



Christ the King Church

ST MEL'S PARISH

"BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD..."

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St Mel's Parish is a Child Safe community.
We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all and a zero tolerance to child abuse.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 August 2023

Readings for
this week:



1 Kings 19:9,11-13
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

Readings for
next Sunday:



Isaiah 56:1,6-7
Romans 11:13-15,29-32
Matthew 15:21-28



Liturgical Jottings

Night Prayer (Compline)

Compline also known as Night Prayer, or the Prayers at the End of the Day, is the final prayer liturgy (or divine office) of the day in the Christian tradition of canonical hours, which are prayed at fixed prayer times. The English word is from the Latin completorium, as compline is the completion of the waking day. Compline is a part of Catholic, Anglican, Lutheran, and Eastern Orthodox, and certain other Christian traditions. It tends to be a contemplative office that emphasises spiritual peace. In most monasteries it is the custom to begin the "Great Silence" after compline, during which the whole community, including guests, observes silence until first prayer in the morning.

It comprises of an "Examen" of the day hymn, one or two psalms, a reading, response, the canticle of Simeon: "Nunc Dimittis" (Luke 2:29-32) concluding prayer and an anthem to Mary.

Looking at the Readings

Theophany is not a word we use often, yet today we have the witness of two theophanies: God manifesting himself to humans. First to Elijah on Mt Horeb in the sound of silence and then to the apostles when Jesus calmed the sea and the wind. Only God has that power. We read: "they bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'" (14:33) The parallel passage in Mark portrays great emotions not found in Matthew: they were terrified by the storm and utterly and completely dumbfounded by the miracle. (Mark 6:49,51). Elijah was much encouraged to now continue his mission, the apostles were beginning to recognise Christ.

Several times in the Gospel we hear Peter wanted to follow the Lord. He has great eagerness and faith but also has fears and misunderstandings. So many times Peter expresses out aloud what the others are thinking to themselves. Each Christian wants to affirm their faith, increase their trust and understanding so as to follow Jesus more closely. We rejoice in the epiphanies and theophanies moments, even when they are not as often as we would like.

Did You Know?

Hills and mountains are often referred to where Jesus goes to pray. He prays alone or in company with a few. Interestingly there are no hills near the Lake of Galilee, Matthew's reference that Jesus went up into the hills has a metaphoric meaning rather than a geographic reality. It most likely indicates a time of quiet solitude and prayerfulness.

Prayer for the Day

God of all power, your sovereign word comes to us in Christ. When your Church is in danger, make firm our trust; when your people falter, steady our faith. Show us in Jesus your power to save, that we may always acclaim him as Lord, who lives and reigns God for ever and ever. Amen.

Quote of the Week

But grace, for ourselves and for others, is obtained by humble prayer, by mortification, and by fidelity in the accomplishment of our own ordinary duties, including the simplest ones."

St. Maximilian Kolbe (1894, d 14/8/1941, Auschwitz)

On the Lighter Side

One night Tom's parents overheard his night prayer. "Now I lay me down to rest, and hope to pass tomorrow's test, if I should die before I wake, that's one less test I have to take."

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St Mel's Parish Is...

"A welcoming and caring community that helps all people grow stronger in our Catholic Faith."

REFLECTION FROM FR PETER

It's interesting how doubts often confront us, unwanted maybe? The encounter of Jesus with Peter has a situation of doubt. It's as if we can take Peter at his word... 'Can I really do this?' suggesting a walking on water feat might put him onto a level with Jesus. Humanely, we know doubts can paralyse, hold us back, even leading us away from a presence of the Lord. A key here is to call out from our hearts... 'Lord, please hear me!'

The encouragement we gain from this gospel story, is at times in the smallness of faith a greater calling can open us to move from doubt. It is to the Church, to individuals, and communities of disciples in the littleness of faith, the hands of Jesus reach out calling us to come! It just might be we find ourselves being the 'water walkers!' in this time of being the living Church we tread with great hope, we tread with a purpose of seeing outside of ourselves to the nature of community binding us in our being in a communion of faith.

Sunday after Sunday we come in our gathering to bring praise for God's workings sometimes to hear the miraculous of story causing us to see our place in the event. It might be to bring the personal 'storms' we have from the week. Maybe it's this week ahead we find a comfort to ponder the works of God within us.

From a different angle... This Tuesday recalls for us the Assumption of Mary into the realm of heavenly glory... her resurrection! Mary embodies humility and lowliness. Mary's life affirms God's promise, where the lowly of our time and place are found in God's life giving and affirming presence.

GREATER SHEPPARTON WINTER NIGHT SHELTER (GSWNS)

"Never see a need without doing something about it." (Mary MacKillop)

With your prayer and support, we have been privileged to help our guests in their journey and provide companionship and comfort as well as nourishing food. Feel free to contact Maree McKenna on 0409 956 464 for further information.



