

WELCOME TO

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The Living Word

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A *11 October 2026*

First Reading Is 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. ***(R.)***

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. ***(R.)***

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. ***(R.)***

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. ***(R.)***

Second Reading Phil 4:12-14.19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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Reflection *by Fr Michael Tate*

The servants of the king went out and gathered in 'all whom they found, good and evil alike'. They respond, drawn by the attractive prospect of sharing in the life of the Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed, whether good or evil.

What about the king's (God's) question to the wedding guest? 'My friend, how come you are here without a wedding garment?' The guest might have replied: 'Because of dire poverty', or 'Lack of time', but the story goes on, 'But the guest was silent'. The guest was tongue-tied because he was caught out having decided not to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

That is why, at every baptism, we look for a signal of commitment to respond to the spirit of the occasion, by the wearing of a white garment. This anticipates the later receiving of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the Feast of Heaven.

We could pause for a moment at this Mass to enter into the Spirit of the occasion wearing the garment of our baptismal commitment.

St. Mary's Primary School

Fr Ruel to confirm St Mary's PS students
on the following dates:

Sunday 11th October at 10:30am
Sunday 18th October at 10:30am

Sunday, 11th October

Congratulations on receiving your First Eucharist and the Sacrament of Confirmation

- Oscar Williams
- Bayden Newman
- Jiro Valledor
- Ava Fisher

Congratulations on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

- Isabel Weis
- Theo Natalizio
- Angelo Natalizio
- Samuel Koum
- Oliver DeMaria



Deanery Forum Round 3—Save the date

20 October - Goulburn Valley Deanery - MOVE (Museum of Vehicle Evolution), Kialla. Register at Trybooking via the following Link or QR Code: https://www.trybooking.com/DPJNH

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 10.30am

RECONCILIATION

10:30am to 11:15am Saturday

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 12/10	**No Mass**	
Tues 13/10	**Holy Hour**	**5pm**
Tues 13/10	**Mass**	**6pm**
Wed 14/10	**Mass**	**6pm**
Thurs 15/10	**Mass**	**6pm**
Fri 16/10	**Mass**	**10am**

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 10 Oct: Sarah Richards
Sun 11 Oct: AM Carroll

Sat 17 Oct: Liz Donnelly
Sun 18 Oct: Imelda

St Mary's Baptism Dates 2026	Formation Meetings Dates for 2026
Sunday 18 October Sunday 15 November	Next Tuesday 13 October from 7pm in the Church.

10th Anniversary of the Annual Public Rosary

Saturday 10 October 2026 at 10:30am

St Brendan's Parish Gardens
More details to come
Maureen: 0403 876 578





Sunday 18 October 2026

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For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children.

**Name changed for privacy*

National Carers' Week 2026

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Sunday, 11 October to Saturday, 17 October, the national theme will be "Care for a Carer". Focusing on making carers visible and supporting the more than three million Australians who provide unpaid care, and support family members and friends who have a disability, mental health condition, chronic condition, terminal illness, and alcohol or other drug issue, or who are frail aged. According to National Centre for Pastoral Research (NCPR), figures from 2021 Census showed there were 11,268 Catholics providing unpaid care in our Diocese. Most take on a caring role because of sense of family responsibility. This often means they can only work part-time which leads to serious financial challenges and, sometimes, poverty. Carers need to be supported – their own health, mental health and wellbeing can be seriously affected.
Contact https://www.carergateway.gov.au/
or Carers Victoria to develop carer skills or access support services.



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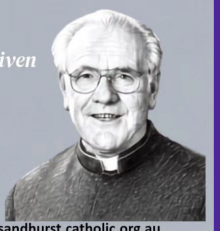
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52nd Marian Festival
This Sunday 11 October
Pray the Rosary for World Peace
Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo





Bishop Rene and some of our Parish priests attended the Renewed & Sent Summit in Sydney recently. The event is a three day summit designed to inspire and equip parish leaders across Australia to move from maintenance to mission in their communities. It focuses on prayer, formation, & practical strategies for parish renewal, emphasising the awakening of what God has already planted rather than introducing quick fixes or new programs.

Readings for this week:	Isaiah 25:6-10 Philippians 4:12-14,19-20 Matthew 22:1-14	Readings for next week:	Isaiah 45:1,4-6 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-21

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Sick List: Dennis Corboy, Pat Hicks, John Raleigh, Josie Anderson, Rosemary Haig, Logan Clarke-Lines, Margaret Campbell

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Maria Iacono

ALTAR HELPERS **Sat 10 Oct:** not required **Sat 17 Oct:** Marg Lee & Kevin Lee

BINGO **17 October:** Narissa Russell, Maree, Francesca Richards, Sarah Richards, Emma

11th & 12th October	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	TBA	Kevin Murphy	Rob O'Meara	Raymond Family
10.30 am	Marie O'Meara	Maree Williams	Inez Raleigh	TBA
17th & 18th October				
6:30 pm	Millicent Raymond	Mavis Murphy	Miriam Hogarty	TBA
10.30 am	Fiona Dowling	Helen Betson	Angela Iacono	Michael & Kay Gaffy