



Readings for this week:

Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23
Colossians 3:1-5,9-11
Luke 12:13-21



Readings for next week:

Wisdom 18:6-9
Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19
Luke 12:32-48

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Recently Deceased: Elizabeth (Betty) McNeill

ROSTERS

BINGO ROSTER: 6th August - M. William, T. Jaap, M. Ballintine, P. Sheargold, L. Bulmer, V. Emanuelli, B. Sheargold

COUNTER ROSTER: 31st July - E. De Fide, J. Ryan, J. Cortese; 7th August - A. & M. McGrath, A. Conti

30/31 July	READERS	OFFERTORY	SPECIAL MINISTERS	ALTAR HELPERS
6:30 pm	T. Dumaresq A. Conti	Tom & Cecily Dumaresq	H. Betson A. McGrath K. Treacy	K. Brett D. Morris
10 am	S. Griffin N. Collins	Kate Carrafa & Family	I. Tumua Valoia T. Tumua M. Murphy (RP)	K. Brett D. Morris
6/7 August				
6:30 pm	FAMILY MASS	FAMILY MASS	A. McGrath A. Conti F. Smullen	J. Cortese C. Fasano
10 am	B. Pye E. Macdonald	Emma Macdonald & Family	A. Butts C. Dumaresq (RP/G1) M. Williams (RP/G2)	J. Cortese C. Fasano

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Sunday 31st July 2016

Looking at the Readings

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity! © Dianne Bergant CSS



**Liturgical Jottings
Ministries at Mass**

It is desirable that the participation of the faithful be expressed by an offering, whether of bread and wine for the celebration of the Eucharist or of other gifts to relieve the needs of the Church and of the poor. A liturgical function is also exercised by those who take up the collections in the church. GIRM 140. 105c

Amoris Laetitia

The family is thus an agent of pastoral activity through its explicit proclamation of the Gospel and its legacy of varied forms of witness, namely solidarity with the poor, openness to a diversity of people, the protection of creation, moral and material solidarity with other families, including those most in need, (par 290 Pope Francis)

Quotable Quote

"I had an inheritance from my father, It was the moon and the sun. And though I roam all over the world, The spending of it's never done." Ernest Hemingway,



On the Lighter Side

"Say not you know another entirely, till you have divided an inheritance with him." Johann Kaspar Lavater

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, Unera
(Monthly Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month)**

RECONCILIATION

10.30—11am at St Mary's

WEEK-DAY MASS TIMES

- ◇ 2nd August - Tuesday 6pm Mass
- ◇ 3rd August - Wednesday 6pm Mass
- ◇ 4th August - Thursday 6pm Mass
- ◇ 5th August - Friday 10am Mass

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

TUESDAY 8.50AM - 9.10AM
St Mary's Church
2nd August—1/2BL

FAMILY MASS

The SENIOR CLASSES of St Mary's School
will be partaking in the Liturgy this month.
THIS FAMILY MASS is on SATURDAY
6th AUGUST at 6.30pm.

STAY FOR A CUPPA

NEXT Sunday (7th August) we invite everyone to stay
after the 10am Mass for a cuppa.

CONGRATULATIONS

ZARA VIGLIATURO

ALYSSA JEFFREY

who will be baptised this
weekend.



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UNDERA CONSULTATION

Thank you to all who attended the Consultation last Sunday afternoon. Paul White (Shepparton) facilitated an open meeting where all opinions were able to be expressed. They have been minuted and will be reported to the Parish Pastoral Council. Then a recommendation will be made to the Parish Priest for future implementation.

ST MARY'S PARISH DINNER

A lovely evening was shared among Parishioners from St Mary's and St Brendan's last Monday night in honour of Mons. Peter's 53rd Anniversary as a Diocesan Priest.

A BIG THANKS to go to BRENDA & LEO PYE who were the main organisers for the evening.

Some photos from the night have been displayed on the white board at the back of the church.



WORLD YOUTH DAY KRAKOW, POLAND 25-31 JULY 2016

**Please keep our young pilgrims in
your prayers.**

BEREAVEMENT TEAM MEETING

**TUESDAY 2nd AUGUST
4pm at the PARISH HOUSE**

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Would you like to volunteer to tutor children in the school setting?

We are looking for volunteers who have a background in education (any level).

Our volunteers will work in the schools of the Shepparton area in association with the Catholic Education Office Sandhurst and the Sisters of Mercy. You will need a Working with Children Card obtainable locally from the Post Office.

On receiving your expression of interest an application form will be forwarded together with other necessary information. Training days will be offered prior to commencement of duty. You will be asked to commit at least one day/week for the rest of the year.

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BEFORE MONDAY
1ST AUGUST 2016

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REFLECTION (GPBS eNews—Weekly Parables)

Too Many Toys, Not Enough Fun?

One night I was volunteering at a shelter when I found a large tray of hot dogs in the fridge. Knowing the homeless guests were hungry, I handed out all the hot dogs.

Another guest, James, arrived a little later. Smiling, he asked me to heat up a few of his hot dogs. Embarrassed, I realised that the hot dogs I had given out belonged to James. I quickly apologised and offered to replace them. He laughed at my mistake and said, “Don't worry about it. As long as all the people ate, that's all I care about”. James was the exact opposite of the man in Jesus' parable this week.

This Gospel is important for us. Our culture pushes us to buy nonstop and do whatever we can to get more money and more things for ourselves. Some people joke at those who die with the most toys win. That's an easy trap to fall into, but Winston Churchill once said something like “you make a living with what you get, but you make a life with what you give”.

A “more for me” attitude can take over your life and kill relationships. This week's Gospel condemns greed not because greedy people go to hell but because greedy people construct their own hell on earth.

Greed traps people in hell by keeping them from the best part of life, that which matters to God – sacrifice for others; service to the poor; relationships based on character, not appearance. You build a life – and find real happiness – by using your talents for others and putting their needs first.

I still forget that sometimes. That's why I'm grateful God sends people like James to remind me.

*You make a living with what you get,
but you make a life with what you give!*
Winston Churchill

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WHO ASSIST THE CATERING GROUP
when they are called upon to cater for funerals
and other functions within St Mary's.
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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 mercy is the essence of all true religion Inside religion and spirituality, within all faiths, three things try to lay claim to what's central: proper religious practice, outreach to the poor, and compassion. Ultimately, they are not in opposition, but complementary pieces of one religious whole. But the religious practice and outreach to the poor to be an extension of God's love and not of human ego, they need to be predicated upon compassion, mercy. Deepest inside of every religion is the invitation: Be compassionate, merciful, as God is compassionate.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 31st July 2016



“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.” (LUKE 12:15)

The Gospel message today is so contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not store up or hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle.

HUGH MACKAY in SHEPPARTON

Social researcher, author and commentator, Hugh Mackay, will present a challenging, sometimes confronting, but most of all enlightening account of the messages in his two latest books *Beyond Belief* (2016) and *The Art of Belonging* (2014).

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Catholic Mothers of Young Children

Catholic Mothers of Young Children will be meeting on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at the Mon Jeffery Centre at St Brendan's (behind the church) from 10am til 11:30am. All mothers welcome, bring along children under school age, a snack (nut free) and gold coin donation. Share vocational discussion, a cuppa, and catechesis for children. For more info contact Katie Mills 0417504635.