



Readings for this week:
2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5
Luke 20:27-38



Readings for next week:
Malachi 3:19-20
2 Thessalonians 3:7-12
Luke 21:5-19

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Sick List: Lisa Maree Knight, Luke Holford, Robert Kelso, Jean and Bryan Mulcahy, Chris McIntyre, Graeme Weir, Gerard Hicks, Mary Hehir **Recently deceased:** Fr Chris Reay, Angelo Nicosia
Anniversary: Kathleen Sporle

ROSTERS

BINGO ROSTER: 12th November - K. Bubb, C. Mark, D. Thompson, C. Parker, A. Zanelli, V. Noonan

COUNTER ROSTER: 6th November - M. Williams, B. Ryan; 13th November - H. Betson, M. O'Meara

5/6 Nov	READERS	OFFERTORY	SPECIAL MINISTERS	ALTAR HELPERS
6:30 pm	C. Hogarty F. Dowling	Fiona Dowling & Family	L. Turk M. Janke E. Janke	B. Pye M. McCarty
10 am	FAMILY MASS	FAMILY MASS	N. Collins C. Dumaresq (RP/G1) M. Williams (RP/G2)	B. Pye M. McCarty
12/13 November				
6:30 pm	Fran Smullen Emma MacDonald	Emma MacDonald	Angela Frangela Fiona Dowling Marg Lee	D. Sandilands J. Buttigieg
10 am	Anthony Butts Brenda Pye	Liz Turk & Family	Teresa Tumua Leo Pye (RP/G1) Sheila Griffin (RP/G2)	D. Sandilands J. Buttigieg

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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Sunday 6 November 2016

Looking at the Readings

Both the reading from Maccabees and the passage from the gospel speak of resurrection. The first is a testimony of faith, the second demonstrates a measure of scorn that accompanies unbelief. Belief in resurrection is not the same as the conviction of the immortality of the soul. The latter is based on the makeup of the human person; the former rests on the fidelity of God. The doctrine of resurrection is grounded in the concept of covenant, which claims that God has established a relationship with human beings. At issue is whether or not death is powerful enough to break the ties that bind us in covenant with God. Jesus says 'No!'

If this is the future that awaits us, how are we to live until it dawns? Actually, it has already dawned. This is the eschatological hope in which we live by the grace given us from God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our future is already present and, therefore, we are called to live lives that have been radically transformed. However, the future has not yet completely dawned, and so we find ourselves living both in this age and in the age to come. Thus we live future lives, but we live them in the present. As difficult as this may be, we have the promise that the Lord will strengthen us and guard us. We have the instruction of our religious tradition that directs our minds and hearts. When we live lives of the future, we truly enable that future to dawn in the present. ©Dianne Bergant CSS



Liturgical Jottings

The first five books of what we know as the Bible make up what Jews regard as the Torah (the Law). Right up until 1850's, it was accepted that Moses was the author of these five books. Literary criticism reveals a variety of authors and editors and the books are now thought to have been compiled at the time of the Jewish exile in Babylon. Despite this, Moses holds a special place in Judaism as the 'Law-giver' because of his part in receiving the Ten Commandments and he tends to be associated with the whole of the books of Law – the Torah.

Feast of the Week: St Martin of Tours 11 November

Martin was born about 316, became a soldier, a hermit, joined a monastery and later he was ordained a priest and then bishop of Tours. He was renowned for founding monasteries, educating clergy, preaching the Gospel to the poor and being a true shepherd in his diocese. He died in 397.

On the Lighter Side

A man dies and goes to the gates of heaven. St Peter asks him "Have you ever helped others?" He answered: "I saw a man being bullied by thugs, I ran to his aid, reprimanded the thugs and let the man escape." St Peter said: "Well done, when did you do that?" The man replied about three minutes ago!"



Quotable Quote

Through his death and resurrection, Christ freed us from sin and gave us access to a new life, "so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." (Rom 6:4) *Ad Resurgendum cum Christo*

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

WEEK-DAY MASS TIMES

◇ **Tuesday 8th November - 8am Mass with
Bishop Leslie Tomlinson
THERE WILL BE NO 6pm MASS**

- ◇ Wednesday 9th November - 6pm Mass
- ◇ Thursday 10th November - 6pm Mass
- ◇ Friday 11th November - 10am Mass

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION
TUESDAY 8.50AM - 9.10AM
8 November - 3/4WM**

**MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S UNDERA
SUNDAY 13th November at 8.30am**

PARISH NEWS

Monsignor on Annual Leave: Please note that Monsignor will be holidaying in New Zealand from Tuesday 15th November and returning on Thursday 24th November.

Meetings in November:

- Finance Meeting - 28th Nov at 5.30pm
- PPC Meeting - 30th Nov at 6.45pm

St Mary's/St Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen: The combined Committee working on arrangements for the weekly soup kitchen are progressing. It is hoped that all will be in place to have this on a stable footing and to begin operating from early February 2017.

New PPC Members: This weekend we will be commissioning 2 new PPC Members onto St Mary's Pastoral Committee. They are Marie O'Meara and Margaret Campbell.

We would like to thank Rob Slee and Maria Macdonald for their contributions, time and effort during their time on the PPC.

