



WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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The Living Word

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

11th September 2022

First Reading: Ex:32:7-11,13-14
The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatized. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them, they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice.. 'Here is your God, Israel, 'they have cried, 'who brought you up from the land of Egypt! ' I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against the people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps.50:3-4. 12-13.17. 19 R. Luke 15-18

R. I will rise and go to my Father.

1. Have mercy on me God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. **R**

2. A pure heart create for me O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your Holy Spirit. **R**

3. O Lord, open my lips
And my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
A humbled, contrite heart, you will not spurn. **R**

Second Reading : 1 Tim 1:12-17.

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting

in ignorance and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy had been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence on his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us..

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 15: 1-10

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said, 'welcomes sinners and eats with them'. So he spoke this parable to them.

"What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home call together his friends and neighbours? ' Rejoice with me,' he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost.' In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? " Rejoice with me," she would say. "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate
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Rule-obsessed Pharisees complained that Jesus 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So, who are 'sinners'? The word commonly used in the Gospels for sin is 'hamartia' which refers to an arrow falling short of the target.

Our target is sharing in the life of God, but we often miss the mark, falling short through laziness and negligence, sometimes by deliberately shooting the arrow of our life in the wrong direction. We need the forgiveness of God, expressed in the hospitality of Jesus Christ, to encourage us to aim better.

At every Mass, we are invited to share in the re-enactment of Jesus' expert drawing of the bow, letting fly and perfectly hitting the mark in his life, death, resurrection and ascension to heavenly glory. We could pause for a moment to pray that Jesus may encourage and empower us to be the archers we are meant to be.

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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

Reconciliation Sat 10.30am—11.00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

*Mon 12th Sept. Mass 6.00pm
*Tues 13th Sept Holy Hour Exposition 5:00pm
Mass 6.00pm
*Wed 14th Sept. Mass 6.00 pm
*Thur 15th Sept. Mass 6:00pm
*Frid 16th Sept. Mass :Feast of Mary Mass
celebrated in the Marian Centre.
10.00am with St. Mary's School children.
All Welcome

PARISH / SCHOOL NEWS

EASY WORSHIP

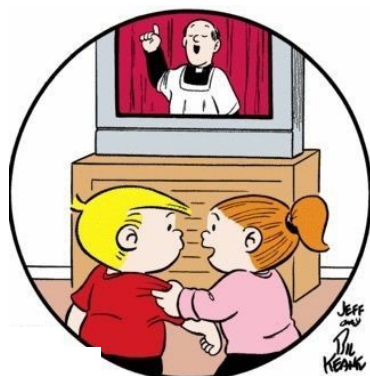
Sat 10th Sept. Sarah Richards
Sun. 11th Sept Liz Donnelly

Sat 17th Sept. Carmel Fasano
Sun. 18th Sept Valoia Family

PARISH OFFICE

Will be closed for 4 weeks.
See detailed message in our
bulletin.

Sunday Funnies!



“Hear that? People in heaven
ever-laughing life.”



*‘Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.’
(Laudato Si’, 217)*

A Prayer for our Earth

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Amen. (Laudato Si’, 246)

COMMUNION AT HOME



Communion in the home.

Do you know of anyone who is unable to attend our Parish Masses due to illness or have no transport and would like to receive Communion ?

If so, could you please contact Inez on 0437731497. or our Parish Office.

Your generous support will help in providing care for retired and sick clergy.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

“Let us not become weary in doing good ...”
Galatians 6:9



There will be a 2nd collection at our weekend Masses for the Priest's retirement fund.

The Priests Retirement Foundation for the Diocese of Sandhurst (“PRF”) was established in August 2001 by the late Bishop Joseph Grech, pursuant to Canon 281 of the Canon Law of the Roman Catholic Church.

The PRF assists priests who have entered retirement by providing care and support including social welfare, maintenance, necessities of life and relief from poverty. This includes retired priests who are in necessitous circumstances such as infirmity, sickness, incapacity or old age. The PRF supports over 15 retired priests in the Diocese of Sandhurst with this number expected to grow over the coming years as more priests reach their age of retirement. Though even in retirement some of our retired priests continue to serve our Diocesan faithful by the celebration of weekend masses in parishes.

Baptism

This weekend our Parish family welcomes the following who are to be Baptised after 11 am Mass Sunday 11th September.

Oliver Crawford
Lucy Crawford

Mason Joshua Dwyer
Dustin Ray Dwyer

Mila Freer
Kobe Freer
Jorja Freer



PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE



Brenda is going on Annual Leave. She will return on September 20th.

Monsignor Peter will be about for urgent issues and Sheila Griffin will do the parish bulletin during that time.

Sheila can be contacted by phone on 0439 361 950

Or emailed on noelsheila1@bigpond.com

POSITION AVAILABLE St Brendan's Parish Maintenance / Garden Officer

Permanent Part
Time, 4 hrs per week

8am—12 noon
Wednesdays

Applications close
7th October 2022



For all enquires or to
obtain a Position Description

Email: shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

To Know Him is to Love Him: Unpacking the Teachings of the Church

Come to a deeper knowledge of Christ and His teachings with an in-depth look at the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, led weekly by a local Theology teacher.

Every Tuesday, 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

St. Brendan's Parish Centre,

For more information, please contact
Winona on 0432 865 933.



Annual Marian Festival

Sunday 16th October: -at the
Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo.

Cost \$30 to secure your seat on the
bus. Please pay through St. Brendans'
Parish Office before Friday 30th
September.

Pick up St. Mary's [near front of
Church] at 8:15 am



Catholic Women's League

1 day Retreat.

- Wednesday 28th September
- St. Mary's Mooroopna.
- ◆ **Program**
- ◆ Mass 10 am:
- ◆ Rosary
- ◆ Talk
- ◆ The Angelus
- ◆ BBQ Lunch @ 1pm
- ◆ Talk
- ◆ Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- ◆ Divine Mercy Chaplet.

The day will finish at around 3 pm.

All ladies of the Parish are cordially invited to attend.

The day will be facilitated by Fr Peter Ferwerda.
*Further information to follow.



Every day is a
blessing from God.

Let go of what was and
have faith in what's to come.



Readings for this week:

Wisdom 9:13- 18
Philemon 9-10, 12- 17
Luke 14:25- 33



Readings for next week:

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14
1Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Sick List: Graeme Weir, Cherie Mammone, Jim McIntyre, Pat Keane, Pat Treacy, Irene Murphy, Irene Biesiekierski, Dennis Corboy, Barry Monaghan, Fr Steve Bohan, Parish Priest at Yarrawonga, Annette Kay (friend of Rosemary Haigh,) Kim Smyth, Anne Ryan

Recently Deceased : Catherine Wall, past St. Mary's Parishioner. [Requiem Mass concelebrated at St. Mary's 17th Sept @ 1pm] and Sr. Maureen Howley.

ALTAR HELPERS 10th Sept. Margaret & Michael McCarty **17th Sept.** Not Required

BINGO : 17th Sept: Maree Williams. Marie & Rob O'Meara; Mark Carnovale

10th & 11th September	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Chris Hogarty	Cecily Dumaresq	Angela Iocona	Checca Richards
10.00 am	Tom Dumaresq	Sheila Griffin	Inez Raleigh	Rosemary Wingrave
17th & 18th September				
6:30 pm	Checca Richards	Helen Betson	Mavis Murphy	Josie Buttigieg
10.00 am	AM Carroll	Anthony Butts	Peter Stein	Leo & Brenda Pye