



Readings for
this week:

Revelation 11:19, 12:1-6,10
1 Corinthians 15:20-26
Luke 1:39-56



Readings for
next week:

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69

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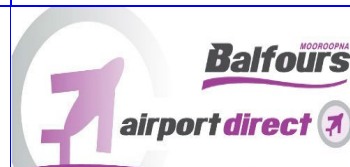
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Recently Deceased :

Anniversaries : Elizabeth Sanders,, Maria & Salvatore Iacono, Nancy & Rosina Iacono

BINGO Aug 14th Cecily Davis, Daniel Carrafa, Graeme Quinlan, Maureen Ball, Trish Renshaw

Aug 21st Tom Dumaresq, Vicki Emanuelli, Vanessa Sleeth, Jenny Matthews, Emma DiFede, Diane Stretton

ALTAR HELPERS : Aug 21st : Sheila Griffin and Kath McCarty

14th & 15th August	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Chris Hogarty	Ester Janke	Michelle Hicks	Angelo & Nesta Conti
10.00 am	Ann Margaret Carroll	Anthony Butts	Cecily Dumaresq	Carrafa Family
21st & 22nd August				
6:30 pm	Helen Betson	Inez Raleigh	Angelo Conti	Chris & Miriam Hogarty
10.00 am	Brenda Pye	Cecily Dumaresq	Rob O'Meara	Rosemary Wingrave

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Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM Sunday 15th August, 2021



Liturgical Jottings The Magnificat

Luke's Infancy Narratives of John the Baptist and Our Lord, Jesus Christ contain three hymns: Songs of Zechariah (The Benedictus 1:67-79), Mary (The Magnificat 1:46-55) and Simeon (The Nunc Dimittis 2: 29-32). They are included in the Liturgy of the Hours in morning prayer, evening prayer and night prayer respectively. The Magnificat is Mary's words of praise of God for his marvellous works. It contains elements of Hannah's Song (1 Sam 2:1-10) but is more personal with God looking upon her and she exulting her Saviour. Themes are God's help to the lowly and his commitment to his people. The text forms the Gospel for this feast and the response on 3rd Sunday of Advent and four feasts of BVM.

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Focus on the Readings

The first reading imagery of the dragon may deter some readers and listeners, yet the passage from Apocalypse presents an image of the new Eve destined to bring the Saviour into the world and for herself, God has prepared a place of safety. Indeed heaven is a place of safety, victory and honour. Mary, the bearer of the incarnate God is honoured for her role.

The second reading proclaims the new Adam, Christ who has done away with death and brings, in order, those who belong and believe in him, to enjoy the same reward and dignity. Mary, the first Christian, is first in order to receive the reward and honour of eternal life.

The Gospel contains the Magnificat (see opposite) in context of Mary meeting with Elizabeth. Her visit is both very human, to help with Elizabeth's time to give birth, and very spiritual in her greeting and song of praise. Mary embraces all with her humility and honour and God's mercy and promise. We, too, "proclaim the greatness of the Lord!"

Quotable Quote

"As the most glorious Mother of Christ, our Saviour and God and the giver of life and immortality, has been endowed with life by him, she has received an eternal incorruptibility of the body together with him who has raised her up from the tomb and has taken her up to himself in a way known only to him." *Attributed to St. Modestus of Jerusalem (4th cent.), n. 14.*

Notes on the Feast

The Feast of the Assumption of Mary is the oldest exclusively Marian celebration in the liturgical calendar dating from the 430's. While the belief in Mary's entry into heaven body and soul preceded this feast, the dogma was only defined in the Apostolic Constitution of Pope Pius XII "Munificentissimus Deus" 1st November 1950. Mary under this title is the patron saint of France, Paraguay, Jamaica, South Africa, New Zealand and New Caledonia nations and French airman and soldier of Paraguay, plus many churches, schools and cathedrals and the Basilica within the Kremlin in Moscow. The feast is celebrated in the Western and Eastern Catholic churches and Orthodox churches where the feast is called the Dormition of the Theotokos

On the Lighter Side

King Louis XIII of France instituted 15 August as a national holiday in honour of Mary. Since 1638 Masses and processions have marked this day. In more secular times the holiday still continues with well attended Masses, parades, family meals, sports events and fireworks.

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 16/8 MASS 6.00pm
Tues 17/8 Holy Hr Exposition 5.00pm
Communion Service 6.00pm
Wed 18/8 Communion Service 6.00pm
Thur 19/8 Communion Service 6.00pm
Frid 20/8 Communion Service 10.00am

PARISH / SCHOOL NEWS

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 14th Aug Sarah Richards
Sun 15th Aug Valoia Family
Sun 21st Aug Carmel Fasano
Sun 22nd Aug AM Carroll

PARISH MEETING

PPC Meeting Wed 18th Aug, 7.00pm

PARISH NEWS

6 families and their children attended our Baptism Formation Meeting held on Tuesday, 10th. August.

