



WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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The Living Word

Second Sunday of Easter, Year C

27 April 2025

First Reading Acts 5:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)
3. O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the true God is our light. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down

'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'
After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Doubt and questioning are a normal and proper part of being human. We should allow for this within the community of the Church. A point may come where a person may no longer remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this gospel story.

Within the companionship of the Church a doubter may hear the words: 'Peace be with you.' What sort of peace? It is that inner assurance that, in the midst of all the tribulations and the turmoil and the myriad precursor deaths which we suffer on all sorts of levels, the Conqueror of Death wants to be with us.

How can the Risen Lord be with us? In Holy Communion, and in those counted as least in the world. According to Matthew 25, He is those without the necessities of life: food, shelter, medical care, comfort in distress.

We could pause for a moment to savour that Peace which comes from faith in the Conqueror of Death and in his Real Presence in Holy Communion and in those in dire need.

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 28/4	No mass	
Tues 29/4	Holy Hour Exposition	5pm
Tues 29/4	Mass	6pm
Wed 30/4	Mass	6pm
Thurs 1/5	Mass	6pm
Fri 2/5	Mass	10am

St Mary's Monthly Devotions

First Friday Adoration

1st Friday of every month following the
10am Mass. Concluding with
Benediction at 5:45pm.
At 11am, 1pm, 3pm and 5pm the Mysteries
of the Rosary will be recited.



First Saturday Adoration

Adoration 9am to 10am
Mass 10am to 10:30am followed by Reconciliation as per
normal 10:30am to 11am.

Mons Peter Jeffrey is celebrating Mass each Tuesday at
Rodney Park Village Mooroopna, for all residents of Rodney
Park and anyone else who would like to attend.
Mass is held in the Varapodio Wing of Mooroopna Place
at 10am every Tuesday.

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 26th April: Valoia Family
Sun 27th April: Liz Donnelly

Sat 3rd May: Liz Donnelly
Sun 4th May: Imelda

MEETINGS

Our next Baptism Formation Meeting
will be held on Tuesday 29 April
at St Mary's Church Mooroopna from 7pm.

Second Sunday of Easter, Year C



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BINGO NEWS

The Bingo Committee were able to hand over \$3,500
to the Parish and \$3,500 to St Mary's Primary School
for the last 3 months which is fantastic.

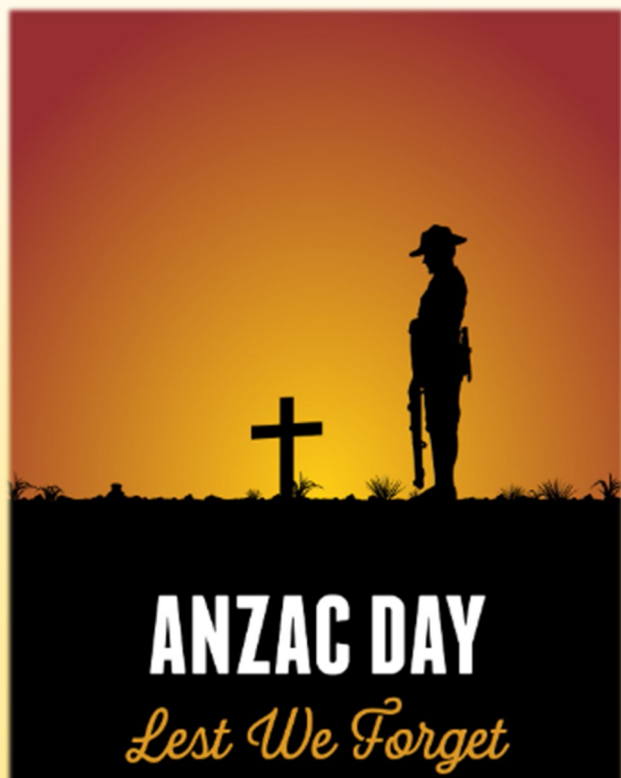
We still need more volunteers. If you can help please
call Maree on 04380804364.

MEN'S GROUP

For our next Men's Group meeting, which will include
wives and families, we are travelling to Longwood for a
long lunch with Fr Joe on Sunday 4 May at 12noon.
Fr Jow has been a great support and driving force be-
hind the Men's Group for the past 12 years. We'll enjoy
lunch and a relaxing afternoon with him. Please RSVP
for catering pur-
poses to me
(Anthony) on
58212633 on Tue
or Thurs or email
the Parish.



