



# WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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## The **Living Word**

### Gospel Mt 21:1-11

*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.*

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me.

If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, "The Lord has need of them," and he will send them immediately'.

This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

'Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Behold, your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on an ass,  
and on a colt, the foal of an ass'.

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!'

And when he entered Jerusalem all the city was stirred, saying, 'Who is this?' And the crowds said, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee.

### First Reading Is 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2**

*(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)

2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

### Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine,  
yet Christ Jesus did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are,  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
Christ became obedient for us even to death  
dying on the cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high  
and gave him a name above all other names.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!*



# Liturgical Jottings

## Passion of the Lord Prefaces

Our Roman Missal (2010) contains a preface for the Eucharistic Prayer for Palm Sunday and two more for weekday Masses in the final weeks of Lent meditating on the Passion of Christ. The new Missal of the Congregation of the Passion has three more, the Carthusian Missal has two more and the Ambrosian Rite has four, which three came from the Roman Missal. Many themes are presented to help meditate on the passion, death and resurrection of Christ: his suffering and humility, his obedience and innocence, his willingness to save us, his love and offer of forgiveness even for his executioners, the power of the cross, the pride of the foe, cause of our salvation and most conclude with our preparation for Easter and celebrating joy and life. The prayer for the week in the next column gives poetic-like image of the wonder of the cross and connection with the sin of Adam and Eve and our own redemption.

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## Prayer for the Week

We give praise and thanks to the Almighty Father, for you, God placed the salvation of the human race on the wood of the Cross, so that, where death arose, life might again spring forth and the evil one, who conquered on a tree, might, likewise on a tree be conquered, through Christ our Lord.

(Carthusian Missal 2021)



# 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 30/3	No Mass	
Tues 31/3	Holy Hour	5pm
Tues 31/3	Mass	6pm
Wed 1/4	Mass	6pm
Thurs 2/4	Mass (Holy Thursday)	6:30pm
Fri 3/4	Mass (Good Friday)	3pm

## EASY WORSHIP

Sat 28 Mar: Sarah Richards  
Sun 29 Mar: Sarah Richards

Sat 28 Mar: AM Carroll  
Sun 29 Mar: TBC

## Parish Office & Service Closure after Easter

Following the many blessings and commitments of Holy Week and Easter, the clergy and staff of our five parish communities will be taking a short period of leave.

Please note that **all parish services and offices will be closed from Monday 6 April to Friday 10 April.**

More info to come in the next bulletin.



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

**Palm Sunday**  
28–29 March 2026

As Project Compassion 2026 comes to a close, we thank you for your generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared the stories of four inspiring people whose lives are being uplifted through your compassion.

Your support is helping them overcome challenges and build stronger futures. There is still time to donate! Together, we can continue nurturing hope and empowering communities facing poverty and injustice.



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**POVERTY**  
this Lent

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Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

Create a miniature Resurrection Garden as a meaningful centerpiece for your Easter table.

### Supplies Used:

- River rock pebbles
- 4 inch terracotta saucer
- 2 inch terracotta pot
- Glue or tape to secure the pot & cross
- Popsicle sticks for cross (or sticks)
- Green moss
- Small piece of white fabric



## Upcoming Formation Training for all Five Parishes

### Eucharistic Ministers & Sacristans Formation

Saturday 28 March 2026  
10:30am to 2pm  
St Brendan's Pastoral Centre

## St Mary's PS—Holy Week Liturgy

St Mary's School's Holy Week Liturgy will be held on Thursday 2nd April in the Marian Centre at 12.30pm. Holy Week liturgies will involve Preps to Grade 6 presenting the Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Mooroopna CFA coordinate the Good Friday Appeal Door Knock on behalf of our community.

**Our town has grown and we need your help!**

We need volunteers to help us door knock, we can't do this alone. If you have time please come to the Mooroopna Station at **8.30am 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2026.**

### St Mary's PS—Term 2 Dates

**8th May** - Whole School Mother's Day Mass in the Marian Centre at **10am**. All welcome.

**12th June** - Whole School Mass of Compassion - Feast of the Sacred Heart in the Marian Centre at **10am**. All welcome



## St Mary's 90 Years Celebrations

This year we are celebrating 90 years of St Mary's School Mooroopna.

As part of the celebrations for this year, we would love to hear from St. Mary's Alumni - past staff, community members and students. We would love to hear about your past experiences of St. Mary's. If you are willing to be involved please contact the school office on 5825 2858 or email at [office@smmooroopna.catholic.edu.au](mailto:office@smmooroopna.catholic.edu.au)



## St. Mary's PS Open Day Wednesday 29 April

We warmly invite families and members of our community to attend our upcoming **Open Day on Wednesday 29 April**, beginning at 11:45am.

The day will commence with a welcome in the Marian Centre, followed by guided tours of the school led by our wonderful Student Leaders, who will proudly showcase our learning spaces and share what makes St. Mary's such a special place to learn and grow.

As 2026 marks 90 years of St. Mary's, **we also extend a special invitation to our alumni** to join us for this occasion. It will be a lovely opportunity to reconnect with the school and celebrate the rich history of our community.

We look forward to welcoming families, friends, and past students as we celebrate all that makes St. Mary's a vibrant and thriving school.

### 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

*Renewal Commitment of Special Ministers*

*(Special Ministers are invited to renew their commitment at Holy Thursday evening mass)*

#### Good Friday

Friday 3 April - 3pm

#### Easter Vigil

Saturday 4 April - 6:30pm

#### Easter Sunday

Sunday 5 April - 10:30am

## KIDS WITH CANCER BREAKFAST



Saturday 18 April 2026



8AM UNTIL MID MORNING

VENUE: DOOKIE UNITING CHURCH HALL  
CURTAIN ST, DOOKIE

COST: ADULT: \$15 FAMILY: \$30

FORMAT: ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST WITH  
CEREALS, TOAST, BACON, EGGS, BEANS AND  
ENDLESS TEA, COFFEE & JUICES



Readings  
for  
this week:

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

Readings  
for  
next week:

Isaiah 50:4-7  
Philippians 2:6-11  
Matthew 26:14-27:66

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**Sick List:** Graeme Weir, Dennis Corboy, Pat Hicks, John Raleigh, Josie Anderson, Rosemary Haig, Carolyn Purcell, Logan Clarke-Lines, Margaret Campbell

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:**

**Wedding Anniversary:** Toni & Rosa Emmi—Happy 50th “Golden” Wedding Anniversary

**ALTAR HELPERS** Sat 28 March: not required Sat 28 March: Marg Lee and Kevin Lee

**BINGO** 4 April:

28th & 29th of March	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	TBC	TBC	Sarah Richards	Josie Buttegieg
10.30 am	TBC	TBC	Marg Lee	TBA
<b>4th &amp; 5th of April (Easter)</b>				
6:30 pm	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC
10.30 am	TBC	TBC	TBC	TBC