



WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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The Living Word

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

19 July 2026

First Reading Wis 12:13-16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. (R.)
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:26-27

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of
heaven and earth;**

**you have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 13:24-43

(or shorter form Mt 13:24-30)

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

*I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the
foundation of the world.*

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

One loves someone so much – a child, a parent, a spouse or partner – yet when one tries to pray for that person the words seem only a pale shadow of the intensity of feeling and total love one feels. Stop! Simply put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

One's heart is breaking with grief for someone close who is very ill or dying. Or one feels a terrible anxiety or anguish. Words don't come easily even though one wants to pray. Stop! Put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

Perhaps accentuated by the constant messaging of social media, when trying to pray we can get anxious when there is a lull in the noise and no words come.

We could pause for a moment to relax and to allow the Spirit to express our plea in a way which could never be put into words.

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Parish Visitation Program

What is it?

For parishes:

- to reflect on all dimensions of life and activities in the parish, with the assistance and support of Chancery staff;
- to make plans for the future and set goals to achieve those plans.



At Mass this **Sunday 19 July**, Leslie Cooper of the Sandhurst Diocese Chancery team will introduce the Parish Visitation Program which our parish is participating in. She will provide information about the Parish Visitation Program, including details specific to our Parish, and will be available for a chat after Mass.

Furthermore, on **Sunday 9th August after the 10.30am mass** some members of the Parish Finance Committee and Pastoral Council will be available in the Marian Centre if anyone has anything they would like to contribute.

St Mary's Primary School - 90th Anniversary

As part of the 90th anniversary celebrations this term, St Mary's PS is inviting past students, staff, families and parishioners to share their St. Mary's Story with our students at our weekly assemblies.

On Monday this week, they welcomed Sheila Griffin, a much-loved former staff member, who began teaching at St. Mary's in 1971. Sheila shared wonderful memories of teaching in our St Mary's church on before moving into the school wing that now proudly bears her name. She spoke of teaching classes of around 48 students, giving our students a fascinating glimpse into what school life was like more than 50 years ago.

Additionally, as part of the 90th anniversary celebrations, students have enthusiastically embraced a special whole-school project centred around the theme:

Honouring Our Past, Inspiring Our Present and Building Our Future

Every student has been given their own personalised puzzle piece to decorate, reflecting who they are and the unique gifts they bring to our St. Mary's community. When combined, these individual pieces will create a beautiful whole-school display, symbolising that every student, past and present, is an important part of the St. Mary's story. Together, they are celebrating 90 years of faith, learning, friendship and community, while recognising that each new generation continues to build upon the legacy of those who came before them.



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 20/7	No Mass	
Tues 21/7	Holy Hour	5pm
Tues 21/7	Mass	6pm
Wed 22/7	Mass	6pm
Thurs 23/7	Mass	6pm
Fri 24/7	Mass	10am

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 18 July: Liz Donnelly
Sun 19 July: Imelda

Sat 25 July: Sarah Richards
Sun 26 July: AM Carroll

St Mary's Baptism Dates 2026	Formation Meetings Dates for 2026
Sunday 16 August	Tuesday 21 July from 7pm in the Church
Sunday 20 September	
Sunday 18 October	Tuesday 13 October from 7pm in the Church.
Sunday 15 November	

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.

ST MARY'S DEBS 2027

If you, or someone you know,
is interested in making their
Deb in 2027 with
St Mary's Deb Ball,
please contact Maree on
0438 084 364
for more information.

The St Mary's Deb Ball
will be held at
The Woolshed,
Emerald Bank,
Shepparton.

ST. MARY'S BINGO



ST. MARY'S
SCHOOL

For the last 3 months,
the committee was able to
hand the school and Parish

\$2,600
each.



ST. MARY'S
PARISH

A big *thank you*
to all the volunteers
that help each week to
make this happen and
to all the people
that come and play.



SATURDAY, 1ST AUGUST 2026

10.00 A.M. MASS
TATURA SACRED HEART CHURCH

11.30 A.M. DOORS OPEN
TATURA ITALIAN SOCIAL CLUB

LUNCH 4 COURSE MEAL

ADULTS \$65 - YOUTH \$25 (5-12 YEARS)

CASH PAYMENTS AT DOOR

ENTERTAINMENT BY RICK BRUN
GREAT RAFFLE PRIZES/AUCTIONS!

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR LUNCH
RSVP 21st July by phoning:



Pino Lagazzino 0427 677 943
Mary Zobec 0427 190 282
Frank De Palma 0427 552 686
Joe Gagliardi 0438 579 989



All names required for Group Bookings!

SOLEMN MASS of INSTALLATION

Most Reverend René Ramirez RCJ
NINTH BISHOP OF SANDHURST



11 am
30 July
Sacred Heart Cathedral
Bendigo

Sandhurst.catholic.org.au

**Happy Birthday
Fr Addin!**

May your birthday be
filled with love and
happiness.





Readings
for
this week:

Wisdom 12:13,16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Readings
for
next week:

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-5

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Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries:

ALTAR HELPERS Sat 18 July: TBC Sat 25 July: TBC

BINGO 25 July: Tom Dumaresq, Emma Difede, Francesca, Alex Ransom, Gwen Ransom

18th & 19th July	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Millicent Raymond	Mary Coad	Miriam Hogarty	Chris & Miriam Hogarty
10.30 am	Helen Betson	Fiona Dowling	Angela Iacono	TBA
25th & 26th July				
6:30 pm	Liz Donnelly	Cathie McMaster	Mavis Murphy	Angelina Vigliaturo
10.30 am	Inez Raleigh	TBA	Maree Williams	TBA