



Readings for  
this week:

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-32



Readings for  
next week:

Amos 8:4-7  
1 Timothy 2:1-8  
Luke 16:1-13

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## WELCOME TO St Mary's Parish

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Sunday 11th September 2016



### Liturgical Jottings Imagination part 2

Adaptation may be required. "Even in the liturgy the Church has no wish to impose a rigid uniformity in matters that to not affect the faith or the good of the whole community" (SC, 37). Two levels of adaptation are envisioned. "Provisions shall also be made, even in the revision of liturgical books, for legitimate variations and adaptations to different groups, regions and people ..." (SC, 38). "In some places and circumstances, however, an even more radical adaptation of the liturgy is needed" (SC, 40). The New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship.

### Laudato Si

In contrast with the "technocratic" and consumerist mindsets, Christian spirituality offers a growth marked by "moderation and the capacity to be happy with little" (No. 222). *Commentary by Fr James Martin SJ (America Magazine)*

### Looking at the Readings

Over the last few weeks, our gospel readings have made it clear that following Jesus is a radical, challenging and costly option. As this is not an easy choice, those who do try to take it up in their own lives will find it very difficult at times to stay with it, and may find themselves falling away.

Today's gospel focuses on what attitude the community of disciples needs to have toward those who try but fail, and then seek to return and be reconciled with the community – an attitude contrasted with the Pharisees and scribes at the beginning of today's reading, and the elder brother towards its end. The parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son all clearly call for the community of disciples to be known for "rejoicing" that those who were lost are now found. This attitude embodies God's compassionate, merciful and inclusive love. In the Lord's Prayer, we ask God to forgive us as we forgive others. How good am I at forgiving with joy?

### Feast of the Week: Exaltation of the Cross

Wednesday 14 September: The Cross of Christ, the means of his execution becomes the means of our salvation,

### Quote for the Week

Augustine, like the prodigal son, had sought happiness every-where except in the one place where it would be found, deep within himself. "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, And our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee." St Augustine in his autobiography: "Confessions"



### On the Lighter Side

A devout Jackeroo lost his Bible while out mending fences. A week later, a sheep walked up to him carrying the Bible in its mouth. He couldn't believe his eyes. He took the bible out of the sheep's mouth, raised his eyes heavenward and exclaimed, "It's a miracle!" "Not really," said the sheep. "Your name is written inside the cover."

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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, Mary Hehir  
**Recently deceased:** Adam Romano

## ROSTERS

**BINGO ROSTER:** 17th Sept - L. Smith, B. Aitken, J. Christopher, T. Kennedy, J. Cortese, G. Loughran, K. Davkowski

**COUNTER ROSTER:** 11th Sept - E. De Fide, J. Ryan, J. Cortese; 18th Sept - A.& M McGrath, A. Conti

10/11 Sept	READERS	OFFERTORY	SPECIAL MINISTERS	ALTAR HELPERS
6:30 pm	A. Conti A. McGrath	Alan & Mary McGrath	H. Betson F. Dowling L. Pye	D. Sandilands J. Buttigieg
10 am	FAMILY MASS	FAMILY MASS	M. Lee M. Williams (RP/G1) R. O'Meara (RP/G2)	D. Sandilands J. Buttigieg
17/18 September				
6:30 pm	T. Tumua L. Donnelly	Bernard Tumua & Family	A. McGrath A. Conti F. Smullen	A. Rau E. Donnelly
10 am	A. Butts B. Pye	Leo & Brenda Pye	N. Collins S. Griffin (RP/G1) K. Treacy (RP/G2)	A. Rau E. Donnelly



## 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

- ◇ 13th September - Tuesday 6pm Mass
- ◇ **14th September - NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY**
- ◇ 15th September - Thursday 6pm Mass
- ◇ 16th September - Friday 10am Mass + Classes 3/4

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

**TUESDAY 8.50AM - 9.10AM**  
St Mary's Church  
13th September - 3/4ML

### PARISH NEWS

**Monsignor Absent from Parish:** Monsignor Peter will be away from the Parish on a personal retreat in Benalla for 5 days as from **Monday 19th September through to Friday 23rd September.**

There is a Priests' In-Service which Monsignor will be attending from **Monday 26th to Friday 30th September.**

**THERE WILL BE  
NO WEEKDAY MASSES  
AT ST MARY'S  
DURING THESE DAYS.**

Weekday Mass Times at St Brendan's Parish are:-

- Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Weekday Mass Times at St Mel's Parish are:-

- Tuesday to Thursday 8.00am
- Friday 9.15am

**Parish Secretary on Leave:** Di Teitzel will be away from the Parish Office on Thursday 15th and Friday 16th September.