CONGRATULATIONS - 25 YEARS VOLUNTARY SERVICE AWARD

Congratulations to our Parishioner, Maree McKenna, for her recognition of voluntary service at Dousta Galla *Harmony Retirement Village*. Thank you Maree for all you give to our community.

ST MEL'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

An information night for the 2023 – 2024 St Mel's Parish Steps in Faith Sacramental Program

Reconciliation – Confirmation – First Eucharist

Will be held on Thursday, September 14th at 7pm in St Mel's Christ the King Church
(Please enter through the side door off the Hamilton St car park)

Parents wishing for their child/ren to journey through the program and receive the Sacraments of Initiation are encouraged to attend as expectations, dates and costs will be explained, any queries discussed, and enrolment packs distributed.

This program is suitable for children in Years 3 and above.

Mass times in other Parishes for Tuesday, August 15th, 2023

St Brendan's Church, Knight St, Shepparton: 7am & 9:15am
(with St Brendan's Primary School years 3 to 6)

Mercy Stadium, Skene St, Shepparton: 9:10am
(Notre Dame College whole school Mass with Fr Rob Galea)

Marian Center, Toolamba Rd, Mooroopna: 9:45am
(with St Mary's Primary whole school staff & students)

St Mary's Church, Toolamba Rod, Mooroopna: 6pm

THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
AUGUST 15



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 PRAYER

God our Father, Bless our Parish so that we may love you more.
Encircle our Families with your loving care.
Help parents to be good examples to their children
and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.
To the sick, grant health. To the aged, bring serenity,
and to those in sorrow, joy.
May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another
become deeper in our daily living. Amen

POWER INTERRUPTION AT THE PARISH We have been notified by Powercor that they will be conducting essential works to maintain the network in our area. On **Tuesday, August 15th** between 8:45am and 3pm the Parish office, house and Church will have interruptions to our electricity supply. The office will remain open this day, and if these interruptions occur we can be contacted on 0400 150 188 or via email. Thank you for your understanding.

COMBINED PRAYER SERVICE The Second Vatican Council emphasised the importance of Catholics spending time in prayer and dialogue with other Christians.

On Wednesday, August 16, at 7.30pm a combined prayer service will be held in St Brendan's Catholic Church. The night will include a Liturgy of the Word service, music and fellowship with refreshments afterwards. We need your support for this occasion please as we extend hospitality to our brothers and sisters of other Christian Churches. Ministers of other Christian Churches in Shepparton will be attending with their parishioners. Please mark this date in your diary. God bless, Fr Joe and Fr Jackson.

LOCAL MEN'S GROUP The next few gatherings will be held at 7:30am in the St Brendan's MPJC, behind the Church, on Saturdays, August 19 and September 2. All are welcome.

SANDHURST LAUNCH OF SEASON OF CREATION

You're all invited to come and celebrate our Care for Creation at Notley Picnic Ground, Whipstick Forest, Bendigo on **Friday 1st September**, beginning with **Mass at 11am** celebrated by Bishop Shane followed by **Picnic Lunch**. BYO chairs encouraged although some seating available. Sausage sizzle provided or BYO lunch if preferred.

BYO hot/cold drinks; BYO water bottles – water on site.

EVERYONE is invited and encouraged to come along and celebrate in this beautiful venue.

It's also the first day of spring and National Wattle Day! RSVP not essential but if you & friends are coming then letting us know by texting 0408 579 904 would be helpful.



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and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

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AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED This month is raising money to support Sisters in Paraguay. These Sisters not only care for the young people in Paraguay but they also support the families, visit the sick and the elderly, bring Holy Communion to those in need, give catechetical instruction and support disadvantaged with practical help and advice.

To learn more and to make an offering visit www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject



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ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 20th 2023

First Reading A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm - O God, let all the nations praise you!

Second Reading A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The Word of the Lord

Weekday Masses this coming week August 14th to August 20th 2023

Monday August 14th to Friday August 20th
No weekday Masses at St Mel's

Tuesday August 15th - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Please see times for Masses at St Brendan's & St Mary's inside this bulletin

Saturday August 19th - 9am

Sunday August 20th - 9:30am & 5pm

READERS/COMMENTATOR/SPECIAL MINISTER

Sunday, August 20th 2023

9:30am - Maureen Munro (Commentator) Chris Summers (L1)
Trish Mathisen (L2)

9:30am - Special Ministers: Pauline Pettigrew &
Gita Kelleher

5:00pm - Tim Kelly (Commentator) Paul Bertoli (Lector)

5:00pm - Special Ministers: Erin Tanner & Angie Knez

Recently Deceased: Mattea Benson

Anniversaries: Maria Cortese, Christine Fenn



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