



WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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The Living Word

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

12 July 2026

First Reading Is 55:10-11

The rain makes the earth fruitful.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. (R.)
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. (R.)
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:18-23

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God,

Christ is the sower;

all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 13:1-23

(or shorter form Mt 13:1-9)

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand,
see and see again, but not perceive.
For the heart of this nation has grown coarse,
their ears are dull of hearing,
and they have shut their eyes,
for fear they should see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their heart,
and be converted
and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Here is Jesus telling another story about nature, in this case about soil good enough to bear a crop. Is he just a keen observer of the farmers of his time? No.

Throughout the Gospels there is a harmony between Jesus and the natural creation of a profound kind.

But St Paul intuited that link at a profound level in the case of the Risen Lord. This led him to make the most amazing claim that:

'The creation itself would be set free from its slavery to decay in order to share the freedom associated with the glory of the children of God.'

We, and the whole cosmos, share the legacy of a common destiny brought about by the powerful victory of Christ over the final instance of decay, destruction and every type of death.

We could pause a moment to pray with the angels as we do at every Mass:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.'

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SANDHURST PILGRIMAGE AUGUST 2027

WYD
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WYD Seoul 2027
will be held from
3–8 August 2027
and carries the theme:

*"Take courage!
I have overcome
the world".*

Expressions of Interest for the
Sandhurst Pilgrimage are now open
and can be submitted on the
CDOS website
<https://sandhurst.catholic.org.au>

Bulletin Notice:

PARISH VISITATION PROGRAM

CHANCERY STAFF SPEAKING AT MASS

At Sunday Mass on **19 July 2026**, a member of the Sandhurst Diocese Chancery team will introduce the Parish Visitation Program which our parish is participating in.

Our guest from the Chancery will be
Leslie Cooper, Executive Assistant.



She will provide information about the Parish Visitation Program, including details specific to our Parish, and will be available for a chat after Mass.



SUNDAY MASS
19 JULY 2026



MEET OUR GUEST
After Mass

*Together,
building a
vibrant faith
community*

We look forward to welcoming you! ♥

OPENING RELECTION

Bishop René Ramirez RCJ



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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

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday 10.30am

RECONCILIATION

10:30am to 11:15am Saturday

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 13/7	No Mass	
Tues 14/7	Holy Hour	5pm
Tues 14/7	Mass	6pm
Wed 15/7	Mass	6pm
Thurs 16/7	Mass	6pm
Fri 17/7	Mass	10am

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 11 July: Sarah Richards
Sun 12 July: AM Carroll

Sat 18 July: Liz Donnelly
Sun 19 July: Imelda

St Mary's Baptism Dates 2026

Sunday 16 August
Sunday 20 September
Sunday 18 October
Sunday 15 November

Formation Meetings Dates for 2026

- Tuesday 21 July from 7pm in the Church
- Tuesday 13 October from 7pm in the Church.

Prayer for the week

Lord Jesus, Sower of all the good that is in the world, Place in us the seeds of goodness and justice. Let our land yield a harvest of fraternal love And sheaves of joy and eternal life.

Quote for the Day

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love. *Francis of Assisi.*

Installation Mass:

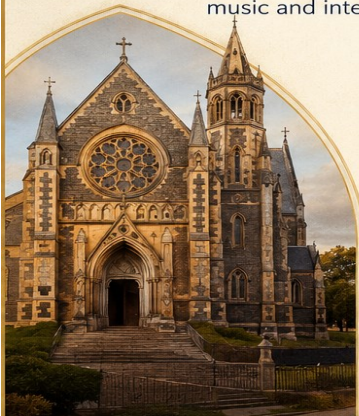
Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ
Thursday 30 July at 11am
Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo

Please email
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if you would like to attend



KEYS OF GOLD FESTIVAL 2026

This July, Catholic churches across Bendigo will host some of the festival's most powerful musical moments as the Keys of Gold Festival returns from **3 to 26 July 2026**, connecting history, music and international audiences.



ST KILIAN'S CHURCH, BENDIGO

The festival reaches a defining moment with the world premiere of a newly commissioned work by leading Australian composer **GORDON KERRY**, written especially for trumpet and organ.



The premiere takes place on **Saturday, 25 July at 11 am**, in the very church where Fr Henry Backhaus funded the installation of the organ in 1872, helping shape the musical life of Bendigo's early Catholic community.



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL, BENDIGO

Internationally acclaimed French organist **JOHANN VEXO**, former organist of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, will perform *'From Notre-Dame to Sacré-Cœur'*

SUNDAY 12 JULY AT 3 PM



St Brendan's Church

CHRISTMAS IN JULY TRIVIA NIGHT

JULY 17 | 6-9PM

Entry: \$10 per person (CASH ONLY)
6- 8 per table

BYO drinks and nibbles and coins for extra games and challenges!

All proceeds support our parish youth programs

EMAIL TO BOOK A TABLE
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Sacred Heart Hall, Notre Dame College

ST. DONATO FESTA TATURA

SATURDAY, 1ST AUGUST 2026

10.00 A.M. MASS
TATURA SACRED HEART CHURCH

11.30 A.M. DOORS OPEN
TATURA ITALIAN SOCIAL CLUB

LUNCH 4 COURSE MEAL
ADULTS \$65 - YOUTH \$25 (5-12 YEARS)

CASH PAYMENTS AT DOOR

ENTERTAINMENT BY RICK BRUN
GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES/AUCTIONS!

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR LUNCH
RSVP 2 1st July by phoning:

BOOK EARLY!

Pino Lagozzino 0427 677 943
Mary Zobec 0427 190 282
Frank De Palma 0427 552 686
Joe Gagliardi 0438 579 989

TICKETS SELL FAST!

All names required for Group Bookings!

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

• JULY •

For respect for human life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Pope Leo XIV asks us to join him in prayer each month for the challenges facing our world and the Church.




Mr Greg Westbrook appointed Diocesan Business Manager

Mr Greg Westbrook has been appointed Diocesan Business Manager (Executive Director), effective 1 July 2026.

Greg has been the Acting Business Manager for the Diocese for 20 months and, in that time, has brought gifts of business acumen, financial expertise and necessary attention to detail. He is committed to the mission and work of the Diocese and brings a pleasant and joyful demeanour to his relations with others.





Readings
for
this week:

Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Readings
for
next week:

Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

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

Recently Deceased: Nola Crilly

Anniversaries: Luigina Cecchin (one month anniversary)

ALTAR HELPERS Sat 11 July: TBC Sat 18 July: TBC

BINGO 18 July: Maree, Emma, Rob O'Meara, Marie O'Meara, Maureen Ball

11th & 12th July	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Kamsi Raymond	Kevin Murphy	Rob O'Meara	Raymond Family
10.30 am	Brenda Pye	Elaine Vertriest	Inez Raleigh	Michael & Kaye Gaffy
18th & 19th July				
6:30 pm	Millicent Raymond	Mary Coad	Miriam Hogarty	Chris & Miriam Hogarty
10.30 am	Helen Betson	Fiona Dowling	Angela Iacono	TBA