



Readings for this week:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8  
James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Readings for next week:

Isaiah 35:4-7  
James 2:1-5  
Mark 7:31-37

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### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR .....

**Sick List:** Graeme Weir, Noreen & Pauline Griffith, Julie Pollard, Chris Keating, Fr Owen Doyle, Jim McIntyre, Gerard Murphy (brother of Kevin) Pat Treacy Cherie Mammone,

**Recently Deceased :** Paddy O'Rourke (brother of Liz Donnelly,)

**Anniversaries :**

**BINGO Aug 28th** Sadly not required

**ALTAR HELPERS : Sept 4th :** Marg and Michael McCarty ... hopefully !

28th & 29th August	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Not required			
10.00 am	Not required			
<b>4th and 5th September</b>				
6:30 pm	Kevin Murphy	Michelle Hicks	Marg Campbell	Merv & Pam Cormick
10.00 am	Rosemary Wingrave	Sheila Griffin	Anthony Butts	Angie Frame



## WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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### Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 29th August, 2021



### Liturgical Jottings Letter of St James

From this Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup>) to the 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time the second reading is from the Letter of St James. Most likely the author is James, relative of Jesus, not any of the Apostles of the same name. He writes in elegant Greek, with a rich vocabulary and allusions to Hebrew scriptures and culture and the life of Christ. The letter is addressed to Christians and described as: "A sort of examination of conscience due to its concrete character of the situation and actions that are subject of the author's reflection and often sharp criticisms." The letter gives an outline of Christian morality in the light of the Sermon of the Mount in Matthew's gospel.

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### Focus on the Readings

The first five books of the Bible called the Pentateuch or Torah (the Law) are most holy in the Hebrew tradition. Unlike other Near East cultures and religions that had their laws and traditions, the Law of God was to be taken to heart, not mere external observances but both internal and intentional. More importantly the Law established a unique relationship between the Lawgiver and the people. It establishes their identity and purpose. Our first reading from Deuteronomy emphasises the place of the Law in peoples' lives.

Scribes, Pharisees and elders of the community took on the responsibility to ensure the Laws are upheld. When they heard Jesus and his followers did not observe some of the laws, minor as they were, they came to question them. It was Jesus opportunity to take them back to the origins, purpose and intent of the Law. He addresses a perennial problem: over years and centuries, laws get distorted and sense of observance goes beyond the Lawgiver's purpose. We have many civil and ecclesiastical laws that get warped in time. Authorities are faced with updating them or they or the laws become irrelevant. We have in our lifetime experienced many changes in the laws: fasting, Holy Day observances, church and marriages practices. Pope Francis has ordered a new code of canon law to address issues of the day.

We are called back into right relationship with the Law, the Lawgiver and one another. The Psalmist calls the person to act justly and speak truly and walk humbly with our God.

### Prayer for the Week

**Father of light, giver of every good and perfect gift, bring to fruition the word of truth sown in our hearts by your Son, that we may rightly understand your commandments, live your law of love, and so offer you worship that is pure and undefiled. Amen.**

### Words of Pope Francis

History is what was, not what we want it to have been, and when we try to throw an ideological blanket over it, we make it so much harder to see what in our present needs to change in order to move to a better future. *Let us Dream 2020*

### On the Lighter Side

A man in an interrogation room says, "I'm not saying a word without my lawyer present." "But you are the lawyer." said the policeman. "Exactly," replied the lawyer, "So where's my present?"

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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

### NORMAL WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sat Vigil 6.30pm  
Sunday 10.00am

### POST LOCKDOWN RECONCILIATION

10.30am to 11.00am Saturday

Sadly, no masses can be scheduled for the coming week and the church will be locked at all times.

In the unlikely event that restrictions are eased and we come out of lockdown on 2nd. September, normal weekend mass times will apply.



### PARISH / SCHOOL NEWS

#### EASY WORSHIP

Sat 28th Aug Not required  
Sun 29th Aug Not required

Sat 4th Sept Carmel Fasano  
Sun 5th Sept Valoia family

#### ST MARY'S SCHOOL

Most children at the school are undertaking remote learning and only children of parents who hold an Essential Workers Permit are permitted on-site.

Some children attended an after care program at Mooroopna Primary School last Friday and their families have been contacted and advised to isolate immediately after the site was placed under a "Stop & Stay" order.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY, 29 Aug 2021

### A MESSAGE from BISHOP SHANE



Today, we celebrate Social Justice Sunday and the release of the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement, Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor, which invites us to join in responding to Pope Francis' invitation to take a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals.

