



WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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The Living Word

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

16 February 2025

First Reading Jer 17:5-8

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) *Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And

what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:17. 20-26

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Blessed are the poor? – the hungry? – those who mourn? What is Jesus doing in these Beatitudes?

Jesus was not a 'pie in the sky' dreamer saying: 'You are destitute, hungry now. Don't worry, you will be okay in paradise in the long distant future.' *That* would be a cruel celestial joke.

Rather, Jesus was setting about the task of creating a new sort of society, the Kingdom of God on earth, in which the destitute, the starving, the weeping, are *blessed* in the sense that they can expect their suffering to be alleviated, companions to be found in their distress.

The Divine imperative is that His followers break out of their comfort zone of plenty of money, full stomachs, much to laugh about. They must enter into the harsh reality of other people's destitute, starving, weeping lives. Woe to them if they do not.

Can Our Lord look into the heart of each one of us living in our comfortable world, and then with confidence turn to that *other* world and recite the Beatitudes?

We might pause for a moment, recognise that Jesus' credibility is on the line, and pray that His Father's will be done on *earth* as it is in Heaven.

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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 17/2	No mass	
Tues 18/2	Holy Hour Exposition	5pm
Tues 18/2	Mass	6pm
Wed 19/2	Mass	6pm
Thurs 20/2	Mass	6pm
Fri 21/2	Mass	10am

NO MASS ON MONDAYS

Please spread the word that there will be no mass on Mondays at St Mary's Mooroopna from next Monday 17 February until further notice.



Mass
Schedule
Change

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 15th Feb: Imelda
Sun 16th Feb: Liz Donnelly

Sat 22nd Feb: Valoia Family
Sun 23rd Feb: AM Carroll

Meetings

Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday 18 February from 7pm in the Parish House.

Opening School Mass and Retirement Celebrations

St Mary's Primary School Opening Mass will be on Friday, 21st February, followed by a special Presentation Assembly to celebrate the retirement of Monsignor Peter. This will take place at 11.45am in the Marian Centre. All parents, friends and parishioners are invited to join us for this special mass and farewell for Monsignor Peter on behalf of the school community.

Note—A Parish Farewell Committee has been formed to organise a Parish farewell at a later date.



Thank you to everyone who came to Mason's Mass and morning tea. We wish him all the best as he leaves for Melbourne this Sunday.



Prayer for Mason

“Mason, we ask the Lord bless you and let his light shine on you. May He inspire your learning and bless your friendships. May He strengthen you and bless you with joyful hope for the journey ahead. May He guide you in times of happiness or difficulty and show you your path in life. And may you always remember that you have a special place in the hearts and prayers of St. Mary's parish family and that we will welcome you with open arms whenever you have the opportunity to visit us. Amen.”

Sometimes a picture speaks a thousand words




Monsignor Peter Jeffrey to retire after 61 years



Thank you to the Shepp News for including a wonderful article in about the retirement of our beloved Mons Peter Jeffrey.

CALENDAR



DIOCESE OF SANDHURST



FEBRUARY

- 02 Presentation of the Lord
- 03 - 06 Recently Ordained Priests Inservice
- 08 Saint Josephine Bahkita International Day of Prayer for human trafficking.
- 11 World Day of Prayer for the Sick
- 14 e-News 93
- 15 Marong Cup SYM Ref. Group Meeting
- 20 World Day of Prayer for Social Justice
- 21 SMPC Meeting 9
- 22 SMPC Meeting 9
- 28 e-News 94

MARCH

- 02 Project Compassion Sunday
- 04 Shrove Tuesday Project Compassion Launch
- 05 ASH WEDNESDAY
- 07 World Day of Prayer (ecumenical)
- 09 1st Sunday of Lent
- 10 Labour Day Holiday
- 14 e-News 95
- 16 2nd Sunday of Lent RCIA Rite of Election
- 17 St Patrick's Day
- 19 St Joseph, husband of Mary
- 21 Harmony Day
- 23 3rd Sunday of Lent
- 25 Annunciation of the Lord
- 28 e-News 96
- 30 4th Sunday of Lent RCIA Retreat Anniversary of the Diocese

APRIL

- 04 Last day of school for Term 1
- 06 5th Sunday of Lent
- 11 e-News 97
- 13 PALM SUNDAY
- 15 CHRISM MASS - 11.00 am Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo
- 17 HOLY THURSDAY
- 18 GOOD FRIDAY
- 19 HOLY SATURDAY
- 20 EASTER SUNDAY
- 21 EASTER MONDAY
- 22 School Term 2 starts
- 25 ANZAC Day
- 27 Divine Mercy Sunday Our Lady of Good Counsel

Quote of the Day

Jesus didn't say, 'Blessed are those who care for the poor.' He said, 'Blessed are we where we are poor, where we are broken.' It is there that God loves us deeply and pulls us into deeper communion with himself.

Men's Group

Our next Men's group gathering is on Saturday the 22nd of February at 7.30am. We are meeting at Stanley's Café at 48 High St Shepparton, for breakfast and a chance to meet in a more social setting. We would love to have you join us to meet some other men from surrounding areas.

If you have any questions, please call Anthony 58212633 on Tues or Thurs or e-mail shepparton.pastoral@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

ST BRENDANS CHURCH

YOUTH GROUP

YEARS 6-10

MARCH 21

3:30 (For a 4pm start) - 5.30pm
in the Pastoral Centre
(hall behind the Church)

Join us for food, games and discussion

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INTERNATIONAL ASPERGER'S DAY

International Asperger's day is celebrated on 18 February every year. This syndrome has been included in the autism spectrum since 2013, a disorder related to brain development. This impacts how a person perceives and socialises with others. What distinguishes Asperger's Disorder (AD) from classic autism are its less severe signs and the absence of language delays. Individuals with AD are interested in social interaction, but have problems in communication; taking people literally and unable to interpret body language. AD is more common in males, with 8 times more males than females diagnosed. www.asperger.asn.au/

WORLD DAY of PRAYER 2025

for Mooroopna Churches

Date: Friday 7th of March

Time: 1.30 pm

Venue: Activity Centre, Rodney Park Village

Host Church: St. Mary's

Women of Cook Islands have prepared this years' service
Planning: Suggestions for a guest speaker; someone to prepare and operate the Power Point Presentation on the day and people to help with planning and preparing for the day.



Contact: Cathie McMaster
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Readings for this week:

Jeremiah 17:5-8 1
Corinthians 15:12,16-20
Luke 6:17,20-26



Readings for next week:

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23 1
Corinthians 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38

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9am to 2pm



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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 and Josie Anderson, Rosemary Haig, Jill Taylor (White), Linda O'Rourke, Kellie Seymour, Robert Rocca, Irene Biesiekierski, Rosanna Scarcella, Melissa Scali, Wendy Sinclair, Angelo Conti

Recently Deceased: Philip Brady

Anniversaries:

ALTAR HELPERS Sat 15th Feb: not required

Sat Feb 22nd: Graeme Quinlan & Liz Donnelly

BINGO Sat 22nd Feb: Tom Dumaresq, Vicki Emmanuelli, Jenny Matthews, Emma Difiede

15th & 16th Feb	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Helen Betson	Inez Raleigh	Miriam Hogarty	Annette Rau
10.00 am	Liz Turk	Fiona Dowling	Marg Lee	Tom & Cecily Dumaresq
22nd & 23rd February				
6:30 pm	Kevin Murphy	Mavis Murphy	Mavis Murphy	Chris & Miriam Hogarty
10.00 am	Jacques Martin-Lefevre	Marie O'Meara	Maree Williams	TBC