



WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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The Living Word

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

13 February 2022

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

Sat Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

10.30am to 11.00am Saturday

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 14/2	Mass	6.00pm
Tues 15/2	Holy Hour Exposition	5.00pm
	Mass	6.00pm
Wed 16/2	Mass	6.00pm
Thur 17/2	Mass	6.00pm
Frid 18/2	Mass	10.00am

PARISH / SCHOOL NEWS

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 12th February	Sarah Richards
Sun 13th February	Valoia family
Sat 19th February	Carmel Fasano
Sun 20th February	AM Carroll

PARISH MEETINGS

Wed 16th Feb PPC, 7.00pm

BULLETIN BLOOPERS—but never at St. Mary's !

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members, and to the deterioration of some older ones !!



WELCOME TO THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Most of you have come across the 'Footsteps in the sand' prayer at some time. While its popularity may wax and wane in line with the cynicism of the times, there is certainly truth to it.

In essence, in describing a dream of walking with the Lord across the sand, the supplicant notes that at the most troublesome times there is only one set of footprints. 'I don't understand why in times when I needed you most, you should leave me,' is the cry. The Lord replies, 'My child. I love you, and I would never leave you during your times of trial and suffering. When you saw only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you.'



'This call to trust in the Lords love and support is the theme for this Sunday's readings. Happy are those who have placed their trust in the Lord, says the psalm.'

World Day of Prayer 2022

Friday, 4th March, 1.30pm
In Activity Centre, Rodney Park Village
Knight Street, Mooroopna

We require 3 people to read a short prayer each.

If you can help, please contact
Cathie McMaster 0434 343 327

ST MARY'S BALL COMMITTEE

Has been running for 40 years and we have one ball each year with 18—20 debs. We are looking for someone to join this small committee for a period of 8—10 weeks each year in preparation for the ball.

We have someone to train the debs and their partners.

If you are interested, or know someone who may be, please contact
Maree on 5825 2584



MEALS for MONS

Thank you to those who responded last week. Mons will continue to be well nourished.

NO CHANGE TO DENSITY QUOTIENTS

In line with hospitality settings, there has been no change to the requirements for churches. However, we are still required to QR Code or check in manually, use hand sanitiser, wear a mask and practise social distancing where possible.



In a further measure to keep us all safe, we have adopted the practise of social distancing and forming one line only for holy communion and thank you all for your co-operation in this regard

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., although with COVID restrictions, it has been a stop start season. On a usual year, the school has received \$12,000 per year - to use for various projects around the school - play ground equipment upgrade, help with the purchase of land in Hall Street, 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 ON OTHERS...

PLEASE phone Maree on 58252584 or Bev 58252597.

Do you want to learn what the Catholic Faith Teaches ?

In 2022, the local Adult Faith Education ministry will once again be running every week. These classes are for anyone who wants to learn more about what the Catholic faith actually teaches, by taking an in-depth look at the Catechism. Led by a local Theology teacher, each week we unpack the teachings of the Church in a clear and approachable way.

The classes run every Tuesday night, 7:30pm-8:30pm at the St. Brendan's Parish Centre, beginning on February 15th.

Make 2022 the year where you commit to learning the Catholic faith in a deeper way. All are welcome!

For more information, please contact Hayden on 0438 071

Congratulations

and welcome to the following children who will be baptized at

11.00am this Sunday

Darcy Henderson
Piper Henderson

Ella Louise Thomas
Izarith Jai Thomas

Arianna May Varcoe
Dustin Talbot Varcoe

Bohdi Mac Walsh
Shai-Leigh Woodman



Trust in the Lord with all your heart

Report of Finance Meeting held 8th February

The Diocesan Levy paid to the Chancery has been re-introduced after it being waived for 2 years during Covid.

Our parishes quarterly commitment is \$788.78.

Renovation work and the false floor in the Narthex is now completed at a total cost of \$7392.73.

A replacement Hot Water Service has been installed at the parish house costing \$1729.09.

Planned Giving Envelopes are being phased out at the end of April and there has been a great response from parishioners willing to change over to our Direct Debit system. Some new Direct Debit Planned Givers have come on board or increased their pledges for which we are very grateful. Others have chosen to give regularly via the loose collection each week, or make an annual donation.

The Finance Committee are deeply grateful to each and every parishioner for their acceptance of this change.

We ask you to continue to pray for peace and justice in Ukraine. God is the Lord of history and the Lover of Humankind. His grace changes the most hardened hearts. Ukraine was brutally invaded, its territory annexed, the society traumatized. May God convert the promoters of violence.



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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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Sick List: Graeme Weir, Pauline Griffith, Fr Owen Doyle, Cherie Mammone, Jim McIntyre, Pat Keane, Pat Treacy, Irene Murphy (sister-in-law of Kevin) Bernadette Dickason, Pat Goggin, Noela McIntyre, Irene Biesiekierski, Dennis Corboy

Recently Deceased : Louise Ashton **Anniversaries :** Peter Lagana—Month Mind

ALTAR HELPERS Feb 19th Marg and Kevin Lee Feb 26th Not required

BINGO Feb 19th Tom Dumaresq, Vicki Emanuelli, Vanessa Sleeth, Jenny Matthews, Emma DiFede, Dianne Stretton

12th & 13th February	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Angelo Conti	Ester Janke	Sarah Richards	Angelo & Nesta Conti
10.00 am	AM Carroll	Inez Raleigh	Anthony Butts	Carrafa family
19th & 20th February				
6:30 pm	Helen Betson	Imelda Valoia	Angelo Conti	Chris & Miriam Hogarty
10.00 am	Liz Turk	Michelle Hicks	Cecily Dumaresq	Rosemary Wingrave