



WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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15 May 2022

First Reading Acts 14:21-27

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

*(R.) I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. *(R.)*
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. *(R.)*
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rv 21:1-5

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth: the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God: his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 13:31-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;

just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,

everyone will know that you are my disciples.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

'Love one another as I have loved you.' You may think that Our Lord's extravagant extreme of love in voluntarily undergoing death for us, is something no human being could ever measure up to.

But actually, something like this happens whenever a mother or father sits by the bedside of a child suffering the terrible pain of a chronic illness or traumatic accident and, perhaps, even facing the prospect of death. Such a parent will invariably say 'I would rather suffer and die than see my child suffer and die.' It is the same with a person seeing their much loved life partner in a similar situation.

Each of us, usually to a lesser degree and in less fraught circumstances, has the opportunity to absorb, to some extent, the sufferings of others. We are thus given the possibility of fulfilling the command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

The effect of this sort of loving will be realised at the end of history, not in a garden of Paradise, but as in a wonderful City where all tears will be wiped from our eyes.

We could pause for a moment on our way to that future City, resolving to be alert to opportunities to fulfil our Lord's command: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'

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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 16/5 Mass or Comm Service 6.00pm
Tues 17/5 Holy Hour Exposition 5.00pm
Mass or Comm Service 6.00pm
Wed 18/5 Mass or Comm Service 6.00pm
Thur 19/5 Mass or Comm Service 6.00pm
Frid 20/5 Mass or Comm Service 10.00am

PARISH / SCHOOL NEWS

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 14th May Sarah Richards
Sun 15th May AM Carroll
Sat 21st May St Mary's Students
Sun 22nd May St Mary's Students

FROM THE MOUTHS OF CHILDREN

After the christening of his baby brother,
Jason sobbed all the way home.

His father asked what was wrong.

The little boy replied "That
Preacher said he wanted us brought up in a
Christian home and I wanted to
stay with you !! "



LAUDATO SI' WEEK 16th—24th May

This is a global celebration where we remember Pope Francis urging us in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor and to humbly place ourselves in communion with our common home. Today, as a Catholic Earthcare Parish, we celebrate our part of the great progress the whole Church is making on its journey towards the seven *Laudato Si'* goals set before us by Pope Francis to achieve ecological conversion.

The Sandhurst Diocese invites you to *Laudato Si'* Action & the Commissioning of Earthcare Schools & Parishes



Monday, 23rd May,
Lunch—12.30—1.30pm
College, Nathalia

Launch 1.45pm—2.45pm
Broken Creek,
Uncle Bob's Nathalia.

Bookings essential

RSVP 18th. May
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*Let the peoples praise you, O God
Let all the peoples praise you
May God still give us his blessing
Till the ends of the earth revere him
The Spirit will come and teach us everything*

ST MARY'S PARISH BALL

We congratulate the following debs and their partners
who made their debut at our Annual Ball on
Friday, 13th. May

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| Brianna Birch | Matt Pellegrino |
| Kieley Lane | Ryan Hallum |
| Charlie McKay | Jake Huddleston |
| Georgie Tidd | Liam Sanders |
| Emily Turcato | Lachlan Deane |
| Lucy Gardner | Jett Hicks |
| Alexa Teague | Toby Williams |
| Payten Johnston | Naite Hoskin |
| Aly Claridad | Tom Moylan |
| Shelby Hutchins | Carter Falk |
| Lillijana Allan | James Washington |
| Taylor Corbo | Oscar Ryan |
| Olivia Stevens | Mitchell Fleming |
| Millie D'Elia | Brayden Sciuto |
| Sofie De Rose | Coby James |
| Denni Bathman | Callum Titterrell |
| Beth Tivendale | Lee Reynolds |

ANNUAL MASS COUNTS

We are once again required to do our Annual Mass Count for Bishop Shane.

We ask for your patience as our volunteers conduct this task for the next 4 weeks.

MAY is the MONTH of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This is a fitting time to begin to recite the ROSARY on a daily basis



WINTER NIGHT SHELTER, 2022

Our first Winter Night Shelter will be at the Ardmona Community Complex Tuesday, 7th. June.

