



Readings for  
this week:

Wisdom 11:23-12:1  
2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2  
Luke 19:1-10



Readings for  
next week:

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

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**Sick List:** Lisa Maree Knight, Luke Holford, Robert Kelso, Jean and Bryan Mulcahy, Fr Chris Reay, Chris McIntyre, Graeme Weir, Gerard Hicks, Mary Hehir  
**Recently deceased:** Patrick Collingwood  
**Anniversary:** Nick Gattuso (1 month mind), John Joseph Leahy

## ROSTERS

**BINGO ROSTER:** 5th November - M. Williams, J. Wood, G. James, M. Pearson, V. Emanuelli, C. Fasano, C. Reeve

**COUNTER ROSTER:** 30th Oct - A. & M. McGrath, A. Conti; 6th November - M. Williams, B. Ryan

29/30 Oct	READERS	OFFERTORY	SPECIAL MINISTERS	ALTAR HELPERS
6:30 pm	D. Sandilands T. Dumaresq	Ton & Cecily Dumaresq	A. McGrath A. Conti F. Smullen	S. Griffin K. McCarty
10 am	N. Collins S. Griffin	Kate Carrafa & Family	A. Butts M. Murphy (RP/G1) C. Fasano (RP/G2)	S. Griffin K. McCarty
<b>5/6 November</b>				
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



## WELCOME TO St Mary's Parish

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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Sunday 30 October 2016



## Liturgical Jottings The Rosary – Part 5

Glorious Mysteries are traditionally said on Wednesday and Sunday, Read the Scripture passage and during the Hail Mary's meditate on the story listening to God speaking to you:

## The Glorious Mysteries

Resurrection: Jesus rises from the dead. Mt 28:1-10; Mk 16:1-18; Lk 24:1-49; Jn 20:1-29

Ascension: Jesus leaves the Apostles and bodily "ascends" to heaven. Mk 16:19-20; Lk 24:50-51; Acts 1:6-11

Descent of the Holy Spirit: The Apostles receive the Holy Spirit in tongues of fire in the upper room with Mary. Acts 2:1-41

Assumption: Mary is taken bodily--assumed--into heaven by God at the end of her life here on earth. Revelation 12:1

Coronation: Mary is crowned Queen of Heaven and Earth. Rev 12:1

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## Looking at the Readings

*The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.*

Jesus' journey to Jerusalem is almost complete. Jericho is the last town to be passed through before the steep ascent up to Jerusalem. This story about Jesus calling Zacchaeus is found only in Luke's gospel. Zacchaeus in Hebrew means righteous, upright, pure, clean, innocent. His actions belie his name and earn him the title of "sinner". He is the chief tax collector, a publican. The tax collectors were a group of Jews despised by the other Jews for collaborating with the Roman government that ruled over them. Tax collectors paid the authorities for the privilege of collecting taxes, then overcharged the people, skimming money off the top to line their own pockets.

Imagine the ridiculous sight of this wealthy, "small" man, dressed in his fine robes, climbing a tree, like a schoolboy. (Imagine a bishop or mayor in their robes climbing a tree. It is for children to do so). In his desire to see Jesus, he humbles himself by making a show of himself. He thus humbles himself before the Lord! Jesus then takes the initiative and calls him down. Initially Zacchaeus sought to see Jesus but now God, through Jesus, seeks Zacchaeus. The physical problem of his size/height symbolizes the exclusion he suffers. No one in the crowd is going to stand aside for him. Zacchaeus, one of the marginalised who provides hospitality to Jesus and his entourage, and finds in return the hospitality of God: a welcome into the community of salvation.

After meeting Christ, total meaning came into Zacchaeus' life enabling him to withstand the ups and downs of everyday living. We are not told if Zacchaeus went back to his employment. He does have the conversion of heart so often provided by the total acceptance the sinner finds in Jesus' unconditional love. The crowd were not happy, here Jesus is picking out the outcast and transforming him. This week, meditate on how Jesus is calling you today. Jesus saw the good in Zacchaeus whom the crowd did not really know. Get to know some one you are acquainted with but do not really know well. Try to move into a deeper relationship with them.

## Quote of the Week

To be faithful in little things is a great thing. *St Teresa of Calcutta*

## On the Lighter Side

*Q. Who makes the better detective - Sherlock Holmes or a tax accountant? A. The tax accountant - she make's more deductions. Q. What did the tax accountant do to liven up the office party? A. Not show up.*





## 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 1st November - 6pm Mass
- ◇ Wednesday 2nd November - 6pm Mass
- ◇ Thursday 3rd November - 6pm Mass
- ◇ Friday 4th November - 10am Mass

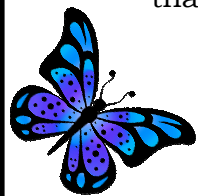
**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE  
WEDNESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER  
at 6pm  
St Mary's Church, Mooroopna**

## All Souls' Day - November 2nd

Jesus, dear Saviour

On this day we prayerfully remember  
all our loved ones who have died.  
Please give them comfort and hope and may  
they be at peace,  
knowing that they will  
rest in God's arms eternally.  
Thank You for our memories of them  
and for the good times we shared.

We ask You, please,  
through their intercession,  
to deepen our faith,  
strengthen our hope  
and increase our love  
that we, too, may someday  
stand before You,  
ready to enter Your  
Holy Kingdom  
Amen



### EMAILING OF PARISH BULLETINS

If you would like to have the Parish Bulletin emailed to you on a weekly basis, please send an email to the Parish Office - mooropna@cdos.org.au - with this request.

