



Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!

St. Mel's Parish

BULLETIN

Focus on the Readings

The reading from the Book of Deuteronomy is a reflection or meditation on the presence and power of God from creation to the time of the Exodus. He is God in heaven and God on Earth. The people began to experience the nearness of God. They became familiar with his ways. He was their protection and their provider. As we listen to this reading at Mass or later we gain a sense of the work, life and love of the Trinity.

The second reading builds on this foundational experience of God. We are children of God (RNJB translation) able to call God, "Abba, Father" as Jesus taught.

The Gospel of Matthew's is the account of the commissioning of the Apostles and Jesus' ascension. The Trinity is explicitly named as Father, Son and Holy Spirit – not as a theological formula but as the direction of the Apostles' preaching and celebration of sacraments. Children learn the sign of the cross and the name of the Trinity well before they come to understand. May our experiences and meditation of the mystery of God lead us to deeper living out of our love and commitment to God and neighbour.

Gospel Acclamation (cf Revelation 1:8)

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Quote of the Day

The Church announces the good tidings of salvation to those who do not believe, so that all may know the true God and Jesus Christ whom He has sent, and may be converted from their ways, doing penance. To believers also the Church must ever preach faith and penance, she must prepare them for the sacraments, teach them to observe all that Christ has commanded and invite them to all the works of charity, piety, and the apostolate. For all these works make it clear that Christ's faithful, though not of this world, are to be the light of the world and to glorify the Father before men and women. (*Constitution on the Liturgy art. 9*)

On the Lighter Side

While shopping two nuns passed by a liquor store.
Sr Mary asked Sr Colette if she would like a beer.
She replied yes but would feel uncomfortable buying it.
Sr Mary picked up a six-pack and took it to the surprised cashier and said, "This is for washing our hair."
Without blinking an eye,
he put a package of pretzels in the bag with the beer, saying.
"The curlers are on me."



Next Week's Readings

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40
Romans 8:14-17
Matthew 28:16-20



Liturgical Jottings Canonicity, Authenticity and Inspiration II

With the books in the Bible, "canonicity" and "inspiration" go hand in hand. All these books are "canonical" and they alone are "inspired." This is what faith attributes to them. This is why the establishment of the "canon" – the list of books in the Scriptures, is given to the Church by tradition (Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, 8). The Council of Trent, in its fourth session (1546), "judged it proper" to promulgate such a list. The authenticity of a book or part of a book is the object of external criticism (what tradition says about it) and internal (an examination of the book itself). The question of authenticity affects many other works: documents, writings, works of art and music.

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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.





Thank You!

We appreciate and recognize the impact our volunteers make by serving others with their unique gifts and talents. Our volunteers are an essential part of the fabric of our faith community.

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6

Weekly Reflection - Discovering the Heart of God

In a world filled with diverse philosophies and religious beliefs, the concept of understanding God has been approached from various perspectives throughout history. Before the time of Christ, wise individuals sought to comprehend God through observation of the natural world and philosophical contemplation. Figures such as Buddha, Zoroaster, Plato, and Aristotle dedicated themselves to exploring the nature of God from an external standpoint, and their insights yielded valuable truths.

However, the arrival of Jesus Christ brought about a profound shift in humanity's understanding of God. Instead of allowing us to merely observe Him from the outside, God chose to reveal His heart to us through the person of Jesus Christ. This divine revelation offered us the opportunity to truly know God on a personal level, rather than just having partial and doubtful knowledge derived from external efforts.

Through the Bible and the teachings of the Catechism, we are granted access to the inside story of God's nature, essence, thoughts, and desires. This revelation is not merely about knowing facts about God, but about developing a deep and personal relationship with Him. Through faith in Christ, we are enabled by the Holy Spirit to move beyond mere knowledge about God and to truly know Him as a friend.

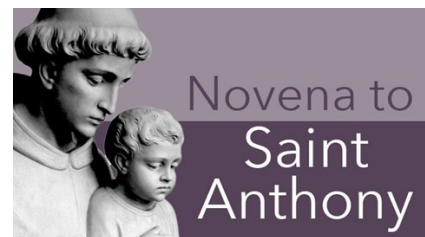
Central to this revelation is the understanding of God as dynamic, personal, and involved in our lives – the concept of the Trinity, one divine nature, and three divine Persons. This revelation invites us to embrace the idea of a God who is not distant and uninvolved, but rather intimately connected to each of us.

In embracing this revelation, we are called to reflect on the profound significance of being invited into the heart of God. It is a reminder of His desire for a personal relationship with each one of us. As we contemplate the depth of this revelation, may we be inspired to pursue a deeper understanding of God and to nurture a meaningful connection with Him in our lives.

Parish volunteers and Safeguarding

As part of our compliance in keeping up-to-date records, our current parish volunteers with expired WWC and Crim Checks will be contacted shortly regarding providing updated documents.

