



# WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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# The Living Word

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**19 February 2023**

## First Reading Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

*You must love your neighbour, as yourself.*

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: "Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13, R. v.8**

*(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and  
compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Cor 3:16-23

*All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.*

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The

Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollous, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

## Gospel Acclamation 1 Jn 2:5

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 5:38-48

*Love your enemies.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

"You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect."



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

'Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect.' Is Jesus advocating rather static fault-lessness? Not very appealing! No, the Greek word is closer to the idea of a perfect wine – one that has matured and has reached its full potential. So, Our Lord is saying, 'Be a person who is everything you are capable of being.'

Our Lord gives a striking example of the challenge. God does not withhold life-giving sun and rain from people because they are bad or dishonest, nor extinguish the life of human beings because they are evil, because they are enemies.

What are the implications for Church teaching on capital punishment or warfare? Note that Jesus' command: 'You must be ...' is directed to *You* in the plural. It is communal, social. The Church community must listen. Is the Holy Spirit moving us in a direction not experienced since its first three centuries?

We could pause for a moment to pray on behalf of those who want to do us harm, the better to hear: 'Blessed are the peacemakers.'

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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 20/2 `Mass 6.00pm  
Tues 21/2 Holy Hour Exposition 5.00pm  
Mass 6.00pm  
Wed 22/2 Mass 6.00pm  
Thur 23/2 Mass 6.00pm  
Frid 24/2 Mass 10.00am

### PARISH / SCHOOL NEWS

#### EASY WORSHIP

Sat 18th February Liz Donnelly  
Sun 19th February Valoia Family

Sat 25th February Carmel Fasano  
Sun 26th February AM Carroll

### PARISH MEETINGS

Tues 28th Feb—Finance Committee Meeting  
(Note—new date)

### Project Compassion Sunday

*We pray for the ability to understand that God's wisdom is greater than ours. May our support for Project Compassion enable us to join Mary in saying yes to God's plan of justice for the whole human family.*

## WELCOME TO THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

## Compassion

*The compassion of God is a very strong theme that runs through the Gospel of Luke. Throughout the gospel, the compassion and mercy of God is emphasised and a defining feature of the gospel is the number of healings and parables that relate to people who were regarded as the outcasts of society. In this gospel, Jesus is the embodiment of God's compassion. Jesus wants all people to experience first hand the abundant love God holds for them. Today's gospel passage is a reminder that when we experience God's compassion we are also called to show it to others.*

## St Mary's Bingo

Bingo has been running for some 40 years at St. Mary's. It is run on a Saturday night in the Marian Centre. Over the years, it has raised a lot of money for the Parish and school. On a usual year, the school has received \$12,000 per year - to use for various projects around the school - namely, the play ground equipment upgrade, assistance with the purchase of land in Hall Street, just to name a few. The Parish has received \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year - again maintaining and supporting the Church and Parish.

We need 8 to 10 people each night to run the program. We have a roster for every 8 weeks. The commitment is not hard or long each night. Such as Helping with canteen - (Small) 2 hours. Selling tickets 2 hours, Floor walking - while games are being played - 2 to 3 hours and calling support from Auto caller set up on computer—3 hours.

If you can help with some time or part of the time - particularly with canteen or selling tickets- that would help the people that are coming every week.



**MORE HELPERS = LESS WORK FOR OTHERS...**

PLEASE phone Maree on 58252584 or Bev 58252597.

## Project Compassion Sunday 18 & 19 February



Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, **“The future starts today, not tomorrow.”**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



### CONGRATULATIONS and WELCOME TO

*The following children  
who will be baptised  
at 10.00am this Sunday*

*Frederik Van Eyk*

*Reeve McNamara*



### Lenten Eucharistic Adoration



Beginning Friday the  
24<sup>th</sup> of February,  
each Friday until and including  
the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2023.

Following the 10am Mass  
at St Mary's Mooroopna,  
and finishing at 8pm.

At 12noon, 2pm, 4pm and 6pm the  
Mysteries of the Rosary will be recited.

ALL WELCOME

# thank you!

A big thank you to everyone that helped with the Memorial Service for the late Fr Peter Quinn. It was a very touching service and a true reflection of the great person he was. It was wonderful to see so many people in attendance and it was nice to have a cuppa afterwards and reflect on some lovely memories of “Quinny”.

### World Day of Prayer 2023

Friday 3rd March  
at 1.30 pm at the  
Activity Centre,  
Rodney Park Village,  
Knight St, Mooroopna.

St Mary's will require 2  
people to read.

Please let  
Cathie McMaster know if  
you would like to read.  
M: 0434 343 327





Readings for this week:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18  
1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
Matthew 5:38-48



Readings for next week:

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

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**YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR .....**

**Sick List:** Graeme Weir, Cherie Mammone, Jim McIntyre, Pat Treacy, Irene Murphy, Irene Biesiekierski, Dennis Corboy, Barry Monaghan, Fr Steve Bohan, Parish Priest of Yarrowonga, Annette Kay [Friend of Rosemary Haigh] Kim Smyth, Noela McIntyre, Sam Sali, Rosemary Wingrave, Angelo Conti, Patrick Keane (Mons. Nephew), Arnold Shroeders.

**Recently Deceased:** Herb Schroeders

**Anniversaries:**

**ALTAR HELPERS** Feb 18th Liz Donnelly Feb 25th not required

**BINGO** Feb 25th Josie Cortese, Fiona Nioa, Tina Kennedy and Katheryn Davkoski

18th & 19th February	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Fiona Dowling	Helen Betson	Rob O'Meara	Chris & Miriam Hogarty
10.00 am	John Valoia	Imelda Valoia	Cecily Dumaresq	Carrafa family
25th & 26th February				
6:30 pm	Liz Donnelly	Kevin Murphy	Ester Janke	Checca Richards
10.00 am	Jacques Martin – Lefevre	Laine Martin –Lefevre	Margaret Campbell	Valoia Family