## NEW PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME TO COMMENCE NOVEMBER 2016



NEW ENVELOPES PACKS ARE NOW AVAILABLE  
AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.  
PLEASE COLLECT YOUR PACK THIS WEEKEND.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUERIES** regarding weekly envelopes or Direct Debit Forms 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 [mooropna@cdos.org.au](mailto:mooropna@cdos.org.au)

## CHRISTMAS WHEELBARROW RAFFLE



The Finance Committee have decided to create a fundraiser for Christmas in the form of a Wheelbarrow Raffle. Thanks to Shepparton Building Supplies who have donated a wheelbarrow, its now time to fill it.

We are asking for all parishioners to help in some small way by donating an item to go into the wheelbarrow (e.g. wine, softdrink, glasses, candy canes, shortbread, biscuits, jams, tea towels, bon bons, tinsel - anything with a Christmas flavour).

Over the next couple of weeks we hope to fill the wheelbarrow ready to sell tickets in December. Donations can be brought to the weekend Masses for the Finance Committee to collect (Chris Hogarty, Helen Betson, Bev Ryan, Maree Williams, Anthony Butts), given to Monsignor or delivered to the Parish House during office hours (Wed/Thurs/Friday 9am - 1pm).



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

*Thank you for your contributions!*

Lord, make me an  
instrument of  
your **peace**



Thank you for supporting the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal last weekend. Your generosity makes it possible for local community leaders to help their people heal the wounds caused by broken relationships and find peace through mercy.

**St Mary's Parish contribution amounted to \$283.25**  
Thank you once again!

## 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  
RSVP: Maria O'Meara 5825 1034; 0407 809 396  
Carmel O'Sullivan: 5825 1072; 0438 351 072

## MEN'S GROUP

**St Brendan's Parish Men's Group** will meet next Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> of Nov at 7.30am in the **Mons Peter Jeffery Centre**. Jean Marie Mupenda will be sharing his story of growing up in the Congo and also some of the trials and the ongoing conflicts they experience.

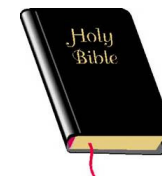
Any questions call Anthony 58212633

*Why is that book in the Bible? A look at issues about inspiration, the canon of Scripture, and why some books are in the Bible and other similar books are not.*

How do we know the word of God is inspired?

Who decided which books go in the Bible?

Why is the Bible so important for Catholics?



Fr Brian Boyle will be presenting an evening talk on books of the Bible.

Monday 21st November  
7.30pm— 9.00pm  
Monsignor Peter Jeffery Centre.

## REFLECTION - (GPBS eNews - Weekly Parables)

### A Good Role Model

That guy Zacchaeus is one of my heroes. He was a little guy. Maybe he was pushed around much of his life by bigger people. The "in crowd" looked down upon him. He collected taxes for the Romans, so there couldn't have been anything good about him.

But Zacchaeus had guts. He couldn't see Jesus, so he climbed a tree. His job as a tax collector also gave him the power to abuse people, but he told Jesus he would repay people "four times over" if he had treated them unjustly. He also had great wealth but pledged to share it with the poor.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches by making Zacchaeus a role model. Religious people were shocked that Jesus would dine with Zacchaeus. But Jesus, unlike them, saw the man's heart and scolded onlookers for judging Zacchaeus.

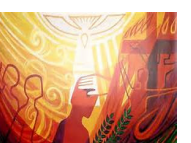
Zacchaeus can be our role model too. And I bet if you look around, you'll see Christians just like him. I have friends who constantly go out of their way to see Jesus' spirit in people I write off. They remind me of Zacchaeus. I have friends who will quickly admit their wrongs and make things right. They remind me of Zacchaeus. I have friends who have great wealth but focus more on sharing it with the poor than on protecting it for themselves. They remind me of Zacchaeus. I have friends who have been pushed around and belittled. They've never been part of the "in crowd". But they don't act bitter. They focus in living a good life. They remind me of Zacchaeus.

I bet if you look around your school, parish, family, or local community, you'll see Zacchaeus. You might catch a glimpse of him if you look in your mirror. I bet people see some of Zacchaeus in you too. Don't sell yourself short.

**Whom do you know that reminds you of Zacchaeus?**



A prayer to the  
Holy Spirit  
by Vanessa Madeira



O Come Holy Spirit fill me with  
the power of healing  
of both mind and body.  
Cleanse me from all my physical  
and emotional hurt.  
Encourage me to endure the  
challenges of life on a daily basis.  
Inflame in me the power to  
always believe in you.  
Give me a mind to always  
think and reason as  
a child of God.  
Be by my side in times of trouble.  
Comfort me when I feel lost.  
Help me to feel your love  
and saving grace in me always!

## MOTHER TERESA'S BUSINESS CARD

Mother Teresa liked to give out what she called her "business card". Unlike customary business cards, it did not contain her contact information, but several lines that express some of her most basic teachings. They are as follows:

- \* The fruit of silence is **prayer**,
- \* The fruit of prayer is **faith**,
- \* The fruit of faith is **love**,
- \* The fruit of love is **service**,
- \* The fruit of service is **peace**.



**Be somebody who makes  
everybody feel like a somebody!**