



WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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The Living Word

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C

25 May 2025

First Reading Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!
or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory

of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Some people have the idea that God is awfully remote, dwelling beyond the edge of the cosmos. We make contact by sending a prayer like a long range rocket, hoping it will find its target.

This is far distant from Our Lord's teaching in today's Gospel.

'If anyone loves me and keeps my word, my Father and I will make our home with that person.' It is not in outer space, but in inner space that Divine Love will make a home.

What turns a house into a home? It is in sitting around a table sharing a meal. So, Jesus created a sacred meal for us and invites us to share in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink.

When we do so, we find, in the words of St John Paul II, that we 'digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection'. We take into ourselves the Real Presence of the Risen Lord who makes his home with us.

Coming to Communion, even after a long time away, satisfies the yearning of the human heart because it is made to be the habitation of Divine Love. We could pause for a moment to reflect on the gracious fact that God chooses to dwell in our hearts. Let us respond wholeheartedly.

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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 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

10:30am to 11am Saturday

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 26/5	No mass	
Tues 27/5	Holy Hour Exposition	5pm
Tues 27/5	Mass	6pm
Wed 28/5	Mass	6pm
Thurs 29/5	Mass	6pm
Fri 30/5	Mass	10am

St Mary's Monthly Devotions

First Friday Adoration

1st Friday of every month following the 10am Mass. Concluding with Benediction at 5:45pm.
At 11am, 1pm, 3pm and 5pm the Mysteries of the Rosary will be recited.

First Saturday Adoration

Adoration 9am to 10am
Mass 10am to 10:30am followed by Reconciliation as per normal 10:30am to 11am.



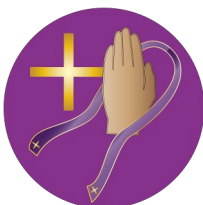
EASY WORSHIP

Sat 24th May: Imelda
Sun 25th May: AM Carroll

Sat 31st May: Liz Donnelly
Sun 1st June: Sarah Richards

Save the Date

Tuesday 27th May—Celebration
of the Sacrament of
Reconciliation at 7pm in the
Church for St Mary's PS
students.



Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C



Special Moment at Rodney Park

On Tuesday 20 May 2025 some representatives from St Mary's Primary School visited Mons Peter at Rodney Park to present a heartfelt gift on behalf of the St. Mary's school community, our Parish and the Bingo Committee. Students, Sophie and Jordan, did a wonderful job presenting Mons with a special Mass set and a beautiful piece of St. Mary's artwork. These gifts are a token of our deep appreciation for Mons' spiritual leadership and the way he continues to bring Christ into the lives of our students, staff, families—and now the Rodney Park community. We hope they serve as a lasting reminder of the vibrant, faith-filled family he has helped shape at St. Mary's. A very special thanks to Maree for helping organise this meaningful visit. Thank you, Mons, for all that you do!



The second of the two St Mary's Deb Balls was held on Friday 9 May. The decorations were beautiful, the food was delicious and everyone had a great night. Some of the kids and their families had so much fun that they want to do it again next year.

Ordination

Deacon Isaac Demase will be ordained to the priesthood in Sydney on Saturday 5 July. A Thanksgiving Mass will be held at St Brendan's in Shepparton at the 11am Mass on Sunday 13 July 2025. All welcome.



St. Mary's Winter Meals 2025

Thank you to all the parishioners who have volunteered to prepare meals or soup for homeless people and families in need. If you would like to join this project, it is not too late. You would be asked to prepare a meal of up to 6 servings, or soup for 6. Containers are provided. You would only need to do it every 3 weeks (4 turns in all) If you are willing to help, please add your name to the list in the church foyer, or contact Cathie M 0434 343 327



Words of Pope Leo XIV

I greet all of you with a heart full of gratitude at the beginning of the ministry that has been entrusted to me. St Augustine wrote: "Lord, you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you" (Confessions, I: 1,1). In these days, we have experienced intense emotions. The death of Pope Francis filled our hearts with sadness. ... Yet on Easter Sunday, we received his final blessing, and, in the light of the resurrection, we experienced the days that followed in the certainty that the Lord never abandons his people but gathers them when they are scattered and guards them "as a shepherd guards his flock." (Jer 31:10). The homily in St Peter's Square 18 May, 2025.

