



This Week's Readings

Acts 2:1-11
Romans 8:8-17
John 14:15-16, 23-26

Next Week's Readings

Proverbs 8:22-31
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15



Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

St. Mel's Parish

BULLETIN

Looking at the Readings

Last week we read that the apostles were looking up into the sky wondering where Jesus had gone and what they are going to do now. The next chapter of the Act of the Apostles paints a different picture of the apostles and the disciples. The Holy Spirit came upon them, and they immediately left the safety of their enclosed room and went out among the gathering crowds. They knew exactly what to say and what to do. They boldly proclaimed: "Jesus is risen; Jesus is Lord."

St Paul writes: No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12:3, the second reading Pentecost year A). While commentators summarise the Genesis Creation narrative as establishing "Right Relationships" and the account of the Fall violates that right relationship with God, with others and with all creation; we can say that the Resurrection-Pentecost mystery establishes "Deep Relationships" so that we can call God, Abba, Father as Jesus prayed in Mark 14, and St Paul wrote to the Romans in 8:15 (today) and the Galatians in 4:6.

The Holy Spirit is the dynamic principle in this new intimate and deep relationship. And the Father will make our home with him!



Song of the Day

Come, Holy Spirit, from heaven
shine forth with your glorious light.

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Come, Father of the poor,
come, generous Spirit, come, light of our hearts.

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Come from the four winds,
O Spirit, come breath of God;
disperse the shadows over us,
renew and strengthen your people.

Veni Sancte Spiritus

Give them lasting joy! **Veni Sancte Spiritus**

From Taizé with added strophes between "Veni Sancte Spiritus"



On the Lighter Side

Child's prayer to the Holy Spirit: "Dear Holy Spirit, please guide my dad, protect my mum, help my brothers and sisters, and strengthen me. Oh, please take care of yourself. If anything happens to you, we're gonna be in a big mess."

Liturgical Jottings

Taizé Songs

Singing is one of the most essential elements of worship. Short songs repeated again and again give a meditative character in just a few words. They express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind and gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God, without having to fix the length of time too exactly. The "songs of Taizé" published in different languages are simple, but preparation is required to use them in prayer well so that the atmosphere remains meditative. One of the most popular chants is "*Veni Sancte Spiritus*".

https://www.taize.fr/en_article338.html

Welcome Bishop Shane Mackinlay

Today we welcome Bishop Shane to our parish as he celebrates our Sacramental Mass at 11:30 am, where our eighteen candidates will receive the sacraments of initiation, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

We also wish Bishop Shane a very Happy 60th Birthday for Thursday 5 June!

- From the St Mel's Parish Community

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St Mel's Parish would like to acknowledge the elders past and present of the Yorta Yorta Nation, and pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our parish and church is situated.





St. Mel's Parish invites you to
come and celebrate with us
the *Feast of*
St. Anthony of Padua

15th June 2025
HOLY MASS

10:00 AM
to be presided by
Fr. Joe Taylor

Parish Administrator of St. Mel's
Vicar General, Diocese of Sandhurst

*Procession of the statue and distribution of the Bread of St. Anthony will follow right after the mass.

***Everyone is invited for LUNCH & PROGRAM** at St. Mel's Parish Hall besides St. Mel's
Primary School, 35 Hamilton St., Shepparton. (\$10/adult)

*St. Anthony of
Padua -
A Great
Miracle Worker*

The Devotion of the
Bread of St. Anthony
(A Series)



The Great Miracle worker of Padua heard her pleas and granted her request. Her whole family was spared from sickness, and they all survived the epidemic in perfect health. Fr. Hannibal took the story as a sign from heaven that St. Anthony had decided to care for the poor children of the orphanage by granting people's prayers in favour of helping the poor kids. Hence, in 1887, the devotion to the Bread of St. Anthony of Padua was born. Three years after it started in Messina, the devotion was also spread by Theresa Bouffier in 1890, in Toulon (France).

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

O glorious St. Anthony of Padua, through your superhuman holiness, God has enriched you with the great gift of miracles, which you worked in great abundance, giving health to the sick, sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, speech to the mute, restoring limbs to those who had lost them, and even life to the dead, for which the Holy Church counts you among the most sublime miracle workers. Please, work new wonders for these afflicted persons who are waiting with great anxiety for your graces and miracles.

