



WELCOME TO ST MARYS PARISH

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The Living Word

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

6 September 2026

First Reading Ez 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

*(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading Rom 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your

fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;

and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

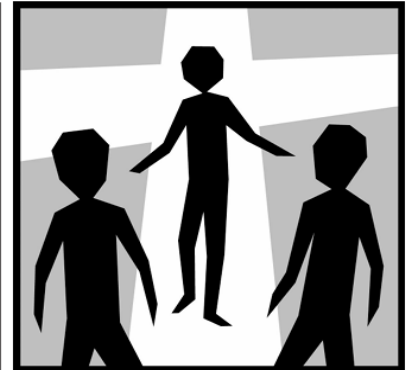
Gospel Mt 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'



Reflection by Nick Brodie

This Gospel is clearly about becoming part of team Jesus. There's the bit about gathering in twos and threes to find agreement about what we – including Jesus – want or need. Then we (the Greek 'you' is plural) are told we can jointly bind and loose, literally from the ground up.

This is, therefore, a profoundly synodal passage. It's an instruction manual for dealing with the messy realities in which the Church sometimes finds itself, and a reminder of the importance of community. There is even a plan for dealing with the odd recalcitrant brother who just won't listen! Jesus' key takeaway is about persistence and working together.

In our own times, where there is lots of scope for collective action on important issues, Jesus' frequent mention of 'earth' resonates. We are called to be the salt of the earth, a grounded people whose decisions can have heavenly effects.

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Welcome Fr. Wilford Ramos Urmaza, RCJ



We warmly welcome
Fr Wilford to St Mary's
and the Goulburn Valley!

Fr Wilford joins us from St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Melton South and **celebrated his first Mass at St Mary's Mooroopna on Friday, 4 September.**

He has now moved into the Parish House at St Brendan's and is settling in nicely. We are delighted to have him join our parish community and look forward to getting to know him. **Here's a little background about Fr Wilford:**

Fr Wilford Ramos Urmaza, RCJ, was born in Quezon City, Philippines, in 1986 and is a member of the Congregation of the Rogationists of the Heart of Jesus. His journey to the priesthood began at the age of 17 and his formation with the Rogationists in 2003.

He completed a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and later a Bachelor of Theology, graduating **Magna Cum Laude**. Fr Wilford made his perpetual profession in 2014 and was ordained to the priesthood on **24 October 2015**.

During his ministry in the Philippines, he served as a vocation director, formator, educator, Prefect of Discipline and Vice-Rector at the Rogationist Seminary in Manila.

Fr Wilford came to Australia in **December 2021**, serving initially at Holy Family Parish in Maidstone before becoming Assistant Priest at St Anthony of Padua and St Bernard's in Melton South in 2023. We are delighted to now welcome him to **St Mary's and the Shepparton cluster of parishes.**

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 10.30am

RECONCILIATION

10:30am to 11:15am Saturday

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 7/09	No Mass	
Tues 8/09	Holy Hour	5pm
Tues 8/09	Mass	6pm
Wed 9/09	Mass	6pm
Thurs 10/09	Mass	6pm
Fri 11/09	Mass in Marian Centre	10am

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 5th Sept: Filipino Choir
Sun 6th Sept: Imelda

Sat 12th Sept: Sarah Richards
Sun 13th Sept: AM Carroll

Father's Day—Sunday 6 September

This Father's Day, we pause to honour the men who have shaped our lives with love, patience and wisdom.

A father's role is not only about providing; it's about being present, showing kindness, leading by example and walking beside us through life's challenges. Fathers encourage us when we doubt ourselves, offer guidance when we feel uncertain and celebrate our joys as if they were their own.

Not every father expresses love in the same way. Some speak through words of encouragement, others through loving actions and sacrifice. What they share is a desire to see their children flourish and to give them strength for the journey ahead. Father's Day is also a time of remembrance. For those who can no longer celebrate with their fathers, we hold them in our hearts with gratitude for the memories and lessons they leave behind. For those who step into the role of father – grandfathers, uncles, mentors and friends – we give thanks for their presence and care.

So, this Father's Day we honour fathers past and present, near and far. We reflect on the ways their love, wisdom and presence have influenced us and shaped the people we are today.

St Mary's Baptism Dates 2026

Sunday 20 September

Sunday 18 October

Sunday 15 November

Formation Meetings Dates for 2026

- Tuesday 13 October from 7pm in the Church.

SAVE THE DATE

10th Anniversary of the
Annual Public Rosary

Saturday 10 October 2026 at 10:30am

St Brendan's Parish Gardens
More details to come
Maureen: 0403 876 578



52nd Marian Festival

Sunday 11 October 2025

Pray the Rosary for World Peace

Sacred Heart Cathedral
Bendigo



St Mary's Primary School

Next **Friday, 11 September**, we will come together as a whole school to celebrate **Mary's Birthday** with Mass.

Mass will commence at **10.00am** and, will be held in the **Marian Centre** rather than the church.



CARITAS AUSTRALIA NEPAL APPEAL

The Caritas network is working alongside affected communities and local authorities to assess needs and ensure assistance reaches those most impacted. We are asking Australians to stand with the people of Nepal during this devastating time. Thousands of households have been affected across multiple districts. Search and rescue operations continue in extremely challenging conditions, with damaged roads and communications hampering access to affected areas. You can support the Appeal at

www.caritas.org.au/nepal

or call 1800 024 413.



St. Mary's Winter Meals 2026 Report

For the past 14 weeks, volunteers from St. Mary's and surrounding towns have prepared meals and soup for people who are homeless and in need. Most weeks, 18 meals and 6 serves of soup were prepared and delivered to Mooroopna Education and Activity Centre (MEAC) from where, they were distributed.

16 volunteers participated, 250 meals and 78 serves of soup were provided in total.

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all who participated. It has been a difficult year, with some members very ill and others with sickness in the family.

Saddest of all, Gwen Ranson, one of our members died suddenly in July. Our prayers are with her husband, Alex and his family.

May God bless you.



WE ARE HIRING

Join the St Brendan's Catholic Church Office team

Administration Support Officer

13.5 hours per week

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Enquiries: shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

Contact: 5821 2633

Applications close: 24 September 2026



Readings
for
this week:

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Roman 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

Readings
for
next week:

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Recently Deceased: Lois Dellavedova

Anniversaries:

ALTAR HELPERS

Sat 5 Sept: not required

Sat 12 Sept: Chris Flower and Faye Flower

BINGO 12th September: Maree, Emma, Rob O'Meara, Marie O'Meara, Maureen Ball

5th & 6th Sept	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Kamsi Raymond	Chris Hogarty	Mavis Murphy	Raymond Family
10.30 am	Brenda Pye	Inez Raleigh	Maree Williams	Michael & Kaye Gaffy
12th & 13th Sept				
6:30 pm	Kevin Murphy	Mary Coad	Inez Raleigh	Angelina Vigliaturo
10.30 am	Maree Williams	Marie O'Meara	Angela Iacono	TBA