



# WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**16 October 2022**

## First Reading Ex 17:8-13

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 120. R. v.2

*(R.) Our help is from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.*

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:  
from where shall come my help?  
My help shall come from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth. (R.)
2. May he never allow you to stumble!  
Let him sleep not, your guard.  
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,  
Israel's guard. (R.)
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;  
at your right side he stands.  
By day the sun shall not smite you  
nor the moon in the night. (R.)
4. The Lord will guard you from evil,  
he will guard your soul.  
The Lord will guard your going and  
coming  
both now and for ever. (R.)

## Second Reading 2 Tm 3:14-4:2

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by

God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

## Gospel Acclamation Heb 4:12

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The word of God is living and active;  
it probes the thoughts and motives  
of our heart.*

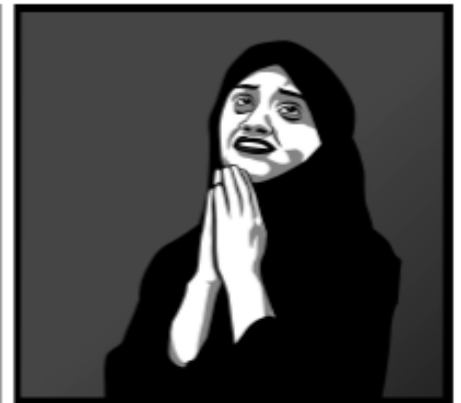
*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Lk 18:1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The judge in this story only gives in to the distraught widow when she threatens 'to give him a black eye' (in the Greek)! Jesus is not saying God is like the judge who needs to be battered into submission. Jesus is saying we need to pray like that widow.

Think of what widows in Syria or Iraq are praying for tonight. Then think of one's own prayer. God is not the slightest bit interested in my usual trivial, self-promoting prayers. But He is interested in my being such a woeful pray-er and wants to change me.

Recall an incident of really urgent, intense prayer. Most likely, it was to do with a traumatic accident or fatal disease of a baby, of a spouse, of a parent too young. Apply that intense urgency to those in the world crying out: 'give us this day our daily bread'. In short, pray The Lord's Prayer with meaning.

We could pause for a moment to pray to live out the consequences of the 'Our Father' lest we are threatened with a black eye!

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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 17th Oct Mass 6.00pm  
Tues 18th Oct Holy Hour Exposition 5.00pm  
Mass 6.00pm  
Wed 19th Oct Mass 5.00 pm  
Thur 20th Oct Mass 6.00pm  
Frid 21st Oct Mass 10.00am

### PARISH / SCHOOL NEWS

#### EASY WORSHIP

Sat 15th Oct Sarah Richards  
Sun 16th Oct Valoia family

Sat 22nd Oct Sarah Richards  
Sun 23rd Oct AM Carroll

#### PARISH MEETINGS

Preparation & Consultative Meeting  
Wed 19th. Oct,  
6.00—7.30 pm in  
Marian Centre

**BULLETIN BLOOPERS**  
But never at St. Mary's!  
3 priests at lunch



So three priests are out to lunch. One priest goes off about his problem with bats at his church, "I've tried everything to get rid of them, they just won't leave. "The second priest relates to the first, "I know! I've tried everything! Cats, spray, noise, light. They just won't go away." The third priest says, "Well, I baptized my bats; confirmed them and made them the newest members of my parish, haven't seen one since."

**PLEASE NOTE**

**THIS WEDNESDAY**

## Preparation & Consultation Meeting for the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council

On 27 April 2022 Bishop Shane Mackinlay announced a year of Preparation and Consultation for the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council (SMPC). Dr Chris Cotter (Sandhurst Director of Mission and Pastoral Life) and Ruth Lawlor (Sandhurst Youth Ministry Coordinator) will be conducting a Preparation & Consultation Meeting

Wednesday, 19th October, 6.00 to 7.30pm  
In the Marian Centre

The meeting will run for no more than 90 minutes.