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be
St. Anthony, pray for us,*

SCHEDULE OF NOVENA MASSES

for the *Feast of*
St. Anthony of Padua

6 – 14 June 2025
9:15 AM

(on 8th June, Sunday, it's at 9:30AM)

6 June (Friday) - Fr. Ronald
7 June – (Saturday) - Fr. Addin
8 June (Sunday) @9:30AM - Fr. Ruel
9 June (Monday) - Fr. Addin
10 June (Tuesday) - Fr. Ronald
11 June (Wednesday) - Fr. Ruel
12 June (Thursday) - Fr. Addin
***13 June (Friday) - Fr. Ronald
(Mass in Italian)**
14 June (Saturday) - Fr. Ruel

COME & CELEBRATE WITH US!
*Feast of St. Anthony of Padua -
The Great Miracle Worker*

15th June 2025 (Sunday)

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by SHARING A PLATE,**

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***For BUSINESS SPONSORS** we will be happy to print
your **BUSINESS ADS** for 4 consecutive Sundays in our
Parish Bulletin.

For inquiries, please contact:
Mr. Sev Cortese (0417 229 038) or the Parish Office,
or any of the priests of our parish.

**Congratulations to those completing their
Sacraments of Initiation
this weekend**



*Bryson Agustin
Patrick Austen
Claudia Campi
Danielle Cirillo
Lilly Cirillo
Victor Cirillo
Mia De Stefanis
Audrey Gacus
Annabelle Hadfield
Joshua Matira
Paul Matira
Luke Miller
Ollie Napier
Jacob Sagoleo
Aria Spadaro
Joshua Sparkes
Alexsandra Teves
Catherine Watts*

Thank you to the community of St Mel's parish for your generosity toward Caritas Australia's Project Compassion donations during Lent.

A total of **\$4,658.05** was raised and will go towards supporting the vision of creating a better tomorrow!



To our beloved parishioners and friends, we make this appeal: We need people who could help us maintain the cleanliness of the Church and its surroundings, especially the garden (lawn & hedges).

By sharing your time and service you'll help our parish save at least **\$20K annually**.

**LET US KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN!
LET US HELP OUR PARISH SAVE EXPENSES!
COME and JOYFULLY SERVE THE LORD!**

For inquiries: please visit our Parish Office or approach any of our priests after Sunday or Weekday Masses.



Shepparton & Nagambie Mass Schedule

St Mel's

SUNDAY

St. Mel's	9:30 am
St. Mel's	5:00 pm

TUESDAY to SATURDAY

St. Mel's	9:15 am
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St Malachy's

SUNDAY (1st & 3rd)*

St. Malachy's	09:00 am
*2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion	

CONFESSIONS

St. Mel's: Every Thurs at 9:45 - 10:30 am

BAPTISMS (St Mel's)

3rd Sunday of the month

MARRIAGE

2 months-notice required

Parish Staff

Fr. Joe Taylor
Parish Administrator

Fr. Ruel Desamparado RCJ
Assistant Priest

Sr Pam Barlow
Religious Sister of Mercy

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Thursday: 9:30am- 2:30pm
Friday: 9:30am -12:30 pm



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Upcoming Parish Office Closure Days



The parish office will be closed on the following days;
Wednesdays 18 & 25 June
Wednesdays 2 & 9 July
Fridays 11 & 18 July

During this time enquiries can be emailed to
sheppartonsouth@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Change to time of the Holy Hour



As the mornings are chillier, the Holy Hour for Vocations will now take place **following** the daily mass from 9:45am every Thursday in St Mel's Parish church.

This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time in prayer and reflection, and to ask for God's grace to send more workers into his harvest.

A priest will be available in the confessional for anyone who wish to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 9:45am to 10:30am.

We hope that you will be able to join us and that you will find this time of prayer to be both rewarding and uplifting.

We ask for your prayers for the Eternal Repose of

Recently Deceased: Johanna Zeinstra
Anniversaries: John Crawford

Commentators/Lectors/ Special Ministers

**Sunday 15th
June**

Commentators
9:30am Trish Mathisen
5pm Tim Kelly

Lectors
9:30am Sev Cortese (L1) Mary Calandro (L2)
5pm Luisa Cassise (L1) (L2)

Special Ministers
9:30am Lucy Ciano & Maree McKenna
5pm Angie Knez & Cathy Cannatelli

Support your Parish!

Help fund our initiatives to move from maintenance to mission!

"Together we do more"

Use the QR Code to access our Donations Page.

May's Target = \$14,877
Actual - \$8,875
Short - \$6,002
June's Target = \$20,880



**TOGETHER
WE CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

JOIN US IN REACHING OUR
MONTHLY GOAL

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St Mel's Parish Safeguarding officer is Trish Mathisen. Ph: 0428 213 757

To find out more ways on how you can help improve our Parochial Community please contact Mel at **(03) 5831 2194**
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