



WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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The Living Word

Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C

First Reading Jos 5:9-12

The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. *(R.)*
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. *(R.)*
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. *(R.)*

Second Reading 2 Cor 5:17-21

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 15:18

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and
against you.*

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus
Christ!*

Gospel Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property — he and his women — you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

For Jews, pigs are ritually unclean, so that living in a pig sty would make this young man unapproachable.

So, imagine the reaction of his Jewish audience when Jesus told the story of the father running to his son and embracing him still stinking of the pig sty, exclaiming, 'You were lost and now you are found.'

That is Jesus' portrayal of his heavenly Father's relationship with us.

Of course, sometimes we are the older brother, resentful that someone seems to have had too easy a time of God's forgiveness. Is this the attitude of many who challenge the emphasis by Pope Francis on Mercy as the core of God's relationship with us?

More often, we are like the younger brother who has strayed to a far off place, sometimes quite deliberately.

We could resolve to approach the Sacrament of Mercy during Lent, knowing that our heavenly Father will run towards us, embracing us, exclaiming, 'You were lost but now you are found.' That is worth a celebration!

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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 31/3	No mass	
Tues 1/4	Holy Hour Exposition	5pm
Tues 1/4	Mass	6pm
Wed 2/4	Mass	6pm
Thurs 3/4	Mass	6pm
Fri 4/4	Mass	10am

St Mary's Monthly Devotions

First Friday Adoration

1st Friday of every month
following the 10am Mass.
Concluding with Benediction
at 6:45pm.

At 11am, 1pm, 3pm and 5pm
the Mysteries of the Rosary
will be recited. (Fri 4 April)

First Saturday Adoration

Adoration 9am to 10am
Mass 10am to 10:30am
followed by Reconciliation as per normal
10:30am to 11am. (Sat 5 April)



EASY WORSHIP

Sat 29th Mar: Liz Donnelly
Sun 30th Mar: Imelda

Sat 5th April: Valoia Family
Sun 6th April: Sarah Richards

BAPTISM MEETING

Tues 29 April from 7pm at St Mary's Church



Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C

A Thanksgiving Celebration for Mons
Peter Jeffrey will be held this
Sunday 30th of March 2025

It will take the form of 10am Mass at
St Mary's followed by lunch in the
Marian Centre. Meat will be provided.
Asking for the attendees to please
bring a salad or a dessert.



Dates to Remember

Wed 9th April	Reconciliation Paraliturgy with individual confession	6:45pm
Fri 11th April	Stations of the Cross	6:30pm
Sat 12th April	Palm Saturday	6:30pm
Sun 13th April	Palm Sunday	10am
Thur 17th April	Holy Thursday Mass	6:30pm
Frid 18th April	Passion of the Lord, Good Friday	3pm
Sat 19th April	Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil Mass	6:30pm
Sun 20th April	Easter Sunday—Resurrection of the Lord	10am



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29th and 30th of March 2025

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HOLY WEEK

2025

St Mary's PS whole school Holy Week liturgies will be held on Monday 31st March in the Marian Centre at 2.15pm. This liturgy will replace Assembly for the last week of school. The Holy Week liturgies will involve Preps to Gr 6 presenting the Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Families and friends are most welcome to attend to join in this reflective prayer time.

Reunion

Sacred Heart St Colman's Shepparton
Class of 1977—1982 (Yr 7—Yr 12)
The Festival of 60!
Join us to celebrate at the Peppermill
Saturday 3 May from 7pm.

For more info
contact:
Dianne Brown
0419 223 487



Reminder

Daylight savings ends next weekend. Don't forget to move your clocks back one hour, from 3am to 2am on Sunday 6 April 2025.



INSTALLATION OF FR ARUN KORLAKANTI AS SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR OF SANDHURST CCR

Installation of Fr Arun Korlakanti as Spiritual Director of CCR Sandhurst by Bishop Shane Mackinlay. Praise and worship at 11.15am followed by Mass at 11.30am at St Brendan's Knight Street Shepparton, Saturday 29th March 2025. Followed by lunch and talks by Fr Arun at the Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre.
Lunch: Please bring a plate to share. All welcome!
Contact:
Brigita Hore 0412 042 196 Mary Zobec 0427 190 282
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Historical Society of Mooroopna Inc MUSICAL MEMORIES

Saturday 29 March 2025
At 1:30pm
Venue: 30 Park St Mooroopna
(behind old hospital)
Band: The Splinters
Devonshire Afternoon Tea
Cost: \$10 (cash only)
Contact Angela 0419 507 629

RECITAL

ORGAN & VOCAL

Johann Vexo (Organ) (Nancy/Strasbourg)
and
Damien Riviere (Tenor) (Paris)

Sacred Heart Cathedral
Sunday 6 April 2025
3:00 PM



Tickets available at
Trybooking



Those who observe Lent by giving something up or doing something for others are remembering the great sacrifice Christ made in giving up His life for our own.

During this time, many choose to give something up or do something extra. This year, some Notre Dame College students are doing both. Every day they find two items that are not needed at home and put them in orange bags. As they do this, they take a few minutes to reflect and count their blessings. When Lent is over, they will donate the bags to the Shepparton St. Vinnies Store and feel good knowing that the unwanted items will help fund life-changing programs that serve those in need.



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Readings
for
this week:

Joshua 5:9-12 2
Corinthians 5:17-21
Luke 15:1-3.11-32

Readings
for
next week:

Isaiah 43:16-21
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-1

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

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Catherine Stein

ALTAR HELPERS Sat Mar 29th: Marg Lee and Kevin Lee

Sat April 5th: not required

BINGO 5th April: Maree Williams, Mark Carnovale, Christine Flower, Faye Flower

29th & 30th March	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Chris Hogarty	Millicent Raymond	Sarah Richards	Angelina Vigliaturo
10.00 am	Inez Raleigh	Elaine Vertriest	Inez Raleigh	Tom & Cecily Dumaresq
5th & 6th April				
6:30 pm	Liz Donnelly	Kevin Murphy	Rob O'Meara	Angelo & Nesta Conti
10.00 am	Maree Williams	Liz Turk	Angela Iacono	Michael & Kaye Gaffy