Embracing the Spiritual Journey: Novena to St. Anthony



As we approach the feast of St. Anthony of Padua on the 9th of June, we are filled with excitement to embark on a spiritual journey through the Novena to St. Anthony. The tradition of a Novena, a nine-day spiritual devotion, allows us to prepare our hearts and minds for the upcoming celebration while seeking divine favor.

This year, the Novena to St. Anthony will commence on the **31st of May**, providing us with an opportunity to deepen our connection with the great saint of Padua. The recitation of prayers and hymns after Mass will serve as a collective expression of honor and a request for intercession.

The Novena not only enhances our anticipation for the feast of St. Anthony but also nurtures a profound sense of spiritual awareness. It is a time for personal reflection and growth, allowing us to develop a deeper appreciation for the significance of the upcoming celebration. We invite all of you to join us in this spiritual journey as we honor and seek the intercession of St. Anthony. Together, let us embrace the transformative power of prayer and prepare our hearts for the joyous feast that lies ahead.

Mass Attendance Counts for 2024 will conclude this Sunday 26 May

26 May National Sorry Day

National Sorry Day

This Sunday, 26th May, we celebrate NATIONAL SORRY DAY when we commemorate the Stolen Generations. This event marks the beginning of NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK with the theme NOW MORE THAN EVER – a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. Learn more at <https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/> The Australian Bishops' Office have prepared a Resource for Sorry Day which continues the theme of their current Social Justice Statement, Live, Love Learn: A New Engagement with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples. You'll find both at <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/> and for their Laudato Si Resource from the Indigenous perspective go to <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/04/30/laudato-si-week-2/>

Sacramental Welcoming Masses

On Sunday 2 June, our recently Confirmed young people will attend either the 9:30am or 5pm Mass and be presented with their certificates. We refer to these as Welcoming Masses, as we ask all our Parishioners to help these families feel they are a part of our Parish Community and encourage their ongoing participation.

Donations for St. Anthony's Feast Day still needed!

Donations are still in need for; the purchase of bread and flowers, food trays of home cooked specialties, and volunteers to assist in the procession, set up prior and pack up on the day. Proceeds of the Feast day will go to the Pool of Funds to secure our Church Cleaning Budget this year!

Donate your used postage Stamps to a good cause

For many years, people in the Diocese of Sandhurst have been saving their used postage stamps and sending them to Sr Ursula, a Mercy sister. The Mercy Sisters then sell the donated stamps and use the proceeds to fund their Mercy Works projects. For example, buying basic toiletries for women in prison in Papua New Guinea or school supplies for children in Timor. We recently sent 5 parcels of stamps to Sr Ursula's group and so far over \$5,000 has been raised from this and has been sent to a very vulnerable group of people who live unsupported in West Papua. Sr Ursula wants parishioners to know how much good has come from donating their used stamps and asked that we keep on saving our old stamps, they can be given to your local parish, who will pass them on to the Mercy Sisters, via the Chancery.



Results of the Mothers Day Flowers for the Missions

\$415 was raised from the selling of flowers and raffle tickets. All proceeds have gone to the Missions. Huge Thank You to those who helped, Lina & Mario Bettanin and their Daughter, Teresa Manno, and Lucy Ciancio, and to all those who purchased flowers and tickets to make it happen. Thank you, Maria Corazza.

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

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 8:10 - 9:10 am

BAPTISMS (St Mel's)

3rd Sunday of the month

MARRIAGE

2 months-notice required

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Commentators/Lectors/Special Ministers

Sunday 2nd June

Commentators

9:30am Xavier Tanner

5pm Elizabeth Holligan

Lectors

9:30am David Sellwood (L1) Mary Calandro (L2)

5pm Helen May (L1) Paul Bertolli (L2)

Special Ministers

9:30am Sr Pam Barlow & Gita Kelleher

5pm Cathy Cannatelli & Helen May

Next Week's Readings

Exodus 24:3-8
Hebrews 9:11-15
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



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.

We ask for your prayers for the Eternal Repose of Anniversaries: Vincenzo Campi, Francis Murdoch, Salvatore & Carmela Gagliardi, Antonio Andronao, Virginia Callueng, Ignazio (John) Spadaro



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We are a Safe Church Community. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all and a zero tolerance to abuse.

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 Tuesdays to Thursdays, between 9:30am to 2:30 pm** email:

sheppartonsouth@sandhurst.catholic.org.au
or visit our website at www.smeps.org.au

Feast of St. Anthony of Padua

Come and join us!

9 JUNE 2024

10:00 AM
Holy Mass

11:00 AM
Procession and Distribution of the Bread of St. Anthony

12:00 NOON
Community Lunch at St. Mel's Hall at the Primary School

Please note that while children receive free admission, we kindly request donations from adults at the entrance to help cover the expenses of the day.

St. Anthony

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