



Readings for this week:

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



Readings for next week:

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

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

Anniversary: Giuseppe & Rosa Minutoli, Maria Cortese, Monsignor Bones

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

6/7 August	READERS	OFFERTORY	SPECIAL MINISTERS	ALTAR HELPERS
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
13/14 August				
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

WELCOME TO

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Sunday 7th August 2016

Looking at the Readings

The gospel today presents a call to "stand ready", because we do not know when the Lord will come. Perhaps as we hear this, we think first of the need to be ready for the time our life will end, and we will be called upon to give an account of ourselves before the judgement seat of God. Such a call to be ready for an unexpected death at any time is salutary and sobering indeed, and it is a very good message to take away with us today. While we are in good health it is easy to become complacent, and forget how fragile our grip on life is.

But perhaps there is more for us here. We need to stand ready to meet the Lord at every moment of every day, not only at the end of life. We need to "find God in all things" as St Ignatius would say. It is not only at the end of life that we are called to discern and respond to the presence of God, in every person and every created thing that make up our every day. Are we ready for this?



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgical Vestments

The Alb: for Christians, clothing, especially liturgical clothing, is meant to express the church's life in Christ. In Revelation the church is depicted as the bride of Christ who "has been given a dress to wear made of finest linen, brilliant white" (19:7), a garment which symbolizes both redemption in the blood of the Lamb and the holy works that flow from this new life (2:2-5). The white worn by the newly baptised, and especially the full length white alb worn by liturgical ministers, signify the church's common life in Christ. New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship,

A Blessing for the Week

Through the example of Saint Mary of the Cross, may you learn to recognize God's will for you and trust in his providence.

May her life of service awaken in you a deep respect for the poor and a strong will for justice. May you share in her courage, see with the eyes of Christian love, and learn from her holy deeds. Amen.

From the liturgy of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, 8 August



Feast for the week

St Clare of Assisi, Thursday 11 August

Clare was born in Assisi in 1193/4, under guidance of St Francis she began a community that grew to become the Poor Clares, the second Order of St Francis. They witnessed poverty and prayer. St Clare was noted for contemplation and care of others she died in 1253.

Pope Francis' Encyclical

"The human person is called "to live in communion with God, with others and with all creatures." (Laudato Si 240)

On the Lighter Side

Shortest joke a software developer can tell: "It will be ready soon."



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

- ◇ 9th August - Tuesday 6pm Mass
- ◇ 10th August - Wednesday 6pm Mass
- ◇ 11th August - Thursday 6pm Mass
- ◇ 12th August - Friday 6pm Mass (NOTE CHANGE)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

TUESDAY 8.50AM - 9.10AM
St Mary's Church
9th August—5/6DC

FAMILY MASS

Welcome to all the families attending THIS SATURDAY'S LITURGY and thank you to all those involved in the Mass.

STAY FOR A CUPPA

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

MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S UNDERA

SUNDAY 14th AUGUST at 8.30am

CONGRATULATIONS to

- ◆ Alyssa Jeffery
- ◆ Jessica L'Estrange
- ◆ Bailey Leask



who will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 6th August.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

With a number of people expressing interest in exploring further Catholic faith and practice with the possibility of membership of the Catholic Church, it is timely that we establish our St Mary's RCIA Team.

Please give prayerful consideration to this. If you would like to follow it up, please contact Monsignor Peter.

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

August 1st - 7th

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)



HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION for Australia and New Zealand are 15 August (Assumption) and 25 December (Christmas). The importance of a day in the liturgical calendar is determined by its rank (*solemnity, feast, memorial*); a Holy Day is simply a solemnity celebrated like a Sunday, that is, with obligation. [Ordo 2016]

KIDS BULLETIN

In the porch area of the church there are some KIDS' BULLETINS to take home.

"If the only prayer you said was THANK YOU,
that would be enough"

Meister Eckhart

Eucharist means thanksgiving

The eating of the bread and wine, which are changed into the body and blood of Jesus Christ to be the food of eternal life, is the sign of our union with Christ. In the synagogue in Capernaum Jesus said, "Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life and I shall raise him up on the last day" (John 6:54).

Jesus instituted the Eucharist within the Jewish Passover meal on the night before he died. Jesus said "I have longed to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I shall not eat it again until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God" (Luke 22:15-16)



[Extract from Your Faith booklet]

REFLECTION (GPBS eNews—Weekly Parables)

THE END IS NEAR?

I was saddened a few years ago when a young person came to me upset. He was trying to live a Christian life, but he kept falling short. That worried him because some Christians had convinced him the world was ending soon. "I'm worried that Jesus won't take me with him," he said.

There's a lot of talk out there about the world's end. Some Christian books predict exactly how and when it will happen. Some people even use fear about the world's end and God's judgment to motivate people to follow Jesus.

Luke wrote this week's Gospel for early Christians who expected Jesus to return fairly soon. He urges Christians to be prepared, but he is also sceptical of people who claim to know when or how he's coming.

That's good advice for us. We don't know how the world will end. People who claim to find details about it in the Scriptures usually are misreading the Bible. We need to steer clear of people who use fear tactics to spread the Gospel. Our God motivates through love, not fear, always reminding us that we're loved despite our sins. So don't worry about whether the world might end before you're "good enough" in God's eyes.

It's our job to wait, not worry. We wait by praying and worshipping. We wait by doing our best and acknowledging our shortcomings. We wait by serving the poor. We wait by opening up to people we trust. When you wait in these days, you'll be surprised. Suddenly you'll realise God's grace and peace is with you – and the Master has arrived.



Spirituality in the Pub

Terminus Hotel, Shepparton
Monday 8th August
7.30 – 9 pm
(meals from 6pm optional)

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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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Event: Solidarity in Mercy and Compassion

When: Sunday 28th August 2016

Time: 3pm - 4.30pm

Where: Mooroopna Community Hub
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PARISH INFORMATION

Parish/School Car Park:

Thank you for your co-operation during the work that is being done on extending and sealing the carpark. Now that the weather has improved the work should progress smoothly.

Undera Consultation:

The Executive of the Parish Council and Finance Committee met to review the minutes of the recent Consultation at Undera.

Having considered all opinions expressed at the Consultation, the Executive recommends that I convey to the Bishop and the Council of Priests all the relevant documentation. That meeting on the 9th August, among other agenda items, will consider the decommissioning of the Undera Church.

Knight Street Property:

A representative group has been meeting for some time to consider plans for the appropriate use of the parish property on Knight Street.

At this stage there is nothing definite to communicate to the parish.

Maclsaac Road:

You will recall that the land at Maclsaac Road has previously been designated for future Catholic Education needs.

Thank you,
Monsignor Peter