



# WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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# The Living Word

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**20 July 2025**

## First Reading Gn 18:1-10

*Lord, do not bypass your servant.*

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1**

**(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue. (R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

## Second Reading Col 1:24-28

*The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.*

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation See Lk 8:15

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Lk 10:38-42

*Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.*

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus turned the customs and taboos of his society upside down. In this Gospel, against all the rules of segregation, Jesus is alone with women who are *not* his relatives, completely at ease with their hospitality. It is personal relationships, not gender determined relationships, which are important to him.

Further, here is Mary assuming the posture of a student at the feet of a Rabbi (teacher) listening to his teaching. We remember that Jesus had chosen his male disciples in order to teach *them*. Mary chooses *Him* to teach *her*! Maybe it was a counter-cultural step too far for Martha. Is that what she is really 'anxious and troubled' about?

Jesus was willing to upset the social conventions and religious taboos of his day in respect of women. What would be a good contemporary response of the Catholic Church?

The word 'cardinal' means hinge – 'hinge of the door' – an essential part of the structure of the Church which is our home, in which we listen to the words of Jesus Christ. Could the College of Cardinals be supplemented to include women alongside the ordained male prelates? Outstanding women, religious or lay, could head some Vatican departments and take part in the election of the Pope.

That would be a strongly symbolic step with repercussions throughout the Church.

We could pause for a moment to pray for the Church to show a greater willingness to sit, like Mary, at the feet of Jesus so that we may hear his words: 'You have chosen the better portion.'

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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 10.00am

### RECONCILIATION

10:30am to 11am Saturday

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 14/7	No mass	
Tues 15/7	Holy hour	5pm
Tues 15/7	Mass	6pm
Wed 16/7	Mass	6pm
Thurs 17/7	Mass	6pm
Fri 18/7	Mass	10am

### St Mary's Monthly Devotions

*Friday Adoration and Saturday  
Adoration will be postponed until  
further notice.*



### EASY WORSHIP

Sat 19 July: Imelda  
Sun 20 July: AM Carroll

Sat 26 July: Liz Donnelly  
Sun 27 July: Liz Donnelly

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues 22 July:	Baptism Meeting at St Marys at 7pm
Fri 5 September	Celebration of the Season of Creation, Bendigo
Sun 7 Sept	Bishop Shane Thanksgiving Mass—11am at Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo
Sat 13 Sept	90 Year Anniversary Mass at St Patrick's Strathmerton from 6pm
Sun 28 Sept	Fr Joe's Farewell Mass at St Brendan's Shepparton from 11am

## Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

### Welcoming God into Our Lives

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C invites us to think about how we welcome God into our homes and our lives.

The readings show us both action and listening.

Abraham serves the Lord with great care.  
Mary sits at Jesus' feet and listens.  
Martha tries hard to serve, but she misses the quiet moment with Jesus.

Pope Leo XIV emphasises that, as Christians, "It is imperative we serve others". The pope said, "In order to live eternally, we do not need to cheat death, but to serve life, by caring for others in this, our time together," he said.

As was the case with the parable of the Good Samaritan, we should not ignore the weak, the helpless, and the needy in society. Similarly, as Pope Leo XIV said, *caring* for others should be a priority.



Happy Birthday to Father Addin  
for this Saturday 19 July!!!

This Sunday, the 20th of July, after the 10am Mass, there will be morning tea for Father Addin's birthday.

**Please bring a plate of morning tea to share,  
if possible.**

Maree will be in the Marion Centre before mass, if you would like to drop your plate off then.

### YOUNG ADULTS SUNSET SESSION

## DALE WRIGHT TESTIMONY

JULY 25 | 6-8PM | AGED 18-35

All Young Adults are invited to join  
for a discussion in the Pastoral  
Centre (hall behind the church)  
and join us for dinner afterwards

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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### CTRL YOUR SCROLL WORKSHOP



Presented by Tom and Xavier, covering:

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Creating digital  
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healthy balance

Ensuring effective  
and healthy  
screen-time habits

27 JULY, 6:30-7:30PM

PASTORAL CENTRE

RSVP BY 25 JULY



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Fr Isaac Demase SJ celebrated a Thanksgiving Mass last Sunday at St Brendans Church. Isaac was humbled to see many people who travelled far and wide attend in honour of his recent Ordination to the Priesthood. We wish Isaac many blessings.



**ST. DONATO  
FESTA  
TATURA**

**SATURDAY, 9th AUGUST 2025**  
**10.00 A.M. MASS**  
*Tatura Sacred Heart Church*  
**11.30 A.M. DOORS OPEN**  
*Tatura Italian Social Club*  
**Lunch 4 Course Meal**  
**ADULTS \$60 - YOUTH \$25 (5-12 YEARS)**

**ENTERTAINMENT BY RICK BRUN**  
 GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES/AUCTIONS!

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR LUNCH**  
**RSVP 1st August by phoning:**

Mary Zobec 0427 190 282  
 Pino Lagazzino 0427 677 943

**BOOK EARLY!** **TICKETS SELL FAST!**

### Save the Date

St Mel's Majellan Club – Celebrating 60 Years of Togetherness

In 2025, we mark a remarkable milestone – 60 years of friendship, faith, and community at St Mel's Majellan Club. We warmly invite all past and present members to join us in celebrating this special occasion at our St Gerard Majellan Feast Day Mass.

**Date:** Thursday, 16th October 2025

**Time:** 11:00 AM

**Location:** St Mel's Church, 18–22 Hamilton Street

Mass will be followed by a celebratory lunch. Further details will be shared closer to the date. To register your interest in attending, please contact:

Lorraine Corrish – 0412 848 548 Maree McKenna – 0409 956 464

### Save the Date

Friday September 5, Celebration of the Season of Creation Sandhurst Diocese's now annual event to mark the Season of Creation begins with an outdoor Mass at 11am, celebrated, this year, by Fr Joe Taylor, followed by a Picnic Lunch (either BYO or enjoy provided Sausage Sizzle). All parishioners are invited and encouraged to come along and celebrate this occasion. Venue is the Bendigo area

### Save the Date:

Thanksgiving Mass for Bishop Shane.

We will be celebrating a diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday 7 September at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo, before Bishop Shane leaves to begin his new role in Brisbane.



### Save the Date

Farewell Mass for Fr Joe. At St Brendan's Church, Shepparton on Sunday 28 September 2025, at the 11am Mass, which will be followed by lunch in the Sacred Heart Hall (originally known as Mons Bones Hall). More info to come soon.





Readings  
for  
this week:

Genesis 18:1-10  
Colossians 1:24-28  
Luke 10:38-42

Readings  
for  
next week:

Genesis 18:20-32  
Colossians 2:12-14  
Luke 11:1-13 18:1-10

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### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR .....

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**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Carlo Cecchin

**ALTAR HELPERS** Sat 19 July: Liz Donnelly and Mavis Murphy Sat 26th July: not required

**BINGO** 26 July: Maree Williams, Mark Carnovale, Kathryn Davkovski and Jade Vigliaturo

19th & 20th July	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Checca Richards	Chris Hogarty	Mavis Murphy	Gwen & Alex Ransome
10.00 am	Brenda Pye	Inez Raleigh	Maree Williams	Leo & Brenda Pye
26th & 27th July				
6:30 pm	EJ Valoia	Imelda Valoia	Sarah Richards	Josie Buttegeig
10.00 am	Jacques Martin-Lefevre	Lanie Martin-Lefevre	Inez Raleigh	Michael & Kaye Gaffy