



WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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The Living Word

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

21 June 2026

First Reading Jer 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side,
a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace
will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe
with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take
on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul
of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

(R.) *Lord, in your great love,
answer me.*

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my
brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.
(R.)
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.
(R.)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in
their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give
him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.
(R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:12-15

*A reading from the letter of St Paul
to the Romans*

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man,
and through sin death, and thus death
has spread through the whole human race
because everyone has sinned. Sin existed
in the world long before the Law was given.
There was no law and so no one could be
accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet
death reigned over all from Adam to Moses,
even though their sin, unlike that of Adam,
was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but
the gift itself considerably outweighed the
fall. If it is certain that through one man's
fall so many died, it is even more certain
that divine grace, coming through the one
man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an
abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Spirit of Truth will bear witness
to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mt 10:26-33

*A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew*

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:
'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now
covered will be uncovered, and everything
now hidden will be made clear. What I say to
you in the dark, tell in the daylight;
what you hear in whispers, proclaim from
the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body
but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather
who can destroy both body and soul in hell.
Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny?
And yet not one falls to the ground without
your Father knowing. Why, every hair on
your head has been counted. So there is no
need to be afraid; you are worth more than
hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in
the presence of men, I will declare myself
for him in the presence of my Father in
heaven. But the one who disowns me in
the presence of men, I will disown in the
presence of my Father in heaven.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Gospel reads: '... not one [sparrow] falls to the ground without your Father knowing.'

But that is a bad translation. The Greek simply says 'not one [sparrow] will fall to the ground without your Father.' Full stop! Our Heavenly Father accompanies a dying sparrow as it dies! That is the measure of the Creator's love for all creatures. God wants to – does – enter into the moment of death, our moment of death.

Now, that would be consoling if I were facing what Jesus was foreseeing for his disciples in the first century.

One of the first Christian groups to hear this Gospel was that set around the Tigris River running through Baghdad in modern day Iraq. During the warfare that raged there, that Christian community faced terrible persecution from fanatical Muslims. We can barely imagine hearing today's Gospel amongst the remnant, left in Baghdad today. How does 'Do not be afraid' really sound to them?

So, we could pause for a moment to pray for those for whom today's Gospel is a challenge beyond our imagining.

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Farewell St Agnes

On Thursday our community celebrated Sr Agnes. We express our heartfelt gratitude for the incredible blessings and talents she shared with our parish community over the past decade. St Agnes is moving back to her Parish in Essendon.



Vinnies Winter Appeal

Last Friday, St Mary's Primary School celebrated the Feast of the Sacred Heart with a whole-school Mass of Compassion. The students did a wonderful job participating in all parts of the Mass, and their singing was beautiful.

During the Mass, the Social Justice Leaders proudly presented the donations collected for the Vinnies Winter Appeal. It is inspiring to see the students living out the Gospel values in such a practical and meaningful way, showing compassion and care for those in need.

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated so far. Donations will continue to be accepted until the end of term. The items most needed are blankets, warm coats, jumpers, and pyjamas.

Your support is greatly appreciated and will make a real difference to members of our community this winter.



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 22/6	No Mass	
Tues 23/6	Holy Hour	5pm
Tues 23/6	Mass	6pm
Wed 24/6	Mass	6pm
Thurs 25/6	Mass	6pm
Fri 26/6	Mass	10am

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 20 June: Sarah Richards
Sun 21 June: Liz Donnelly

Sat 27 June: Imelda
Sun 28 June: AM Carroll

St Mary's Baptism Dates 2026	Formation Meetings Dates for 2026
Sunday 21 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 21 July from 7pm in the Church
Sunday 16 August	
Sunday 20 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 13 October from 7pm in the Church.
Sunday 18 October	
Sunday 15 November	

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



St. Mel's Parish
invites you to
COME and CELEBRATE
with us the Feast of
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

21st June 2026
(Sunday)
Holy Mass at 10:00am
St. Mel's Parish Church
18 Hamilton St., Shepparton

Procession of the Statue and Distribution of the Bread of St. Anthony will follow right after the Holy Mass.

EVERYONE is invited for
LUNCH & PROGRAM
at St. Mel's Parish Hall,
35 Hamilton St., Shepparton

\$10/adult
\$5/child

St. Anthony of Padua, pray for us.

St Mary's Primary School
IMPORTANT DATES

Grade 4 - 6: Sacrament of First Eucharist and Confirmation
Sunday 16th August – Candidates presented at Sunday Mass

Sunday 11th October -
Celebration of First Eucharist and Confirmation at mass.



THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL
EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Sydney 2028
A Moment in History

RETREAT by Paul White

Inner peace in friendship with Jesus (based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola)

WHEN: Mondays 6 July to 27 July

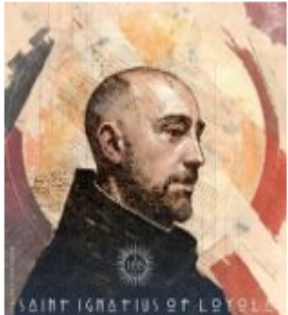
TIMES: 1.30pm - 3pm OR 7pm - 9pm

VENUE: Pastoral Centre, St Brendan's Parish (directly behind the church)

COST: \$40

REGISTRATION: by Sun 28 June

ENQUIRIES: Paul White - 0437 290 950



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KEYNOTE FRIDAY
What's the Mission and What Does That Mean Today?

Keynote Speakers
F. Richard Rosse and Ann O'Brien

GROWING COMMUNITIES OF MISSION

The mission that Jesus gave the Church to 'go and make disciples' (Matt 28:19-20) has not changed, but the social and cultural world in which our church communities are immersed and to which they are sent is now vastly different to the world of only a few generations ago.

This has huge implications for how the Church carries out Jesus' commission in ways that bear the 'fruit' that he envisaged, commanded and empowered us for.

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Readings
for
this week:

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

Readings
for
next week:

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
Romans 6:3-4,8-11
Matthew 10:37-42

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

ALTAR HELPERS Sat 20 June: not required Sat 27 June: Josie Cortese, Carmel Fasano

BINGO 27 June: Narissa Russell, Maree, Francesca Richards, Rob, Sarah Richards, Emma

20th & 21st June	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Liz Donnelly	Mary Coad	Rob O'Meara	Annette Rau
10.30 am	TBC	Inez Raleigh	Elaine Vertriest	TBC
27th & 28th June				
6:30 pm	Mavis Murphy	Cathie McMaster	Miriam Hogarty	Checca Richards
10.30 am	Liam Cowan	Sheila Griffin	Maree Williams	TBC