



# WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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## The Living Word.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

4th September 2022

**First Reading:** Wis 9:13-18.

**Who can comprehend the will of God?**

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intentions, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your Holy Spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men have taught what pleases you and saved, by Wisdom.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps.89:3-6. 12-14.17.R.v.1

**In every age O Lord you have been our refuge R**

1.You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men! To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. R

2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass that springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. R

3 Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. R

4.In the morning fill us with your love: we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. R

**Second Reading :** Phlm 9-10. 12-17

**Receive Him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.**

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimas. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been

forcing your act of kindness which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you welcome him as you would me.

**Gospel Acclamation** Ps 118:135

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Let your face shine on your servant and teach me your laws.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Lk 14:25-33**

**All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.**

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on His way and He turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple.' 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundations and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, 'Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.' Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be a disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.

**Reflection** by Fr Michael Tate

I am told that, in most Middle Eastern languages, there is no word for 'prefer'. Perhaps influenced by extremes of heat and cold, the vocabulary of 'love' and 'hate' is used instead. No one can imagine Jesus 'hating' Joseph, but he clearly gave preference to his mission, even as a precocious 12 year old in the Temple. In today's Gospel, Jesus was preparing his followers, imminently and over the generations, for persecution. This would include real-life situations of families denouncing a son or daughter, or a brother turning over a brother to the authorities. Imagine a Chinese Catholic hearing this Gospel this morning, and this afternoon being betrayed by family members for remaining loyal to the success or of St Peter. Jesus exhorts such a follower to prefer this cross over what the family considers politically correct. We could pause for a moment to pray for all families, torn apart for allegiance to Jesus in His Church, that they may be re-united in the peace of the Risen Lord.

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Peace  
is not  
the absence  
of trouble  
but the  
presence of  
Christ

## 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

Sat Vigil 6.30pm  
Sunday 10.00am

### RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation Sat 10.30am—11.00am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 5th Sept.	Mass	6.00pm
Tues 6th Sept	Holy Hour Exposition Mass	5.00pm 6.00pm
Wed 7th Sept .	Mass	6.00 pm
Thur 8th Sept.	Mass	6.00pm
Frid 9th Sept.	Mass	10.00am

### PARISH / SCHOOL NEWS

#### EASY WORSHIP

Sat 3rd Sept. Valoia Family  
Sun. 4th Sept. AM Carroll

Sat 10th Sept. Sarah Richards  
Sun. 11th Sept Liz Donnelly

#### PARISH OFFICE

Will be closed for 4 weeks.  
See detailed message in our  
bulletin.

#### Sunday Funnies!



A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'Honor thy father and thy mother,' she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, 'Thou shall not kill..'



The Burning Bush  
Ex 3:1-12

Listen to the  
Voice of creation  
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

2022 Season of Creation Logo: The Burning Bush "I have heard their cry...I know their sufferings...Come, now! I will send you...I will be with you" (Ex 3:1-12) The burning bush is the Symbol for the Season of Creation 2022



*"If we learn how to listen, we can hear in the voice of creation a kind of dissonance. On the one hand, we can hear a sweet song in praise of our beloved Creator; on the other, an anguished plea, lamenting our mistreatment of this our common home".*

Pope Francis

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for creation. We are co-creatures, and part of all that God has made. Our wellbeing is interwoven with the wellbeing of the Earth. We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it. This year, the theme for the season is Listen to the Voice of Creation.



SEASON OF  
CREATION

SEPTEMBER 1- OCTOBER 4

#### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

Brenda is going on Annual Leave and the parish office will be closed from Tuesday, 23rd. August, and re-opening again on Tuesday, 20th September.

Monsignor Peter will be about for urgent issues.  
Sheila Griffin will do the parish bulletin for the next 2 weeks.

Sheila can be contacted by phone on  
0439 361 950  
Or emailed on  
[noelsheila1@bigpond.com](mailto:noelsheila1@bigpond.com)

2022



## Annual Marian Festival

The **48th Annual Marian Festival** will be held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo on **Sunday 16th of October, 2022**, beginning with 11am Mass and concluding at 3:40pm. The Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima of the Diocese of Sandhurst joyfully invites all members of the faithful to come and join the celebrations of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima in 1917 and as she requested, to pray for the world peace. Petition Box is at the Cathedral.

St Brendan's Parish is organizing a coach trip to participate on the day. Please mark the date in your calendar.

Cost \$30 - to secure your seat, place payment with correct money, contact details and pick up location in an envelope and drop into St. Brendan's Parish Office (hours: Mon to Friday

9am-2pm) before Friday 30th of September 2pm.

For more information call Parish office 5821 2633 or Bozena 0426 867 647

Pick up locations:

8:00 AM Shepparton: St Brendan's - Car Park at 121 Knight St. SHARP

8:15 AM Mooroopna: **St Mary's - Bus Stop near Front of Church, McLennan St**

8:30 AM Tatura: Sacred Heart - Church, 67 Hogan St, South Side of Street

8:50 AM Stanhope: St Lawrence's - Church, 52 Birdwood Ave, South Side of Midland Highway.



### To Know Him is to Love Him: New Study on the Church

If you were asked "Why are you Catholic?", would you know what to say?

Please join us as we dive deep into a new section of the Catechism: "I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church" and get to the heart of why we are Catholic.

Learn more about why Christ founded the Church and why we need it, who is included in the communion of saints, and so much more.

Starting this Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM, St. Brendan's Parish Centre, Shepparton.



You won't want to miss this! For more info., please contact Winona on

0432 865 933.

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COMMUNION AT HOME



Communion in the home.

Do you know of anyone who is unable to attend our Parish Masses due to illness or have no transport and would like to receive Communion? If so, could you please contact Inez on 0437731497. or our Parish Office.



Readings for this week:

Wisdom 9:13- 18  
Philemon 9-10, 12- 17  
Luke 14:25- 33



Readings for next week:

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14  
1Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-32

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**Sick List:** Graeme Weir, Cherie Mammone, Jim McIntyre, Pat Keane, Pat Treacy, Irene Murphy, Irene Biesiekierski, Dennis Corboy, Barry Monaghan, Fr Steve Bohan, Parish Priest at Yarrawonga, Annette Kay (friend of Rosemary Haigh,) Kim Smyth, Anne Ryan

#### Recently Deceased

**Anniversaries :** Chris McIntyre [ 3rd Anniversary]

**ALTAR HELPERS 3rd Sept.** Not Required **10th Sept.** Margaret & Michael McCarty

**BINGO : 10th Sept:** Bev Ryan; Kylie Glover; Irene Valoia, Emma DiFede; Maria Tripoli.

3rd & 4th September	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Angelo Conti	Cathie McMaster	Miriam Hogarty	Chris Hogarty
10.00 am	Rosemary Wingrave	Laine Martin-Lefevre	Marg Lee	Carrafa Family.
<b>10th &amp; 11th September</b>				
6:30 pm	Chris Hogarty	Cecily Dumaresq	Angela Iocona	Checca Richards
10.00 am	Tom Dumaresq	Sheila Griffin	Inez Raleigh	Rosemary Wingrave