically faith-filled approach to money and property.

"Make for yourselves purses which don't grow old, a treasure in the heavens that doesn't fail" (v. 33b). When Jesus tells the disciples to sell their possessions and to give alms, he has in mind something beyond thrift-shop charity – something beyond giving only that which we no longer need. Since the giving of alms generates treasure in heaven, it makes no sense to limit almsgiving to that which is of little value. The wise person will give generously. The gift of earthly things (which are subject to theft and decay) builds an investment in heaven (a purse that does not wear out). The gift of things that will prove only temporarily useful to us produces credits from which we can draw throughout eternity.

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (v. 34). The world believes the opposite. The world tells us to find something we love and to use our money for it. That approach leads to wild excesses by people seeking fulfillment through expensive possessions or adventures. At its worst, it leads to self-destructive behaviour. Jesus offers an alternative, telling us to give alms and assuring us that our hearts will follow our gifts. That is a principle that Christians have proven time and time again. People who help other people find themselves caring about the people whom they help – and enjoying the meaningful life that results from meeting real needs.

Prayer of the Heart

Loving and Provident Father,
free us from any form of selfishness
and help us to store up treasures
in heaven,
May we see your face in our needy
brothers and sisters,
and grant us the joy to serve them.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen. – FRM

Save the date!

Sunday 24th August
Celebration of
Fr Ruel's Priestly
Anniversary

CCR Pilgrims of Hope Renewal Day

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Sandhurst are holding a Pilgrims of Hope Renewal Day. Come along for a time of praise and worship, fellowship, faith formation, understanding gifts of the Holy Spirit. The day includes celebration of Charismatic Mass with Fr Arun Korlakanti, the Spiritual Chaplain for CCR.

Saturday 6th September 2025 from 9.30am to 3.00pm
St Brendan's Knight St. Shepparton at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre
Lunch: Please bring a plate to share
All are welcome!

Contact: Brigita Hore: 0412 042 196 Mary Zobec: 0427 190 282 Denise Illot: 0407 506 813

Sandhurst Pilgrimage to Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) Melbourne 2025: REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!!

The Diocese of Sandhurst is taking 200 young pilgrims to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival — a vibrant journey of faith, music, prayer and encounter. The pilgrimage is a partnership between Catholic Education Sandhurst, parishes and schools, offering young people a chance to grow in faith and community, to be formed, inspired, and sent.

Support is available to make the journey possible — but the call is for commitment, curiosity, and courage. Talk to your parish and say 'yes' to be part of something that will shape the Church and your place in it.

When: 29 November - 3 December

Travel: Return Coaches departing from Shepparton, Wangaratta & Bendigo, with 4 nights' accommodation at Queens College

Cost: \$1450 package expense, with large upfront subsidies available to eligible year 10 & 11 students, and parishioners aged 18-25.

More information on subsidy packages, event scheduling and how to register can be found at www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au



The graphic features a circular logo on the left with a white dove at the top, a tree in the center, and a landscape with hills and a sun at the bottom. The text 'Season of Creation' is in a large, orange, serif font, with 'OUTDOOR MASS TO CELEBRATE' in a smaller, green, sans-serif font below it. To the right of the logo, there are four icons with corresponding text: a clock for '11.00 a.m.', a sun for 'Friday 5 September 2025', a location pin for 'Huntly Streamside Reserve, Huntly', and a group of people for 'All Welcome!'. At the bottom left, it says 'Garden of Peace' and 'Isaiah 32:14-18'. At the bottom right, it says 'PEACE WITH CREATION' and 'SEASON OF CREATION 2025'.

Season of Creation
OUTDOOR MASS TO CELEBRATE

🕒 11.00 a.m.
☀️ Friday 5 September 2025
📍 Huntly Streamside Reserve, Huntly
👥 All Welcome!

Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

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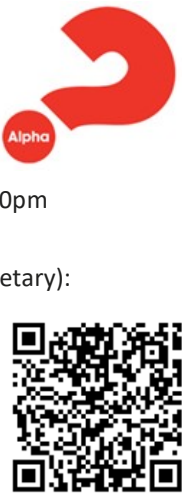
THERE IS A SEAT FOR YOU! Alpha 2025 – St Mel’s Parish

Alpha is a safe, welcoming, informal space, where you can share food and explore the big questions about life, faith and meaning. Right now, a seat at the table is being prepared for you. No pressure, no cost. Just real conversations in a relaxed environment. **There is a seat for you.**

When: Saturdays, beginning 6th September 2025, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm
Where: St Mel’s Parish Hall

To book your place at the table, please contact Mel Shiels (Parish Secretary):
Call: (03) 5831 2194 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Fridays
Email: sheppartonsouth@sandhurst.catholic.org.au
(please include your contact details).

Use the QR Code to register or pick up a registration form from the Narthex and return it to the slot next to the parish office door.



ALPHA team and those interested in being part of the ALPHA team

There will be an information session this coming Saturday 16th August in the St Mel’s Parish gathering at 4pm. All those who have indicated that they wish to be on the team are encouraged to attend.

St Mel’s Parish Income and Expense Summary

	Actual 2024	Actual 2025	Target 2026
Revenue			
Collections, Donations & Planned Giving	142,923	155,542	160,000
Rental	15,830	19,950	20,800
Donation - Once Off Bequest	15,000	10,000	-
Donation - Debutant Ball	20,000	2,500	6,000
Other Fundraising Initiatives*	-	-	12,000
Other Income	33,067	42,282	42,000
Total Income	226,820	230,274	240,800
Expenses			
Administration	19,426	17,171	18,000
Catering, Representation & Hospitality	4,147	6,922	7,000
Church, Office Supplies & Consumables	25,123	19,382	23,000
Diocesan Levy	7,611	8,491	9,000
Insurance - Property & Health	22,708	6,708	15,000
Motor Vehicle Expenses	4,677	5,679	8,000
Staff Salaries & Stipends	119,950	105,463	115,000
Rates, Maintenance (Inc Garden) & Utilities	41,702	43,911	30,800
Total Expenses	245,344	213,727	225,800
Net Profit/(Loss)	(18,524)	16,547	15,000
Less - Overdue Parish Maintenance			(10,000)
Adjusted Budgeted Profit/(Loss)			5,000
Bank Account Balance		113,100	



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Shepparton & Nagambie
Mass Schedule

St Mel’s
SUNDAY
St. Mel’s 9:30 am
St. Mel’s 5:00 pm

TUESDAY to SATURDAY
St. Mel’s 9:15 am

St Malachy’s
SUNDAY (1st & 3rd)*
St. Malachy’s 09:00 am
*2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays
Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

CONFESSIONS
St. Mel’s: Every Thurs at 9:45 - 10:30 am

BAPTISMS (St Mel’s & St Malachy’s)
3rd Sunday of the month

MARRIAGE
2 months-notice required

Parish Staff

Fr. Ronaldo Masilang RCJ
Parish Priest

Fr. Ruel Desamparado RCJ
Assistant Priest

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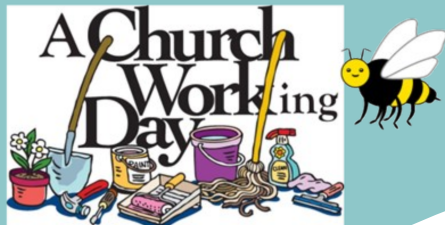
Office Hours
Tuesday to Thursday: 9:30am- 2:30pm
Friday: 9:30am -12:30 pm

Church Working Bee Days

Can you spare one hour or two to help us keep our church and grounds looking lovely?

Over two Saturdays in August, 16th and 23rd, we are asking for as many people as possible to assist from 10am to 12noon.

Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex and put your name down today!



'Many hands make light work'

We ask for your prayers for the Eternal Repose of

Recently Deceased: Herb Barlow

Anniversaries: Marianna Maruzza, Danila Grotto, Emilio Andreola, Frank Purcell, Maria Cortese, Alessandro & Guiseppina Cavallara

Commentators/Lectors/ Special Ministers

**Sunday 17th
August**

Commentators

9:30am Anthony Butts
5pm Tim Kelly

Lectors

9:30am Mick Hanlon (L1) Pauline Pettigrew (L2)
5pm Luisa Cassise (L1) Dom Poppa (L2)

Special Ministers

9:30am Lucy Ciancio & Loretta Hanlon
5pm Angie Knez & Dom Poppa

Italian Masses at St Mel's

Starting in September, the Daily Mass at 9:15am on the first Tuesday of every month will be celebrated in Italian.
All welcome!

Upcoming Italian Masses for 2025:

Tuesday 2 September - 9:15am
Tuesday 7 October - 9:15am
(Melbourne Cup Public Holiday) Tuesday 4 November - 9:15am
Tuesday 2 December - 9:15am



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St Mel's Parish Safeguarding officer is Trish Mathisen. Ph: 0428 213 757

To find out more ways on how you can help improve our Parochial Community please contact Mel at **(03) 5831 2194**
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