In line with our new procedures, we will welcome them all at 10.00am Mass on Sunday, 11th September, and they will be baptised at 11.00am



Fan the Flame of the Plenary Council

Towards Plenary Assembly One, Oct, 2021

You are invited to become a "Prayer Partner" and join the national prayer campaign and in a special way support the ongoing journey of the Plenary Council.

His mercy reaches from age to age
Luke 1:39-56

God is asking us to refrain from putting barriers and obstacles in the way of God's mercy reaching the least, the lost and those who feel excluded, especially those who do not yet know the love of God. God is asking us to be a Church that walks together and does not leave anyone behind.

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SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Monday 30th Aug 7.30 to 9.00pm
At the Terminus Hotel

Meet with Plenary Council Delegates
Ruth Lawlor & Cathy Jenkins.

Flyers in narthex

RENOVATIONS TO THE NARTHEX

Paul Kempinski and his team are doing a great job securing this area with a false floor and some downlights.

Please bear with us at this time.

It will be lovely and light and dust free upon completion of the project.

St. Brendan's Womens Group

Friday 20th of August at 7.00PM at the Parish Centre.

Reflection : Marie Madeleine d'Houet - A Women For Our Time, Presentation - St Maximilian Kolbe.

For more detail email bozena59@yahoo.com

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And YES we WELCOME YOU BACK

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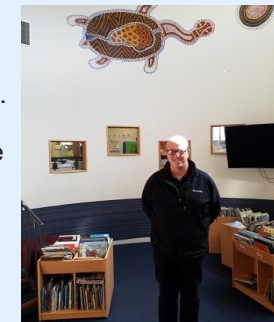


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LAST WEEK WE CELEBRATED RECOGNITION OF PRINCIPALS DAY and we honour our very own School Principal, Mr Anthony Butts

Educational History Enjoyed primary school at St. Annes, North Albury, and went on to secondary level at Xavier High School, Albury. He showed an initial interest in being a chef, but the work experience did not align to his Saturday sport, so decided to follow in his sister and brother in law's footsteps and become a teacher. Studied at the Australian Catholic University in Ballarat.



Career His first job was teaching Grades 1/2 and also 5/6 at St. Mary's Corowa and loved it. He then went overseas and taught in London in 1998. This was a very interesting experience teaching in inner city London where there were tiny play areas, no grass and no real playgrounds. On returning to Australia, he spent 7 years at St. Mel's as a classroom and PE teacher. From there he moved on to St. Joseph's in Nagambie in 2006 where he was Principal for 3 years. This was a tiny school with 25 students.

In 2009 he was appointed as Principal at St. Mary's, Mooroopna. He loves it here and has seen many changes.

- Building the Marian Centre
- Building the new Library and Grade 3/4 building. The centre piece of this building is a sunken amphitheatre—known as the water hole (Mooroopna—Deep Water Hole.) and designed to reflect local indigenous history. The curves of the classroom walls symbolise the Mercy Cross and recognises the Mercy Sisters who were the founders of St. Mary's.
- Landscaping the front of the school

Best Thing about the Job—loves being part of the St. Mary's and Mooroopna community and enjoys the life journey of the students, their families and the staff. It is a privilege to be part of it.

Greatest Achievement—supporting students with a learning difficulty or special needs. It is so rewarding to see them flourish as individuals and learners.

Mons Peter's comment We benefit from Anthony's broad experience and the atmosphere he creates amongst staff, students and families.

MONS PETER AWAY

Mons Peter will be away on his long overdue retreat next week.

He will be leaving Tuesday afternoon and returning late Friday.

Graeme Quinlan has kindly offered to do communion services in his absence.

LEGION OF MARY CENTENARY CELEBRATION HEATHCOTE

Sunday, 4th April

Mass 10.00-am, Holy Hour 11.00am,
Benediction 12 noon, Talk 2.00pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3.00pm

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 3/8/21

Three walls of the church have recently been painted as well as the parish office. This was done by Cosi DePalma from Tatura at a total cost of \$9220.00. Mons Peter's office will be done late in August.

Parish computer needs updating and a new one has been ordered.

Renovations to the narthex are proposed and this will upgrade the area, add more lighting, and hopefully eliminate the dust.

Bingo has been operating when Covid restrictions permit and the committee have just handed over a cheque to the parish for \$6386.00 for which we are very grateful.

A full financial report is being compiled and will be circulated in the coming weeks.

KEEP THE DATES FREE Catholic Women's League Retreat

Wednesday, 29th September, 10.00am
and

Tuesday, 19th October, 10.00am

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A message from Mons Peter !

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending, and to have the two as close together as possible

George Burns