*Remember, O Lord
all those the brave and the true,
who have died the death of honour and
are departed in the hope of the resurrec-
tion to eternal life.
In that place of light from which sorrow
and mourning are far banished, give
them rest, O Lord, thou lover of men.
Amen.*



St Brendan's Youth Group
Grades 6-10
2nd of May 2025
3:30pm for a 4pm start to 5:30pm
In the Pastoral Centre (hall behind the Church)
Join us for food, games and discussion
shepparton.ym@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Exciting Sunset Sessions Ahead

The upcoming Sunset Sessions promise more engaging discussions and inspiring guest speakers:

- 25 April** – What Makes You Christian? with Father Adi Indra
- 23 May** – You Can't Ask That: Priest Edition with Father Jackson Saunders
- 27 June** – Father Rob Galea

The Young Adults group at St Brendan's continues to be a space where faith and friendship come together, helping young people navigate life's big questions in a supportive and welcoming community. If you're aged 18-35, you're invited to join us anytime—come along, share a meal, and make meaningful connections.

Email: sheppartonym@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

PARISH NOTICES

Youth Ministry Officer (2 positions)

The Diocese is seeking to appoint 2 Youth Ministry Officers passionate about fostering the personal and spiritual growth of young people in the Diocese of Sandhurst. For more information, a copy of the position description and how to apply go to: www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/our-diocese/positions-vacant

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 5:00 p.m., 15 May 2025.

Condolence Book for Pope Francis:

For those who would like to express gratitude for the life and work of Pope Francis and condolences on his passing, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is collating messages sent to: condolence-book@catholic.org.au.

The Bishops Conference will respectfully forward these messages to His Excellency, Archbishop Charles BALVO, the Apostolic Nuncio for Holy See.

We mourn the passing of Pope Francis, a humble shepherd, a voice for peace, and a tireless witness to the love of Christ. In gratitude for his life and leadership, prayer focuses have been set up in churches of our Diocese, inviting all to pause, reflect, and pray.

In his final Easter message, Pope Francis reminded us of the hope we carry:

“Jesus is not here, he has risen” (Lk 24:5).
Love has triumphed. Light has overcome darkness.

As Pilgrims of Hope, we carry his message forward. Even in grief, we do not lose heart. The tomb is empty—and Christ is alive.



Sacred Heart St Colman's Shepparton Class of 1977-1982 (Year 7-Year 12) The Festival of 60!

Join us to celebrate at the Peppermill, May 3, 7 PM. For more info, contact Dianne Brown at 0419 223 487.

The Divine Mercy 25th Jubilee

Mercy Sunday 27 April 2025

Come to the Feast of the Divine Mercy this Easter
Holy Mass Celebrated by Fr Joe Taylor
St Brendan's Catholic Church, Shepparton

- 2pm—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
- 3pm—Divine Mercy Chaplet in song Benediction
- 3:30pm—Holy Mass
- 4:30pm—Veneration of Divine Mercy Image



Readings
for
this week:

Acts 5:12-16
Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19
John 20:19-31

Readings
for
next week:

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41
Apocalypse 5:11-14,
John 21:1-19

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Sick List: Graeme Weir, Cherie Mammon, Jim McIntyre, Irene Murphy, Dennis Corboy, Barry Monaghan, Pat Hicks, John Raleigh, Josie Anderson, Rosemary Haig, Jill Taylor (White), Linda O'Rourke, Kellie Seymour, Robert Rocca, Rosanna Scarcella, Melissa Scali, Wendy Sinclair, Angelo Conti, Carolyn Purcell, Susie Purcell, Peter Stein, Graeme Quinlan.

Recently Deceased: Irene Biesiekierski, Pope Francis

Anniversaries:

ALTAR HELPERS Sat 26th April: *not required*

Sat 10th May: Cecily Dumaresq and Marie O'Meara

BINGO 3rd May: Owen Macreadie, Bernadette Dow, Carmel Fasano and Anne Maksacheff, Maree Williams

26th & 27th April	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Irene Tumua-Valoia	Ejay Valoia	Sarah Richards	Valoia Family
10.00 am	Sheila Griffin	Marie O'Meara	Inez Raleigh	TBC
3rd & 4th May				
6:30 pm	Cathie McMaster	Cecily Dumaresq	Sarah Richards	Tom & Cecily Dumaresq
10.00 am	Brenda Pye	Elaine Vertriest	Inez Raleigh	Leo & Brenda Pye