



Readings for this week:

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10  
Hebrews 12:1-4  
Luke 12:49-53



Readings for next week:

Isaiah 66:18-21  
Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13  
Luke 13:22-30

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

**Sick List:** Mary McGrath, Luke Holford, Robert Kelso, Jean and Bryan Mulcahy, Fr Chris Reay, Chris McIntyre, Graeme Weir, Gerard Hicks

**Recently deceased:** Fred Purcell (brother of Fr Paul [St Kilians])

**Anniversary:** Bonnie Wiltshire (Kilmartin), Reg & Marian Sellwood

### ROSTERS

**BINGO ROSTER:** 13th August - S. Wilson, R. Smith, N. Egglestone, M. Ball, T. Renshaw

**COUNTER ROSTER:** 7th August - A. & M. McGrath, A. Conti; 14th August - M. Williams, B. Ryan

13/14 August	READERS	OFFERTORY	SPECIAL MINISTERS	ALTAR HELPERS
6:30 pm	E. Janke K. Murphy	Angela Brown & Family	L. Turk M. Janke M. Hogarty	E. Donnelly P. Cormick
10 am	M. Macdonald K. Pearse	Kate Carrafa & Family	M. Lee R. O'Meara (RP/G1) S. Griffin (RP/G2)	E. Donnelly P. Cormick
<b>20/21 August</b>				
6:30 pm	F. Smullen C. Dumaresq	Helen Crilly & Family	H. Betson F. Dowling M. Murphy	J. Anderson M. McGrath
10 am	R. Wingrave M. Williams	Irene Tumua-Valoia & Family	N. Collins K. Treacy (RP/G1) I. Tumua (RP/G2)	J. Anderson M. McGrath

WELCOME TO

## St Mary's Parish

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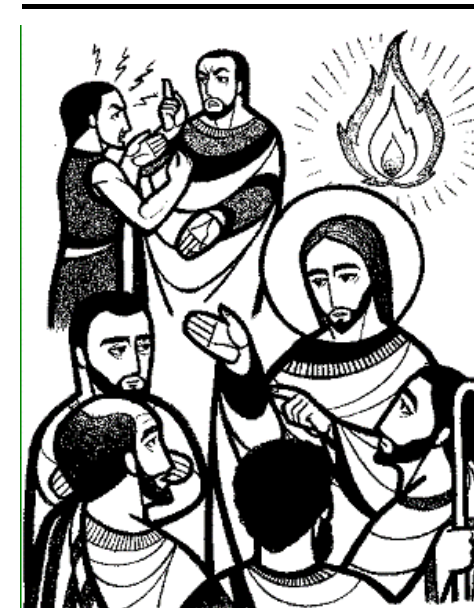
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Sunday 14th August 2016

### Looking at the Readings

We often think of Jesus as a man of peace, and this image has much to offer us and attract us even as it challenges us to be people of peace too, in a world which struggles with terrorism, and a local culture struggling with family violence.

Yet today we hear Jesus talking about his confrontation with evil, facing a "baptism" of suffering at the hands of those who reject him and his message of God's compassion. Jesus is no pushover. Not for him peace at any price. He is prepared to stand up for what he knows is right, and to resist what he knows is wrong. He knows this will cause divisions, even within families. Jesus was not crucified for being meek and mild. He was executed at the insistence of those whose religious system had little or no place for those who struggle and are on the edge of society, and who could not accept Jesus' message of God's mercy, compassion and inclusion.



### Liturgical Jottings

#### Liturgical Vestments

**The Chasuble:** the unique outer vestment of the presider, the priest or bishop, is both a reminder to the church of each Christian's unique-ness in Christ and of the one Lord who is common to all. The enveloping chasuble, especially in the colours of the season, allows the rest of the church to see in the presider, not primarily a single individual, but its own single voice in Christ, proclaiming the faith and praising the Father. New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship

#### Pope Francis' Encyclical

"A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor." (Laudato Si 49)

Where do we stand when it comes to the kind of God we believe in? What price would we pay as a consequence of this faith?

**Feast of the Week:** The Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

*The commemoration of the death of the BVM, known in the East as the Dormition, or falling asleep, and in the West as the Assumption because of the tradition that her body did not decay but that she was raised up, body and soul, into heaven. This tradition was already present in the sixth century; and was widespread by the 20<sup>th</sup> century. After consulting the views of bishops all over the world, the Pope infallibly declared the doctrine of the Assumption to be part of the authentic and ancient doctrine of the universal Church. This feast day is a holy day of obligation in Australia.*

#### Prayer for the week

"While other worldviews lead us to sit in the midst of life's joys, foreseeing the coming sorrows, Christianity empowers its people to sit in the midst of this world's sorrows, tasting the coming joy." (Tim Keller Walking with God through Pain and Suffering; page 31)

#### On the Lighter Side

From the Vatican Archives: An Australian Bishop phoned Pope Benedict XVI: "Happy feast day Your Holiness!" The Pope said: "But today is not the feast of St Benedict?" The Bishop replied: "It is the 16th, though."

