



WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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The Living Word

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

10 August 2025

First Reading Wis 18:6-9

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord. O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

(or shorter form Heb 11:1-2, 8-12)

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth.

People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:32-48

(or shorter form Lk 12:35-40)

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus lived in a remote part of the Roman Empire where the majority eked out an existence. One of the few ways in which redistribution of wealth could occur was by voluntarily giving to the poor. So Jesus instructs his followers: 'Sell your possessions and give generously to those in need.'

We live in a very different society: 'The Commonwealth of Australia.' 'Commonwealth' indicates that the wealth of this nation, its people and resources, are meant to be directed to the common good.

So, we must respond to Our Lord's command in ways very different to what was possible in his day.

We have a compulsory taxation system which forces us to give up some of our possessions, some of our wealth to the commonwealth. Taxation and social justice policies help fulfil Our Lord's command to create a society more humane than anything remotely possible under the Roman Empire. And that would please Our Lord. Why?

In part because those in need are helped. But, perhaps in greater part, because it makes us larger hearted people. We have to arrive at the moment of death with a heart so capacious that it can include the billions of people we hope inhabit heavenly existence.

We might pause for a moment to pray for our hearts to be expanded by our contribution to the commonwealth of all peoples throughout the world.

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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

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

10:30am to 11am Saturday

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 11/8	No mass	
Tues 12/8	Holy hour	5pm
Tues 12/8	Mass	6pm
Wed 13/8	Mass	6pm
Thurs 14/8	Mass	6pm
Fri 15/8	Mass in Marian Centre	10am

St Mary's Monthly Devotions

Friday Adoration and Saturday
Adoration will be postponed until



EASY WORSHIP

Sat 9 Aug: Valoia Family
Sun 10 Aug: AM Carroll

Sat 16 Aug: Sarah Richards
Sun 17 Aug: Imelda

MEETING:

Finance Meeting:
Tues 12 August from 7pm in the Parish House.

SAVE THE DATES

Fri 5 September	Celebration of the Season of Creation, Bendigo
Sun 7 Sept	Bishop Shane Thanksgiving Mass—11am at Sacred Heart Cathedral Bendigo
Sat 13 Sept	90 Year Anniversary Mass at St Patrick's Strathmerton from 6pm
Sun 28 Sept	Fr Joe's Farewell Mass at St Brendan's Shepparton from 11am
Saturday 11 Oct	Diocesan Formation Gathering (registrations open on 1 September 2025).
Thurs 16 Oct	St Mel's Majellan Club—Celebrating 60 Years of Togetherness

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Half of the global population today is believed to be 30 or younger, a figure that is expected to reach 57 per cent by the end of 2030. Like every generation, today's youth will face new challenges, amongst them, a changing climate and a rapid increase in new technologies, including artificial intelligence (AI) in the workforce.

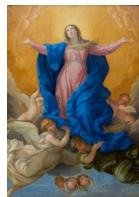
The world has experienced numerous changes over the centuries, from the Industrial Revolution to major innovations in communication and transportation. Nothing stays the same for long. The desire to learn and improve are strong human traits.

But as Pope Leo XIV said at the outdoor Mass, "My young brothers and sisters, you are the sign that a different world is possible. A world of fraternity and friendship, where conflicts are not resolved with weapons, but with dialogue."

While the Church has had its share of difficulties, this past week in Rome has given us a glimpse of the future ... and there is room for optimism as today's youth create the next tomorrow.

St Mary's Primary School Masses

Friday 15 August
Feast of the Assumption
Whole School Mass
10am in the Marian Centre



Friday 12 September
Mary's Birthday
Whole School Mass
9:45am in the Marian Centre

St Donato Festa Tatura



This weekend—Saturday 9 August 2025—
10am Mass
Tatura Sacred Heart Church
11:30am Doors Open - Tatura Italian Social Club
Lunch: 4 course meal
Adults \$60 Youth \$25 (5-12 yrs)
Entertainment by Rick Brun
Great Raffle Prizes/Auction
Mary Zobec 0427 190 282 Pino Lagozzino 0427 677 943

Homelessness Week

This week is National Homelessness Week and we're reminded that behind every statistic is a real person with a story worth hearing. In Victoria, more than 30,000 people are currently experiencing homelessness, with over 63,000 applications waiting for public and community housing. To meet growing demand, more than 27,000 new homes need to be built each year over the next decade. These numbers are staggering! This week let's raise awareness, challenge stigma, and work together to end homelessness. Visit the Catholic Care Victoria website if you would like to show your support.



