



# WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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# The Living Word

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**5 February 2023**

## First Reading **Is 58:7-10**

*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4**

*(R.) A light rises in the darkness for  
the upright.*

or

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour *(R.)*
2. The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. *(R.)*
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear:  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. *(R.)*

## Second Reading **1 Cor 2:1-5**

*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

## Gospel Acclamation **Jn 8:12**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the light of the world,  
says the Lord;*

*the man who follows me  
will have the light of life.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel **Mt 5:13-16**

*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the cosmos. 'You' is in the plural. So these descriptions are meant to apply to us as a Christian community.

Salt in the ancient world was a preservative for food. So, we are the ones who are to preserve the earth, to prevent its deterioration, to keep it life-giving.

Salt has to penetrate food to have an effect. We have to penetrate the world with our Sermon on the Mount values. Staying self-contained as a perfect little band of Christians is about as useful as salt remaining in the saltshaker. In Our Lord's scary opinion we would quite rightly be trampled underfoot.

How are we light for the cosmos? By 'good works'? No, a truer translation is by 'beautiful works'. These are those things we do which have grace, elegance and proportion and are therefore pleasing to observe: beautifully-good-works.

We could pause for a moment to pray that we remain salty and tangy, doing good beautifully and elegantly.

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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

10.30am to 11.00am Saturday

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 6/2	Mass	6.00pm
Tues 7/2	Holy Hour Exposition	5.00pm
	Mass	6.00pm
Wed 8/2	Mass	6.00pm
Thur 9/2	Mass	6.00pm
Frid 10/2	Mass	10.00am

### PARISH / SCHOOL NEWS

#### EASY WORSHIP

Sat 4th February Carmel Fasano  
Sun 5th February Sarah Richards  
Sat 11th February Valoia family  
Sun 12th February

### PARISH MEETINGS

Mon 13th Feb—Baptism Formation Meeting  
Tues 14th Feb—Mons 60th Jubilee Meeting  
Tues 21st Feb—Finance Committee Meeting

## WELCOME TO WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on February, 5th in 2023. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God.

The first Eucharistic Prayer of Masses for Various Needs is particularly appropriate. It acknowledges the Word of Christ's Gospel calling us to unity across every people, tongue and nation, and asks that the Church be renewed by the light of the Gospel.



## RCI—Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is holding the first meeting of the year on **Thursday 10 February at 7:30pm** at St. Brendan's Parish Centre.

Make 2023 the year where you commit to learning the Catholic faith in a deeper way. All are welcome!  
For more information, please contact Anthony



St Brendan's invites you to

**Alpha in the Catholic Context 2023!**

**27 February to 5 June 2023**

Meal served at 6:30pm  
Childcare is provided free of charge with children also fed!  
Breaks for school holidays

The Alpha program is a place where we meet to share in fellowship, a meal and explore Jesus in our lives. Open to anyone who feels they could use a refresh or have someone you care about.

Any questions please contact Marie Fontana 0435 899 830



## MEALS for MONS

Thank you to those who have been providing Meals for Mons  
He is very well nourished.

## THE L'ARCHE COMMUNITY OF SHEPPARTON

are hosting a gathering on

**SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY AT 12.30PM**

**8 DUNCAN COURT, SHEPPARTON**

An invitation is extended to anyone interested in becoming part of a supportive group in a social setting.



**BBQ Lunch Provided**

**Fun & Games**

Family members, carers, volunteers and those seeking to show support for people with disabilities are encouraged to come along.

**RSVP for lunch by 16 Feb - Denise 0432 054 003**

or [larcheprojectshepparton@outlook.com](mailto:larcheprojectshepparton@outlook.com)

*A contribution to assist with food costs would be appreciated on the day*

A memorial mass  
dedicated to the late

**Fr Peter Quinn**

who served our parish from 1986 to 2005,  
will be offered on

**Sunday 12 February at 10am**

All are welcome to attend and to join us for a cuppa  
in the Marian Centre afterwards.

### **Sacramental Information Night for ALL Sacraments**

A Sacramental Information Night will be held next  
**Tuesday, 7th February at 7pm** in the Marian  
Centre for ALL PARENTS wanting their children to  
celebrate the Sacraments of  
RECONCILIATION, FIRST EUCHARIST or  
CONFIRMATION in 2023.

**To participate in the Sacramental  
Program, children need to be in Grade Three  
(or above) and be a baptised Catholic.**

**At. St. Mary's, the sacraments are celebrated in  
this order:**

Sacrament of First Reconciliation  
(Grade 3 students)

Sacrament of First Eucharist  
(Grade 4 students)

Sacrament of Confirmation  
(Grade 6 students)

Enrolment forms will be handed out at this  
meeting and will not be accepted after the end of  
Term One.

Please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Hicks at  
[mhicks@smmoороopna.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mhicks@smmoороopna.catholic.edu.au) for further  
information

## *Come & Try CATS 2023*



Feb 6th 4.45pm - 6pm

Mooroopna Cats Netball Courts

Bring a drink bottle and have some fun!

Age Groups 9&u, 11&u + 13&u Primary

(Saturday Morning Competition)

## ***New Statues***

Our beautiful marble statues  
finally arrived  
on Friday.

Specialised  
lighting will be  
installed next  
week and the  
commemorative  
memorial  
plaques will be  
another 8 weeks.  
Once all is in  
place, we will  
invite the family  
of the late John  
and Catherine  
Hogan for the  
blessing of the  
statues.



## ***Thank you***

***St Mary's for your generosity***

*Thank you to those who generously donated to the  
Advent Appeal for Ukraine in December last year. We  
have forwarded \$272.40 to support the Mudra Sprava  
(Wise Action) charity which will help the people of  
Ukraine who are faced with so much adversity  
and challenges.*





Readings for  
this week:

Isaiah 58:7-10  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Matthew 5:13-16



Readings for  
next week:

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Matthew 5:17-37

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**Sick List:** Graeme Weir, Cherie Mammone, Jim McIntyre, Pat Treacy, Irene Murphy, Irene Biesiekierski, Dennis Corboy, Barry Monaghan, Fr Steve Bohan, Parish Priest of Yarrowonga, Annette Kay [Friend of Rosemary Haigh] Kim Smyth, Noela McIntyre, Sam Sali, Rosemary Wingrave, Angelo Conti, Patrick Keane (Mons. Nephew)

**Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:**

**ALTAR HELPERS** Feb 4th Josie Cortese and Carmel Fasano Feb 11th Not required

**BINGO** Feb 11th Maree Williams, Josie Wood, David McIntyre, Chris & Miriam Hogarty and Emma Difede

4th & 5th February	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Cathie McMaster	Chris Hogarty	Mavis Murphy	Angelina Vigliaturo
10.00 am	AM Carroll	Anthony Butts	Maree Williams	Leo & Brenda Pye
11th & 12th February				
6:30 pm	Checca Richards	Ester Janke	Sarah Richards	Annette Rau
10.00 am	Maree Williams	Marie O'Meara	Anthony Butts	Tom & Cecily Dumaresq