



Readings for  
this week:

Exodus 17:8-13  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2  
Luke 18:1-8



Readings for  
next week:

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

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

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

**Anniversary:** Denis Ryan

**Recently deceased:** Madge Phillips, Laura Simpson, Kevin Kennan, Christine Mitchell

## ROSTERS

**BINGO ROSTER:** 22nd Oct - T. Dumaesq, C. Sullivan, G. Lowe, J. Matthews, E. Di Fede, D. Carrafa, F. Buttigieg, D. Stretton

**COUNTER ROSTER:** 16th Oct - R. O'Meara, K. Murphy, M. Janke, K. Zanelli; 23rd Oct - E. Di Fede, J. Ryan, J. Cortese

15/16 Oct	READERS	OFFERTORY	SPECIAL MINISTERS	ALTAR HELPERS
6:30 pm	K. Murphy C. Hogarty	Angela Brown & Family	L. Turk M. Janke M. Hogarty	E. Donnelly P. Cormick
10 am	M. Williams M. Macdonald	Nicki Collins	N. Collins R. O'Meara (RP/G1) S. Griffin (RP/G2)	E. Donnelly P. Cormick
<b>22/23 October</b>				
6:30 pm	A. McGrath A. Conti	Irene Tumua-Valoia & Family	H. Betson F. Dowling C. Fasano	J. Anderson M. McGrath
10 am	R. Wingrave M. Mellino	Helen Crilly & Family	T. Tumua K. Treacy (RP/G1) I. Valoia (RP/G2)	J. Anderson M. McGrath



## WELCOME TO St Mary's Parish

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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Sunday 16 October 2016



## Liturgical Jottings

### The Rosary - Part3

The Luminous Mysteries, are said on Thursdays, each meditates on the ministry of Christ. Read the Scripture passage and during the Hail Mary's meditate on the story listening to God speaking to you.

**The Luminous Mysteries**

**Baptism in the Jordan: The voice of the Father declares Jesus the beloved Son. Mt 3:11-17; Mk 1:9-11; Lk 3:15-22; Jn 1:26-34**

Wedding Feast at Cana: Christ changes water into wine, his first public miracle. John 2:1-12

Proclamation of the Kingdom: Jesus calls us to conversion (Mk 1:15) and forgives the sins of all who draw near to him. Mt 5:1-16; 6:33; 7:21

Transfiguration: God's glory shines forth from the face of Christ. Mt 17:1-8; Mk 9:2-10; Lk 9:28-36

Institution of the Eucharist: at the last supper Jesus with his apostles, establishes the sacramental basis for all Christian living. Mt 26:26-28; Mk 22:25; Lk 22:14-20

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## Looking at the Readings

As his journey to Jerusalem enters its final stages, Jesus continues to instruct his disciples. In today's Gospel passage Jesus tells his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart.

Jesus is addressing the Disciples about the need to pray constantly. Luke's audience are being persecuted and may have felt that God was not hearing their prayers. Jesus' conclusion is that if a helpless widow can get through to a shameless judge, all the more will a petitioner be heard by an honour-sensitive God.

Like other parables in Luke, the parable had symbolic overtones. The unjust judge represented the world that has no sense of place before God or sense of justice. In many respects, the widow represented Christianity. The word for "widow" in Hebrew means "silent one" or "one unable to speak." In the patriarchal Mediterranean world only males play a public role. Women do not speak on their own behalf. Because the widow appears alone in this parable, we can assume that she has no male family member who can appear on her behalf. She is vulnerable and desperate. She has been deprived of everything of value in this society, what else does she have to lose?

The judge is not honourable, not one we would like to front up to in court. In the culture of "honour and shame" in his society the widow's only weapon is to shame the judge into acting honourably. She "keeps coming" to the judge. It is a public audience, not a private meeting. Judges were appointed and they sat at the city gate making themselves available to all who needed a judgement. The entire community waits, watches and witnesses the event regularly. By publicly badgering the judge every day, the widow repeatedly shames the shameless person.

This week, reach out to someone who is marginalised in your community, one of the 'silent ones' and give voice their needs?

## Feast of the Week Saturday 22 October

St John Paul II (1950-2005), a pastor, academic, philosopher. As bishop he attended the Second Vatican Council and as pope travelled widely on pastoral visits focussing on families, youth, and the sick.

## Quote of the Week

Before you speak, it is necessary for you to listen, for God speaks in the silence of the heart: *St Teresa of Calcutta*

## On the Lighter Side

"Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others." *St Thomas More*





## 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 18th October - 6pm Mass
- ◇ Wednesday 19th October - 6pm Mass
- ◇ Thursday 20th October - 6pm Mass
- ◇ Friday 21st October - 10am Mass

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

**TUESDAY 8.50AM - 9.10AM**  
St Mary's Church  
18 October - PREP JM

**MASS AT  
RODNEY PARK RETIREMENT VILLAGE**  
**THURSDAY 27th October at 10.30am**

### MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

- Finance Committee - 17th October at 5.30pm
- PPC Committee - 19th October at 6.45pm
- Liturgy Team - 27th October at 7pm

## Month of October

**Prayer and Fasting for Marriage & Families**

**Sunday 16th October**

we pray for all persons who experience  
same sex attraction or gender uncertainty  
and their families.