- Find out about the SMPC
- Participate in a "Listening & Dialogue" process (as used in the first phase of the Plenary Council)
- Provide feedback and ask questions which will contribute to the establishment of a structure that will support synodality in our diocese

**All are welcome!**

*\*There is a change in time for Wednesday's Parish Mass to allow for all to attend. [ 5 pm NOT 6 pm]*

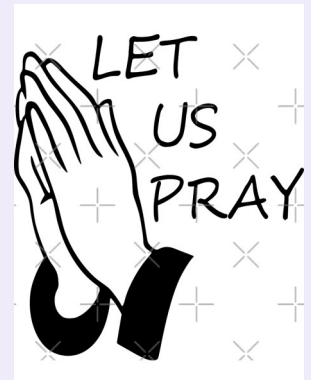
Dear Friend,

Every parent knows that point where it is easier to agree to your child's nagging than continuing to say 'no'. Or to put it another way, the child's persistence pays off. Persistence in prayer is a theme in this Sunday's readings, although as Fr Brendan Byrne SJ says in his homily notes, God is not 'worn down' by our prayers, but rather a trust in God enables us to persist in our prayers - 'even when the answer seems a long time coming'.

Let us pray this week for all those who have been affected by natural disasters, here in Australia and worldwide. We pray for them to have the resilience to cope with the problems of now, and the strength to look toward to the future with hope. We pray that people find shelter, medical care and provisions. We pray nations come together to develop long-term solutions to the problems of climate change and the commitment to carry out those solutions.

We pray for peace in our hearts, families, communities and the world.

Blessings  
Michele Frankeni  
Australian Catholics editor





This weekend our Parish family welcomes the following who are to be Baptised after 10 am Mass .

*\*Alexander Patone*

*\* Nicholas Good*

*\*Reeve McNamara*

*\*Archie Keating*

*\*Hannah Clark-Lawrence*

*\*Pippa Heyward*

*Congratulations and God's Blessings!*

**ST VINCENT de PAUL  
SOCIETY  
FESTIVAL MASS &  
GATHERING**



**Sunday, 30th October,  
10.00am  
St. Mary's Church, Mooroopna**

This inspiring event will include :-

- Mass
- Commissioning of St.V de Paul Presidents
- Commissioning of St.V de Paul Society Members & volunteers.
- Presentation of Long Service Badges

Followed by social gathering with lunch provided at Royal Mail Hotel, Mooroopna. Liquor & Barista at bar prices.

RSVP to Margaret Campbell [margc2@dodo.com.au](mailto:margc2@dodo.com.au) or phone 0439 118 842 by Fri 21st October.



**St Vincent  
de Paul Society**  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

Are still looking for more volunteers.

If you have some time to spare and enjoy helping others we would like to have a chat with you.

Training is provided and we work as a team.  
If interested please contact  
Margaret Campbell email  
[margc2@dodo.com.au](mailto:margc2@dodo.com.au) or phone 0439 118 842.

**St. Mary's Golden Oldies  
Christmas Dinner**



**Wednesday 9th November 2022**  
At  
**Mooroopna Pizzeria & Wine Bar**  
[ upstairs ]  
At 6:30 pm.

Please bring a Kris kindle gift to the value of \$10.

All are welcome!  
Please contact Sheila Griffin in you would like to attend.

Ph.0439361950.  
RSVP by November 2nd.

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th.



October  
Month of the  
**Rosary**

*Hail Mary, full of grace.  
Our Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women, and  
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners, now  
and at the hour of our death.*

*Amen*



Readings  
this Week

Exodus 17:8-13  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2  
Luke 18:1-8



Readings  
for next  
Sunday

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

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**Sick List:** Graeme Weir, Cherie Mammone, Jim McIntyre, Pat Keane, Pat Treacy, Irene Murphy, Irene Biesiekierski, Dennis Corboy, Barry Monaghan, Fr Steve Bohan, Parish Priest at Yarrawonga, Annette Kay (friend of Rosemary Haigh,) Kim Smyth, Anne Ryan, Noela McIntyre,

**Recently Deceased**

**Anniversaries :** Francis & Catherine Sleeth; Carmel McCormick ; Denis Ryan

**ALTAR HELPERS 15th Oct** Not required **22nd Oct** Connie Young, Angela Strangio

**BINGO : 22nd Oct:** Josie Cortese, Sonja van Eyk, Fiona Nioa, Tina Kennedy, Kathryn Davkovski

15th & 16th October	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Angelo Conti	Peter Stein	Miriam Hogarty	Angela Vigliaturo
10.00 am	Michelle Hicks	Laine Jacques LeFevre	Peter Stein	Rosemary Wingrave
22nd & 23rd October				
6:30 pm	Cathie McMaster	Chris Hogarty		Annette Rae
10.00 am	Anthony Butts	Rosemary Wingrave		Tom & Cecily Dumaresq