National Volunteer Week

19-25 MAY 2025

Connecting Communities

Thank you to all the wonderful St Mary's Parish volunteers. The positive impact you have on the community is amazing and very much appreciated.

CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE YEAR WITH

Liberation & HEALING

SUNDAY
25 MAY
1.30PM-
8.30PM

LIVING IN THE
HEALING POWER
OF JESUS

FREE EVENT

With a love offering
being taken up

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JOHN MUTOYA

John is originally from Zambia and has been a part of the Charismatic Renewal for over 35 years. He is the only lay person in Perth approved by the Archdiocese to conduct his own Deliverance ministry.

John attended a Catholic University in Rome to study Exorcism and Deliverance. He has a great deal of experience in praying for healing and deliverance.

John has completed the Christian Healing Ministries program (founded by Francis MacNutt) and runs a Charismatic prayer group in Perth.



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March 2025 marked the centenary of the Young Christian Workers founded in Belgium by Cardinal Joseph-Leon Cardijn.

A small group of former YCW members, Monsignor Frank Marriott, Tricia Banks and Margaret Watson, invite you to remember your time in the YCW.

You are invited to

Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral
on Sunday 13 July 2025 at 11am.

Celebrated by Bishop Shane Mackinlay
and Monsignor Frank Marriott, followed by lunch at
the Golden Square Hotel.



Exciting Sunset Sessions

The final Sunset Session promises more engaging discussions and inspiring guest speaker Rob Galea on 27 June 2025. For more information contact the email below.

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On Monday, 26th May, we celebrate NATIONAL SORRY DAY when we commemorate the Stolen Generations. This marks the beginning of **NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK** – a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme **Bridging Now to Next** reflects the ongoing connection between past, present and future. It calls on all

Australians to step forward together, to look ahead and continue the push forward as past lessons guide us.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2025

Bridging Now to Next

27 MAY – 3 JUNE

#NRW2025

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GOLDEN JUBILEE FR MICHAEL MORLEY

Fr Michael Morley's 50 years of priestly ministry in our Diocese is on Friday May 23. The parish are celebrating this occasion at Mass this Sunday May 25 at 11am in the Sacred Heart Church, Yarrawonga and invite parishioners throughout the Diocese to come along.

Employment Opportunity:

Youth Ministry Officer x 2

Please note: The closing date for applications has been extended until **SATURDAY, 31 MAY 2025.**

For more information, a copy of the position description and how to apply go to:
www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/positions-vacant



Readings
for
this week:

Acts 15:1-2,22-29
Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23
John 14:23-29

Readings
for
next week:

Acts 1:1-11
Hebrews 9:24-28,10:19-23
Luke 24:46-53

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Sick List: Graeme Weir, Cherie Mammone, Jim McIntyre, Irene Murphy, Dennis Corboy, Barry Monaghan, Pat Hicks, John Raleigh, Josie Anderson, Rosemary Haig, Jill Taylor (White), Linda O'Rourke, Kellie Seymour, Robert Rocca, Rosanna Scarcella, Melissa Scali, Wendy Sinclair, Angelo Conti, Carolyn Purcell, Susie Purcell, Peter Stein, Graeme Quinlan, Dorothy Healy.

Recently Deceased: Angelo Conti

Anniversaries:

ALTAR HELPERS Sat 24th May: Connie Young & Angela Strangio Sat 31st May: not required

BINGO 31st May: Maree Williams, Mark Carnovale, Kathryn Davkovski, Jade Vigliaturo

24th & 25th May	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Mary Coad	Inez Raleigh	Mavis Murphy	Angelina Vigliaturo
10.00 am	Liz Donnelly	Laine Martin-Lefevre	Maree Williams	TBA
31st May & 1st June				
6:30 pm	Margaret Campbell	Mavis Murphy	Sarah Richards	Gwen & Alex Ransome
10.00 am	Maree Williams	Sheila Griffin	Angela Iacono	TBA