Heavenly Father, grant true peace and joy to our  
family members and friends who experience  
same sex attraction or gender uncertainty.  
May we be sensitive and supportive especially in  
times of trial. Lead us to deeper faith as  
we all strive for Christian perfection.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

You will see displayed in the Church all the children  
who have enrolled for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please keep these children in your prayers  
during this time.

**Some Gifts of the Holy Spirit are:**

- ◆ **UNDERSTANDING** - The gift of understanding God's revelation.
- ◆ **COUNSEL** - Helps us to see just what we should do in a difficult situation.



## St Mary's Primary School Fete

**FRIDAY 21st OCTOBER....**

**5pm - 7.30pm on School Oval**

- BBQ; Cupcake decorating; Sweet Stalls
- Show Bags; Lucky Dips
- Egg & Spoon Race; 3 legged races
- Jumping Castle; Petting Zoo
- Slushies; Ice Cones; Face Painting; Tattoos & much more!



**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE  
WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER  
at 6pm  
St Mary's Church, Mooroopna**

**NEW PLANNED  
GIVING PROGRAMME  
TO COMMENCE  
NOVEMBER 2017**



**FIRSTLY, THANK YOU** to everyone who is  
currently on St Mary's Planned Giving Programme.  
**NEW ENVELOPES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SHORTLY.**

**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 do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office on 5825 2034 during working hours (Wed - Friday 9am - 12 noon) or email Diane, the Parish Secretary anytime on mooroopna@cdos.org.au



**ALSO THANK YOU** to all those on the **COUNTERS ROSTER** who have given their time and effort in assisting the Parish Office with the task of counting and recording the very important planned giving proceeds.

The Month of October is dedicated to OUR LADY of the HOLY ROSARY.

" Say the Rosary every day ....Pray, pray a lot and offer sacrifices for sinners...I' m Our Lady of the Rosary. Only I will be able to help you....in the end My Immaculate Heart will triumph. "

The word Rosary means "Crown of Roses". Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses.



**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
16th October 2016**



**"....be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient ..."(2 Timothy 4:2)**

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

## FREE RESOURCE BOOKLETS

⇒ **"Praying with Pope Francis For Our Common Home"** - Prayers based on paragraphs of Pope Francis' encyclical "On Care for Our Common Home" Laudato Si, 2015.

⇒ **"Love in Marriage": Chapter 4 of Pope Francis "The Joy of Love", Amoris Laetitia, 2016** - Chapter 4 of Amoris Laetitia has been reprinted in booklet form with Vatican permission. It is a resource to help with marriage preparation or for the enrichment of good marriages that are growing stronger.

⇒ **"Pathways for Young Adults: Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst 2017"** - This resource book is for all Catholic young adults, including school leavers. It offers a variety of options for future connection with the life of the wider Catholic community. It gives pathways for ongoing faith formation, study, social justice and outreach activities.

⇒ **"The Gospel According to Saint Luke"** - A gift from Pope Francis for families of the world on the occasion of the World Meeting of Families held in Philadelphia in 2015.

**COPIES OF ALL THE ABOVE CAN BE FOUND  
ON THE TABLE IN THE PORCH AREA.**

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Louis Christopher Buzza**

who will be baptised this weekend.



## CCR Sandhurst Annual Conference

St. Brendan's Parish Shepparton Mons Peter Jeffery Centre. 9am to 5pm on the 29<sup>th</sup> & 9:30am to 4pm on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Guest speaker Fr Francis Otobo, topic Building Bridges. Cost \$30 per day, or whatever you can afford.

BYO shared lunch, morning & afternoon tea.  
Tea & Coffee provided.

RSVP to Lorelei - 03 5798 5331

**GV Spirituality in the Pub** invites you to **DINNER** with **Tim O'Connor**, Refugee Council of Australia, speaking on **Understanding Australia's Refugee Conundrum** at **The Vault Restaurant** Shepparton at **7 pm on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October.**



RCOA is the national umbrella body for refugees, and the organisations associated with them. Pre-paid bookings necessary by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>.

Further information on flyers at back of church.  
Tickets: \$50 includes 3 course meal  
Contact: Julie 0418 101591 Kerry 0408 579904

**St Mary's Golden Oldies Parish & School**

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

**Wednesday 9th November**

**Mooroopna Pizzeria**

**6.30pm \$30/head**

Bring a gift to the value of \$10 for KK  
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Carmel O'Sullivan: 5825 1072; 0438 351 072

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