WELCOME to our FAMILY MASS this SUNDAY

As parents, we certainly meet Jesus every day in our children. God has put us within our domestic church to help work out the salvation of our children, our spouses, and ourselves. Countless opportunities for grace are offered each day. Hidden within the care of the family or household chores, our Lord presents many encounters and experiences for us. It is up to us to decide to respond in love to everything we face. God will give us the strength and courage when we ask.



**We invite everyone to stay
after the 10am Mass
for a cuppa!**

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
FRIDAY 11th NOVEMBER
6.30PM
with
Bishop Leslie Tomlinson
ALL ARE WELCOME
TO ATTEND**

During the Masses *this weekend* the children who will be making their Sacrament of Confirmation will be presented with their red Confirmation Stoles.



If you would like to join our Planned Giving Programme, Direct Debit Forms or Pledge Cards can be found in the porch area at the back of the church

PARISH HOUSE LIBRARY

We are starting up a library in the Parish House containing books and magazines of a religious and spiritual nature and also ones pertaining to relationships, drugs, alcohol and violence.

If you have any literature pertaining to these topics or others relevant to the human situation, please drop them off at the Parish Office.

Also if you have any bookshelves, please let me know.

Thank you, Kevin Murphy
(5825 2719; 0419 252 757)



CHRISTMAS WHEELBARROW RAFFLE



THANK YOU to everyone who has already donated something towards the Wheelbarrow Raffle. Suggestions for further donations are as follows: wine, softdrink, glasses, candy canes, shortbread, biscuits, jams, tea towels, bon bons, chocolate box, tinsel - anything with a Christmas flavour.



**The Raffle will be drawn AFTER
the CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
in the MARIAN CENTRE.**

REFLECTION

(GPBS eNews—Weekly Parables)

Don't Close Your Mind to God

The Sadducees were members of a religious group whose beliefs differed from Jesus' teachings. For example, they didn't believe in the Resurrection or in angels. But in this week's Gospel, they didn't listen to him and rethink their positions; instead, they made an argument that mocked his beliefs.

That's too common in our society. People don't listen to one another; instead, they attack or belittle one another. It's an easy style to adopt. You don't have to think if you can shout down or mock your opponent.

But that's how you miss God's wisdom. This week's Gospel reminds us that sometimes God challenges our positions on things like religion, school, and family. That challenge will likely come through friends, pastors, teachers, work colleagues, and family members. The Spirit calls us to keep our minds open, especially to people with whom we disagree.

**God doesn't require us to succeed;
He only requires that you try.
Mother Teresa**

Volunteers needed for 2017

**Do you like helping children
with their school work or
projects?**

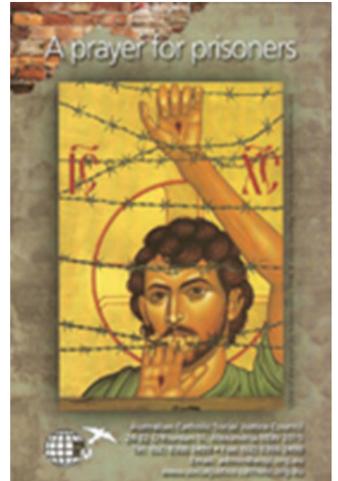
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PRISON SUNDAY - 6 NOVEMBER 2016

A prayer for prisoners

God, Our Creator,
We acknowledge the ancestors and original owners of this land,
a land of wealth and freedom, far horizons,
mountains, forest and shining sand.
Maker and spirit of earth and all creation
let your love possess our land
and may we share in faith and friendship, the gifts
unmeasured from your hand.
We pray for all the imprisoned, those on the inside,
whose confinement is obvious
and those on the outside, whose imprisonment is subtler.
We reach out in grace, knowing that human divisions are false,
that we are not the innocent praying for the guilty
or the right praying for the wrong
but people praying for people, the hurt remembering the hurt,
the failure reaching out in love to the failure in a single community.
We remember those who seek to change difficult life stories, midwives of hope and agents of grace.
We remember and pray for the victims of crime on the outside,
knowing that we do not have the luxury of black and white,
the simple answer or the easy question.
We remember and pray for the countless victims on the inside
casualties of uneven playing fields and difficult starts,
dreamless futures and nightmare pasts.
We remember the whole criminal justice system and its process,
those caught up in it, those on every side
and in every moment of it.
We pray a blessing on all those who enter prison.
We pray a blessing on all those who wait on the outside.
We pray a blessing on the world community.
Teach us to deal with each other with compassion.
Keep all of us ever mindful of your law of love
so that we may temper justice with mercy,
exercise control with compassion.
May our motives and our actions conform to your will
and fulfil your purposes all the days of this life
so that we may share in the life to come.
Amen.



Caritas Agencies of Australia, New Zealand & Tonga have collaborated to produce '**Hungry for Justice, Thirsty for Change: Caritas State of the Environment Report for Oceania 2016**'. This is the human story that captures what science has long been telling us – that the atmosphere is warming, the sea is rising and that we are experiencing more extreme weather events of greater ferocity. The report reflects the voices, experiences and observations of people and communities in the Pacific. Visit www.caritas.org.au/hungry to download the report & factsheets, watch short videos from the Solomon Islands, and take action by signing a letter to your MP calling for stronger climate action.