



# WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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# The Living Word

Second Sunday of Lent, Year A

5 March 2023

## First Reading Gn 12:1-4

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.  
All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) *Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who  
revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

## Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10

*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

*From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:*

*this is my beloved Son, hear him.*

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

## Gospel Mt 17:1-9

*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, bodysoul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.

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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 6/3	Mass	6.00pm
Tues 7/3	Holy Hour Exposition	5.00pm
	Mass	6.00pm
Wed 8/3	Mass	6.00pm
Thur 9/3	Mass	6.00pm
Frid 10/3	Mass	10.00am

### EASY WORSHIP

Sat 4th March Valoia Family  
Sun 5th March AM Carroll

Sat 11th March Carmel Fasano  
Sun 12th March Valoia Family

### Media Report

The Shepparton News published a great article about our very own Mons Peter Jeffrey in the paper on Friday 3 March. There was also an interesting article about Jackson Saunders. Copies of both articles are in the entrance to St Mary's Church if you missed them.

### On the Lighter Side

This time last year I heard that some young people restricted their use of social media during Lent.

This year I overheard:

"I am giving up spreadsheets for forty days." His friend replied: "Excel Lent!"



## Second Sunday of Lent



A young Gamilaroi woman born and raised on Darug land, Teresa felt disconnected from her culture. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Teresa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

*"I was homeless. I didn't have a place to call home...my kids never had a connection to the community," Teresa said.*

Seeking a better future for her children, Teresa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs program, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Teresa access housing for her family and psychological support.

Through the program Teresa reconnected with her culture through Indigenous art. Her artistic skills flourished, and her artwork was chosen for the Vivid Festival in Sydney in 2022.

*"I don't think I'd be the person I am today without Baabayn and being part of the mum's group has brought out a lot of creativity in my bones that I didn't even know I had," Teresa said.*

Today, Teresa works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.



END POVERTY

PROMOTE JUSTICE

UPHOLD DIGNITY



We pray for all people who are a source of hope in the world, who help to transfigure darkness into light. May our support of Project Compassion help to keep alive our vision of Christ as the one we should most listen to, the light of the world.

You can help people like Teresa continue to thrive by making a donation through Project Compassion boxes and envelopes, visiting [www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.

Love that brings hope to the dispirited.

Love that brings light to the darkest places.

Love that reconciles enemies.

Love that is not satisfied with second-best.

Love that includes the poor and passed over.

Love that limits the influence of power-people.

Love that will not give up when the doctors do.

Love that sits quietly with the lonely.

Love that protects loudly with the marches.



# LENT

## A LENTEN REFLECTION

### What to give up ....

Give up complaining—focus on gratitude  
 Give up pessimism—become an optimist  
 Give up worry—trust Divine Providence  
 Give up harsh judgements—think kindly of others

Give up gloom—enjoy the beauty that is all around you  
 Give up bitterness—turn to forgiveness  
 Give up hatred—return good to evil  
 Give up gossiping—control your tongue

Give up worry—be full of hope  
 Give up negativism—be positive  
 Give up anger—be more patient  
 Give up pettiness—be more mature

Give up jealousy—pray for trust  
 Give up sin—turn to virtue  
 Give up giving up—hang in there!

### Lenten Eucharistic Adoration



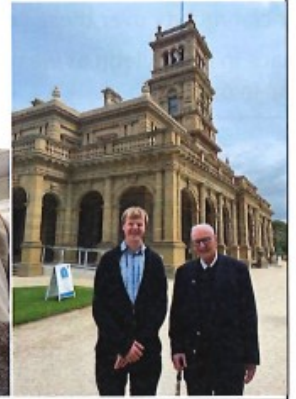
Every Friday until and including 31 March 2023.  
 Following the 10am Mass at St Mary's Mooroopna.  
 At 12noon, 2pm, 4pm and 6pm the Mysteries of the Rosary will be recited.  
 Concluding with benediction at 7:45pm.  
**ALL WELCOME**

## Save the Date

Mons Peter Jeffrey and Fr John Ryan  
**Jubilarian Mass** for 60 years of priesthood  
 will be celebrated on **Tuesday 25 July 2023**  
 from 11am at St Brendan's Church.

A local celebration Mass for Mons Peter Jeffrey  
 will also be held at St Brendan's Church on  
**Thursday 27 July** at 5pm.

Corpus Christi College (CCC), the regional seminary for Victoria and Tasmania, celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this week. A special luncheon was held at the original home of the seminary at the Werribee Mansion. Those in attendance included Monsignor Peter Jeffrey (former student at Werribee and former Rector of the seminary), Monsignor Frank Hickey from Nagambie (the oldest living priest of CCC at 96) and Fr Jackson Saunders (the youngest and most recently ordained priest present at the celebration).



## Sandhurst World Youth Day Pilgrimage for Young Adults:

Join the Sandhurst Young Adults Pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal for the 2023 World Youth Day celebrations!!! A group of 18–35-year-olds (post school age) from our Diocese will be journeying together for 2 weeks as we join young people from around the world to celebrate our faith. The pilgrimage will include attending the WYD Vigil and final Mass with the Pope, a day trip to Fatima, and a post-WYD retreat in Avila, Spain. We're really excited about the pilgrimage and hope you are too!! Expressions of Interest close March 10<sup>th</sup>. To help young adults get to WYD, the Diocese are offering financial sponsorships to help cover part of the cost of the pilgrimage.

For more information head to [sandhurstwyd.com](http://sandhurstwyd.com) or get in touch with the pilgrimage coordinator, Ruth Lawlor ([ruth.lawlor@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:ruth.lawlor@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)), for more information.

### A message from Most Rev Shane Mackinlay

*"I am happy to advise that I have appointed Fr Jackson Saunders as Chaplain for the Sandhurst World Youth Day Pilgrimage to Lima, Portugal, later this year. A number of Sandhurst priests submitted expressions of interest for this appointment, which were considered by the Diocesan World Youth Day Working Party.*

*I am confident that Fr Jackson will make a valuable contribution to the diocese's World Youth Day Pilgrimage Leadership Team and to the young adults undertaking the pilgrimage itself.*

*I am grateful to all those who indicated their interest in this appointment, which reflects the wide support across the diocese for accompanying and supporting young people on their journey of faith."*

Yours sincerely

Most Rev. Shane Mackinlay

# WORLD YOUTH DAY JULY 2023

Calling Young Adults 18 - 35yrs to Pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal.  
 For more information contact Ruth at the Sandhurst Youth Ministry Office

*'Mary arose and went with haste.'*  
 Luke 1:39

## Sandhurst to Lisbon



Readings for  
this week:

Genesis 12:1-4  
2 Timothy 1:8-10  
Matthew 17:1-9



Readings for  
next week:

Exodus 17:3-7  
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8  
John 4:5-42

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**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:**

**ALTAR HELPERS** Mar 4th Kath Brett and Di Morris Mar 11th not required

**BINGO** Mar 11th Bev Ryan, Graham Quinlan, Emma Difede, Kylie Glover and Maria Tripoli

4th & 5th March	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Angelo Conti	Liz Turk	Miriam Hogarty	Josie Buttegieg
10.00 am	Inez Raleigh	Cecily Dumaresq	Marg Lee	School Mass
11th & 12th March				
6:30 pm	Margaret Campbell	Marie O'Meara	Angela Iocona	Merv & Pam Cormick
10.00 am	Michelle Hicks	Rosemary Wingrave	Inez Raleigh	Rosemary Wingrave