



Readings for
this week:

Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31



Readings for
next week:

Acts 2:14, 22-33
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Sick List: Monsignor Peter Jeffrey, