



WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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The Living Word

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

24 October 2021

First Reading Jer 31:7-9

I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends
of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will
not stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125. R. v.3

*(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.*

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back, full
of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 5:1-6

You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away
with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 10:46-52

Master, grant that I may see.

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man, 'Courage,' they said 'get up: he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go: your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Bartimaeus sat on the side of the way, having pilgrims throw coins onto his cloak spread out before him. But the presence of Jesus encouraged him to abandon his low level existence and ask to truly see the way from Jesus' perspective.

Jesus responded to this act of faith by curing the disease so that Bartimaeus could see ahead in the same way as Jesus and follow him on 'the Way' (the earliest name for Christianity).

You and I can remain with the security of a familiar existence hoping to be tossed a few coins of consolation to satisfy our various hungers. But Jesus wants us to take courage, to jump up and to share his vision.

This takes faith, but we are in a better situation than Bartimaeus. He knew only that Jesus was on the way from Jericho to Jerusalem. We believe that, in Jerusalem, Jesus was lifted well above ground level and then had the astounding victory over the worst that death could do.

We might pause for a moment to pray for the courage to abandon whatever is keeping us grounded so that with Bishop Richard C of Chichester we may see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly.

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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 25/10	Mass	6.00pm
Tues 26/10	Holy Hour Exposition	5.00pm
	Mass	6.00pm
Wed 27/10	Mass	6.00pm
Thur 28/10	Mass	6.00pm
Frid 29/10	Mass	10.00am

PARISH / SCHOOL NEWS

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 23rd October	Sarah Richards
Sun 24th October	Valoia family
Sat 30th October	Carmel Fasano
Sun 31st October	AM Carroll

PARISH MEETINGS

Tues 26th October Finance 7.00pm

Where would we be without the Irish ?

Fr O'Flaherty asked Mrs O'Reilly how many children she had.

Four was the reply.

That's a good Catholic woman you are, and when will you be having the next one?

I'm not Father she replied. I read that every fifth child born in the world is Chinese !



Thank You

From MANUS ISLAND

We are thrilled to advise that our Special Collection last week-end realised \$968.00.

As part of St. Mary's Outreach Program, our Parish are also donating a further \$1500.00 making a grand total of \$2468.00. As a gesture of appreciation, the names of our Parish, and also Monsignor Peter Jeffrey will be acknowledged on a brick on the wall of the church when building is completed in 2022.

Fr Paul Sireh is thrilled with our donation and thank you all for your support.

You have all been so generous as we reflect on how fortunate we are to enjoy life in a first world country

Message from Bishop Shane

Bishop Shane has received information from the Victorian Government that :-

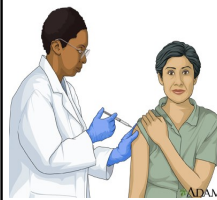
"everybody who works at or are connected with a place of worship, whether paid or unpaid, including Clergy, Pastoral Associates, Parish Secretaries, Readers, Musicians, Livestreaming Technicians must be vaccinated and show evidence."

A copy of the letter is attached.

We have had an overwhelming response from many of you who have acted promptly in this regard and we thank you most sincerely. Could those of you who have not yet forwarded your Vaccination Certificate in any of the following formats :-

**Letter from Medical Practitioner
Certificate of Immunisation
Immunisation History Statement**

kindly do so as a matter of urgency.



**OCTOBER IS THE
MONTH OF THE
HOLY ROSARY.**



2022 COLUMBAN CALENDARS
Available now from the Parish Office
Cost \$8.00 each

WELCOME BACK

We are thrilled to welcome you back once again, but due to restricted numbers of 20 for each mass, you must register by emailing the parish office, or phoning Mavis Murphy on 5825 2719

- You MUST check in on arrival. QR code and manual registration is available



- You MUST sanitise your hands on arrival



- You MUST wear your face mask except when receiving holy communion



- You MUST maintain social distancing of 1 person or family every 4 square metres



Sandhurst Diocese "Wheel of Prayer" Day 2021

Online live via Zoom

Saturday 30th October, 2021
10.00am—3.15pm

Sandhurst's new Director of Mission and Pastoral Life, Dr. Chris Cotter, will lead us as we begin the day. There will be 4 45 minute workshops.

To Register for Zoom Link

Contact Lyn Breen

adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

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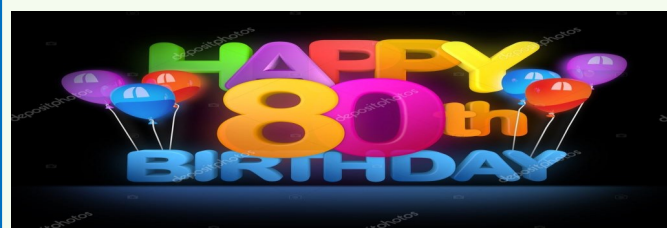
Fr Michael Grace

After fifty-four years of priestly ministry, Father Michael Grace has advised that he wishes to retire early next year. At that time, he plans to take up residence at Kialla Gardens Retirement Village in Shepparton.

Father Michael has served with great generosity and commitment across the Diocese, and also spent two periods as a missionary in Papua New Guinea. Most recently, he has been Parish Priest of Numurkah for nine years, including Parish Priest of Nathalia for the last six years.

WORLD POLIO DAY—24/10/21

Please pray for sufferers in Pakistan and Afghanistan as they continue to vaccinate their children as they reduce cases.



To young at heart Leo Pye 80 years young today

May the Lord Jesus shine his light on you
As he showers you with Blessings and Grace
To take you throughout another year.

Parish Profile—Repeat

Name Leo Pye

Born Hamilton

Family Married to Brenda for 53 happy years (I have a lot of patience !!) We have 3 adult sons all living in Melbourne, 3 lovely daughters-in-law, and 5 grandsons. And yes, the Pyes have not found the recipe to produce a girl !!

Occupation Retired after a rewarding career in Retail Management, Adult Education and Event Management.

What bought you to Shepparton Made a career change from Retail to Used Car Salesman—walked out after 3 weeks as far to ethical for the industry so headed north for greener pastures and discovered Mooroopna

How long have you been a parishioner at St. Mary's 45 years and continue to be part of the parish even though we have "Downsized to a Bigger Life" in Shepparton

What do you like most about St. Mary's

Our boys were all very well educated at St. Mary's school and it is a very progressive community. St. Mary's has always been a staple in my life and particularly loved it when the altar was in the centre of the church as it felt much more welcoming and inclusive.

AFL Team The Mighty Bombers

Favourite Holiday Trip to South Africa in 2005 to visit family and impressed by the fact that the country so clearly resembled Australia. Capetown would have to be one of the most beautiful cities in the world and a visit to Robin Island where Nelson Mandela spent so many years in gaol was both enlightening and very powerful.

Favourite Food Crispy skin salmon and 3 veg.

Favourite Pastime Watching live sport, particularly the Bombers playing footy and Aussies creaming the Poms in test matches, playing lawn bowls, volunteering to help disengaged youth and the marginalised in our community and assisting with the L2P Learner Driver program.

Pet Hate Lack of respect, particularly racism

Special Achievement Long career as a Football Umpire. Life Member of GV Football Umpires Assn and participated in many GVFL Grand Finals. Affectionately known as The German Spy by his mates and referred to by the supporters as "You Idiot" or "The White Maggot !! "

Editors Note—How dare they !!





Readings for
this week:

Jeremiah 31:7-9
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 10:46-52



Readings for
next week:

Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 12:28-34

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Sick List: Graeme Weir, Noreen & Pauline Griffith, Julie Pollard, Fr Owen Doyle, Cherie Mammone, Jim McIntyre, Dominic & Theresa DeMaio, Gerard Murphy, Pat Treacy, Bernadette Dickason, Bill Parker

Recently Deceased : Sr Alphonse RSM John Phyland, brother-in-law of Marg McCarty

Anniversaries :

ALTAR HELPERS 23rd October Not required 30th October Mavis Murphy, Pat Noble

BINGO Not allowed under current Victorian Government restrictions

23rd & 24th October	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Kevin Murphy	Michelle Hicks	Sarah Richards	Chirs & Miriam Hogarty
10.00 am	Patrick Valoia	Rosemary Wingrave	Miriam Hogarty	Carrafa family
30th & 31st October				
6:30 pm	Peter Stein	Mavis Murphy	Margaret Campbell	Josie Buttigieg
10.00 am	Maree Williams	Sheila Griffin	Anthony Butts	Rosemary Wingrave