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## ST MARY'S PARISH MOTTO

"Reaching out to each other  
- growing together in love"

### MASS TIMES

**Saturday Vigil:** 6.30pm at St Mary's

**Sunday:** 10am at St Mary's

**Sunday:** 8.30am at St Joseph's, Undera  
(Monthly Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month)

### RECONCILIATION

10.30—11am at St Mary's

## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASS TIMES MONDAY 15th AUGUST

- 10am - St Mary's Church  
(Classes 3/4 coming along)
- 6pm - St Mary's Church
- 10am ITALIAN MASS -  
St Brendans (Fr Doroteo)



### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

**TUESDAY 8.50AM - 9.10AM**  
St Mary's Church  
16th August - 3/4 JG

### WEEK-DAY MASS TIMES

- ◇ 16th August - Tuesday 6pm Mass
- ◇ 17th August - Wednesday 6pm Mass
- ◇ 18th August - Thursday 10am Mass with the  
Prep and Year 1 classes!  
(NOTE MASS TIME CHANGE)
- ◇ 19th August - Friday 10am Mass  
**ANOINTING MASS** (classes 4/5/6 to attend)

**MASS AT  
RODNEY PARK RETIREMENT VILLAGE  
THURSDAY 25th August at 10.30am**

"Scripture is like a river ...broad and deep,  
shallow enough here for the lamb to go wading,  
but deep enough there for the elephant to swim."  
Gregory the great

### MEETINGS IN AUGUST

- ⇒ Monday 15th August - Finance Committee @ 7pm
- ⇒ Wednesday 17th August - PPC @ 6.30pm
- ⇒ Thursday 25th August - Liturgy Meeting @ 7pm

**THANK YOU TO ALL  
PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO  
COME ON TO ST MARY'S  
PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME.**

IF there are any parishioner/s who are interested in contributing to St Mary's Planned Giving Programme either by receiving weekly envelopes or via Direct Debit please contact the Parish Office on 5825 2034 during working hours (Wed - Fri 9am—1pm) or email Diane, on mooropna@cdos.org.au.

Thank you...

### PLANNED GIVING STATEMENTS

Planned Giving Quarterly Statements (May/June/July) are available for collection. To reduce costs in postage please collect your envelope ASAP.

Also on the table in the porch area are copies of the 2015/16 Profit & Loss Statements for the Parish.

IF you have any queries please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

## MULTIFAITH PRAYER FOR NEW ARRIVALS

**Event:** Solidarity in Mercy and Compassion

**When:** Sunday 28th August 2016

**Time:** 3pm - 4.30pm

**Where:** Mooroopna Community Hub  
23 Alexandra Street, Mpna  
(enter via Morelle Street)

RSVP: web@sheppartoninterfaith.com.au

### ALL WELCOME

Supported by Shepparton Interfaith Network; St Mary's Parish, Mooroopna; and Sadaat Foundation.

FR ALEX LIM AND THE PARISHIONERS OF ELMORE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST MARTIN OF TOURS CATHOLIC CHURCH, MUSKERRY

Blessing and Consecration of the Church will be celebrated on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2016. Mass at 10.30am followed by a shared basket lunch in the church grounds.

Enq: Maurie Sharkey 5432 2232 or  
Pat Johnson 5432 9335

## 'THE PSALMS OF MERCY'

**A Day of Prayer and Reflection for the Sandhurst Diocese in the Year of Mercy**  
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3, 2016 10.30am – 3.00 pm

Bishop Les Tomlinson, Fr Brian Boyle, Maria Weatherill, Lyn Breen. (Morning Tea from 10.00 am).  
**Mercy Centre, Sacred Heart Primary School, Hogan St, TATURA. ALL WELCOME.**

No cost. Lunch provided - donation if possible.

A time of reflection and prayer on the Psalms of Mercy, as we come together as a Diocesan community and family, to pray about the gifts of Mercy in our lives, and deepen our understanding and experience of God's Mercy.



**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:** Sandhurst Diocese Chancery E: [adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:adultfaith@sandhurst.catholic.org.au) or 'Ph: 03 5441 2544.

## Stronger Retreat

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!  
16 - 18 SEPTEMBER



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## The Ten Commandments of Mercy By Ronald Rolheiser

Among the Ten Commandments, one begins with the word "remember": "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day." It reminds us to recall something we already know. There are commandments of mercy written into our very DNA. We already know them, but we need to remember them more explicitly. Here is one of them.

**Remember that we all stand forever in need of mercy**  
There is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who converts than over 99 righteous persons. Does God love sinners more than the righteous? There are no righteous persons. It's rather that we feel God's love more when we admit that we're sinners. None of us ever measure up. But, as St Paul so consolingly teaches, the whole point is that we don't have to measure up. That's what mercy means. It's undeserved, by definition.

## SCRIPTURE DAY with Fr ROB GALEA

AUGUST 20th 10am—3pm

Mons Anthony Bones Hall

Tea/coffee provided

Bring shared lunch & afternoon tea

"were not our hearts burning, while He spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us".

Contact: Brigita Hore - 0412 042 196

Email: [brigitajh@bigpond.com](mailto:brigitajh@bigpond.com)

## L'Arche Community Bendigo

The 'Maureen Considine Major Fundraiser Dinner'

Saturday 20th August 2016 at 7pm

'The Conservatory', All Seasons Hotel, Bendigo

Guest Speaker: Eileen Glass, L'Arche International.

**\$70pp Tickets: Tel. 0438 439 384**



## CELEBRATING PRIMARY SCHOOL CHAPLANCY IN MOOROOPNA

**HIGH TEA - TUESDAY 23th AUGUST**

1.30pm - 3.00pm

"The Canteen" - Mooroopna Anglican Church  
Guest Speaker: Liz Spicer, Kyabram P-12 Chaplin

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