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100 YEARS OF YCW WOMEN IN ACTION

Tickets, which include lunch, can be purchased here:

[100 Years of YCW women in Action](https://events.humanitix.com/100-years-of-ycw-women-in-action) or here:
<https://events.humanitix.com/100-years-of-ycw-women-in-action>

This event is open to women and men of YCW, their friends and interested networks. A '100 years of YCW in Australia' commemorative badge is also available for pre-order with collection on the day.

Where: Catholic Theological College, University of Divinity 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne.

When: Sunday, 31 August 2025

Time: 11am to 3pm





Special Baptism Mass

Recently, the St Mary's Primary School P/1/2 students were privileged to witness the Sacrament of Baptism. Aimee Lawlor is one of the wonderful Learning Support Officers and her two boys Anthony and Russel were welcomed into the Church Community in a mass celebrated by Fr Joe Taylor. The junior students sang beautifully and enjoyed being able to experience the sacrament they had learnt so much about in class. Thank you to our parishioners who also joined the special celebration.

St. Marys Mooroopna Deb Ball for 2026

St. Marys are having two Balls for 2026. One on 24 April (which is now full) and the second one on 29 May. We have 10 Debs at each ball, with Deb and partner having 10 guests. The Ball is held at the Woolshed at Emerald Bank. There are vacancies on 29 May. All enquiries can be made by ringing Maree on 0438 084 364.



SAVE THE DATE: Annual Public Rosary

All are welcome to attend this prayerful and social gathering.

Saturday 11 October 2025 from 10:30am

St Brendan's Parish Church Gardens

(If wet weather we will move into Church)

Followed by a cuppa in the MPJC

Please bring a plate of food to share.



PETITIONS: Prayers and thanksgiving to

Our Lady will be forwarded by ANF in Portugal. **BYO:**

Chair, rug, cushion, and hat. **ENQUIRIES:** Maureen on

0403 876 578



Season of Creation

OUTDOOR MASS TO CELEBRATE

🕒 11.00 a.m.

☀️ Friday 5 September 2025

📍 Huntly Streamside Reserve, Huntly

🌱 All Welcome!

Garden of Peace

Isaiah 32:14-18

PEACE WITH CREATION
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

Men's Group

Our next men's group gathering is set for Saturday the 9th of August at Stanley's café which is at 48 High St Shepparton. We will meet at 7.30am, for breakfast and a chance to catch up on all that is happening. If you have any questions or need a lift please call Anthony 58212633 Tues or Thurs.



When: 29 November – 3 December

Travel: Return coaches departing from Shepparton, Wangaratta & Bendigo, with 4 nights' accommodation at Queens College

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!!

Sandhurst Pilgrimage to Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) Melbourne 2025

The Diocese of Sandhurst is taking 200 pilgrims to ACYF— a vibrant journey of faith, music, prayer and encounter.

The pilgrimage offers young people a chance to grow in faith and community, to be formed, inspired, and sent.

Support is available to make the journey possible — but the call is for commitment, curiosity, and courage. Talk to your parish and say 'yes' to be part of something that will shape the Church and your place in it.

Cost: \$1450 package expense, with large upfront subsidies available to eligible year 10 & 11 students, and parishioners aged 18-25

More info on subsidy packages, event scheduling and how to register found at www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au





Readings
for
this week:

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:32-48

Readings
for
next week:

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Hebrews 12:1-4
Luke 12:49-5

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Sick List: Graeme Weir, Cherie Mammone, Jim McIntyre, Irene Murphy, Dennis Corboy, Barry Monaghan, Pat Hicks, John Raleigh, Josie Anderson, Rosemary Haig, Jill Taylor (White), Kellie Seymour, Robert Rocca, Rosanna Scarella, Melissa Scali, Wendy Sinclair, Carolyn Purcell, Susie Purcell, Maria Nugent

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Maria and Salvatore Iacono

ALTAR HELPERS

Sat 9 Aug: not required

Sat 16 Aug: Mavis Murphy & Liz Donnelly

BINGO 16 Aug: Maree Williams, Josie Wood, Debbie, Chris Hogarty, Miriam Hogarty, Emma Difiede

9th & 10th Aug	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Checca Richards	Helen Betson	Sarah Richards	Annette Rau
10.00 am	Inez Raleigh	Elaine Vertriest	Angela Iacono	Michael & Kaye Gaffy
16th & 17th Aug				
6:30 pm	Liz Donnelly	Kevin Murphy	Miriam Hogarty	Checca Richards
10.00 am	Liz Turk	Maree Williams	Inez Raleigh	TBA