We need volunteers to drive the bus from the Salvation Army in Shepparton to Ardmona— 5.30—6.00pm and return the next morning 8.30am—9.00am.

We also need volunteers who are willing to do the overnight shift from 10.00pm—7.00am
3 people per shift.



If you are willing to help, or know someone who may be willing to help,

Please contact
Cathie McMaster on
0434 343 327

Volunteers returning again this year must register as soon as possible.
Please click the link below

<https://forms.gleXGL9XhFW8h7OzdDr6>

MONS PETER

Sadly, Mons Peter has had a downturn in his health and at the time of printing he was still in hospital being treated for a chest infection. He is in isolation but still in good spirits and no visitors are allowed.

We ask that you keep him in your prayers for a full and speedy recovery

*Holy Father of goodness and love,
Hear our prayers for Monsignor Peter and all sick members of our community who are in need*

*May they find consolation in your healing presence.
Please bring Mons Peter health in body and spirit that he may continue to serve you with all his wisdom and strength which you have created*

WELCOME

To Fr. Varghese and Fr Jophin Joy
From St. Brendan's for assisting with our Masses this weekend.

We are also very grateful to Graeme Quinlan for stepping up so willingly for our Communion Services during the absence of Mons Peter and also to Fr Dorotea for conducting our baptisms this weekend.

Please be aware that next weeks mid week masses may be converted to Communion Services.

St. Brendan's have a daily mass celebrated on
Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri at 9.15am

CELEBRATING SYNODALITY

Video 4—"Mission"

Fr Nathan Veralla, Pastoral Team Member at Wangaratta shares his experience as a Priest in the Diocese of Sandhurst and the ways that synodality is manifested in Wangaratta.

This video can be viewed on the Diocese of Sandhurst YouTube Channel from 13th May.

Congratulations

and welcome to
the following children
who will be baptized at

11.00am this Sunday

Jaxon Frizzell

Macen Hamilton

Isaac Irwin

Maxwell Ulrich

Jasmine Varapodio



St Mary's School Open Day

THURSDAY
19TH MAY 2022



St Mary's welcome's families and visitors to come and have a look around our wonderful school. See our modern facilities as well as our engaging and inclusive curriculum in action.



St Mary's acknowledges the traditional owners of country where we learn and play each day.



ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

12pm – Welcome talk in Marian Centre (School Hall).

12:45pm Student led tours of the school.



Enrolment Packs will be available from the School Office



Readings for this week:

Acts 14:21-27
Apocalypse 21:1-5
John 13:31-35



Readings for next week:

Acts 15:1-2,22-29
Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23
John 14:23-29

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Sick List: Graeme Weir, Cherie Mammone, Jim McIntyre, Pat Keane, Pat Treacy, Irene Murphy, Gerard Murphy, Irene Biesiekierski, Dennis Corboy, Barry Monaghan, Mary McGrath, Dawn Sandilands, Odino Antonello, Fr Steve Bohan, Parish Priest at Yarrowonga

Recently Deceased Sr Yvonne Harte (Altona)

Anniversaries : Vince Foti

ALTAR HELPERS May 21st Not required May 28th Sheila Griffin, Kath McCarty

BINGO May 21st Bev Ryan, Carly Martin, Emma DiFede, Kylie Glover, Maria Tripoli

| 14th May & 15th May | COMMENTOR | READER | SPECIAL MINISTER | OFFERTORY |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|--|----------------------|
| 6:30 pm | Chris Hogarty | Ester Janke | Sarah Richards | Angelo & Nesta Conti |
| 10.00 am | Brenda Pye | Inez Raleigh | Anthony Butts Cecily Dumaresq RP Leo PYE RP | Carrafa family |
| 21st & 22nd May | | | | |
| 6:30 pm | Liz Donnelly | Marie O'Meara | Angelo Conti | Students |
| 10.00 am | Maree Williams | Helen Betson | Cecily Dumaresq Margaret Campbell RP Irene Valoia RP | Students |