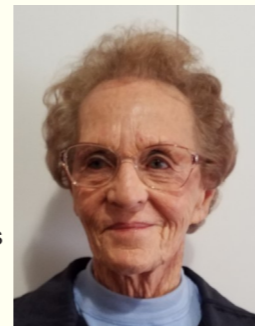
God asks us now as modern-day disciples to respond where we are and as we can so that the world can be infused and renewed with God's justice and mercy. The fruit we bear in what we do should reflect God's love. We take Christ down from the cross and contribute to resurrection every time we actively care for and protect the suffering earth, creatures, and people in need.

"This is an excellent document and I look forward, with the people of Sandhurst, to this Statement being a guide and encouragement for our diocesan journey towards ecological conversion and action."

[www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au)

### PARISH PROFILE—Repeat

Name Dorothy Healy  
Born RWH, Melbourne  
Family Late husband of 52 years, Jim, and 4 lovely daughters



Occupation Retired but many years as Postmistress and Mixed Business Proprietor at Dookie Agricultural College

How long have you been a parishioner at St Marys 20 years, and prior that, St. Mary's, Dookie

What do you like most about St. Mary's How very welcoming Mons Peter is to both existing parishioners and visitors, and also the lovely people I sit with at mass each week

AFL Team Collingwood

Favourite Player Nathan Buckley

Favourite Holiday Trip to Norfolk Island with daughter and son-in-law in 2016. Just loved seeing the muddy streets with all the chooks and cows happily wandering around.

Favourite Food Any sort of roast

Favourite Pastime Gardening, playing & watching tennis, watching all sports. Always likes a project.

Pet Hate A dirty house !!

Favourite TV Program News, news, news and news ... and sport, of course !!

Footnote—Was born quite a few years ago and used to go to school in a horse and gig—no heated seats, no cruise control, but good old metal wheels & bumpy road

### A MESSAGE FROM MONS PETER

"In these challenging times, our political leaders are doing their best to limit the spread of the virus. However I am conscious that self-isolation puts a strain on households - especially for people living alone. Parishioners are reaching out to each other by making a phone call to see how people are travelling. Knowing that I am not a good cook, kind people have been dropping off scrumptious meals. Thank you.



The positive outcome from our current situation is that we have space and time to prayerfully reflect on our personal and family values. Gently we may observe slight shifts in our outlooks. God meets us, and accompanies us, in the present moment. Let us pray for one another.

Peter Jeffrey

And CONGRATULATIONS MONS PETER Who had his second astra zenica jab during the week



### GOULBURN VALLEY SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

With our delegates Ruth Lawlor and Cathy Jenkins Monday, 30th August, 2021



#### PARISH DINNER

Royal Mail Hotel Friday, 27th August, 7.00pm



But don't be deterred WE WILL RE-SCHEDULE IN TIME

### POSITIONS VACANT

#### St. Mary's School

Classroom Teaching Position (Beginning 2022)  
Teacher's Aide Position (Beginning Term 4 2021)

Application close on 1st. September and can be emailed to the Principal, Mr Anthony Butts

[principal@smmooropna.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@smmooropna.catholic.edu.au)

### St Mary's Sacramental Program

Please remember the 21 children who are enrolled in our sacramental program

Oscar Weis, Louise Garcia, Desiree Gray, Ayan Dang, Hayley Glover, Dominic Lawless, Sienna Tripoli, Ethan Ulrich, Lucas Tripoli, Zachary Vanderdonk, Willow Dean, Mikhail Maksacheff, Nikolai Maksacheff, Edward Nioa, Romily Macreadie, Brandon Doherty, Cooper Smith, Cherie Smith, Ashton Foyster, Nicholas Vigliaturo, Abel Huggard,

They hope to celebrate their First Eucharist over 2 weekends



Saturday, 11th September, 6.30pm mass  
Sunday, 12th September, 10.00am mass  
Saturday, 18th September, 6.30pm mass  
Sunday, 19th September, 10.00am mass

### NO VIDEO MASS

Unfortunately, we will be unable to video a Mass for the next 2 weeks as our videologist Tom is in isolation.

However, you are welcome to watch the live service from Sandhurst on Sundays at 10.00am

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As lockdowns continue in NSW, Victoria and the ACT, once again the pavements on our daily walks are daubed with messages of hope, kindness and best wishes. If parents appreciate the break while the children are outside, know too that the messages are appreciated by those who walk past them. They invariably bring a smile, and help us to pay attention to what is around us.

### Prayers of the Faithful

We pray for all those who are caring for coronavirus patients, all those who are isolating to protect families and the wider community, and especially for all those who are working to control the outbreaks.

For the nation of Afghanistan thrown into greater suffering, for Haiti devastated by earthquake, and for Lebanon falling apart spiritually, economically and politically, that God will hear their cries as we pray with them.

We pray to the Lord.

### Bulletin Bloopers !

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet on Thursday at 7.00pm.

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