**Rodney Park Retirement Village Mass:** The Mass scheduled for Thursday 22nd September has been cancelled due to Monsignor being away.

### SANDHURST PRIEST'S RETIREMENT FUND

The parish contribution (which included a very generous contribution from a parishioner) amounted to \$846. Thank you to all who contributed.

### FAMILY MASS

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

### LUNCH FOR OTHERS

St Mary's, together with Vinnies are working on a project to **offer lunch to those in need.**

We have been offered the use of a kitchen at the old hospital and with the help of volunteers and the Justice Department we think we can **get started in October on a Wednesday.**

**PLEASE CONSIDER IF YOU  
COULD BE PART OF THE  
ROSTER.**

For more info: Kevin Murphy (5825 2719) or Merv Janke (5825 1505).



### Sandhurst Diocese eConference

**20 September 10am - 2.30pm**

**Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre, Knight Street, Shepparton**

The 2016 eConference theme will be **YEAR OF MERCY**, taking up Pope Francis' invitation to explore this central element of our faith. Two of this year's presenters are Sr Veronica Lawson RSM and Dr Natasha Michael.

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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

As mentioned previously, there will be opportunity for parishioners to serve as members of the Parish Pastoral Council when there will be a transition of some members in early September.

**Please give consideration to volunteering  
your services to this Ministry.**

Please contact Monsignor Peter or the Parish Office on 5825 2034. *Monsignor Peter*

### SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

- ⇒ Monday 12th Sept @ 5.30pm - Finance Committee
- ⇒ Wednesday 14th Sept @ 6.30pm - PPC Committee

## CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY 11th SEPTEMBER



### A Prayer for Stronger Communities, Safer children

Gracious God you said let the children come to me.

The hurt felt by those wounded by abuse weighs heavily upon us. Often trust has been eroded when institutions failed to appropriately respond to their needs. Lord, we as your Church stand in need of your healing and help.

We ask you God to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us wisdom in our time to make decisions that protect children and the vulnerable.

May our families and communities, through love, generosity, commitment and patience build stronger communities safe for children.

Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience they will need for their life's journey.

We ask you God to help our Catholic communities to be resolute in building a community where our children both flourish and are safe. Amen

### 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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## SEASON OF CREATION

SEPTEMBER 1 - OCTOBER 4

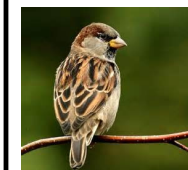
Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each creature.

*#92 Laudato Si*



**Creation Covenants:** Jesus shows he is familiar with the love of God expressed in the workings of the natural world. Jesus saw his Father's 'Covenant with Natural World' in the lillies of the field and even the sparrow. Jesus saw himself as the

grain of wheat that dies so that it might yield a hundred fold. Mk 4.1-9, 13-20. He said he was like a hen gathering her chicks under her wing. God's loving covenant extends to all creation—God, humans and Earth in a loving communion as Pope Francis expressed it.



**Creation is of the order of love.  
God's love is the fundamental  
moving force in all created things.**

*#77 Laudato Si*

**Our relationship with the environment can never  
be isolated from our relationship with others and  
with God. #119 Laudato Si**

### San Lorenzo Ruiz Mass & Lunch

Mass will be celebrated 9:30am Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September at St. Mel's Church 18 Hamilton Street Shepparton. A procession, lunch and entertainment will follow. San Lorenzo Ruiz, is the First Filipino Saint and Martyr, all welcome to share this day.

**National Association of Catholic Families** invites you to a **FAMILY DAY (Sunday 11th September)** commencing at 12

noon Rosary at the home of Robert & Elizabeth Slee,  
1765 Echuca Road, UNDERA.

Guest Speaker: Rev Fr Stephen Bolling

BYO: shared lunch, cutlery, chairs. Tea/Coffee provided

Contact Elizabeth: 0411 488 273 or Ida: 0422 102 161

### ADVERTISING IN PARISH/SCHOOL BULLETINS

We would like to sincerely thank those businesses who have contributed financially to the parish by placing their business advertisement with us.

These businesses will be advertised during the entire 2016/2017 financial year.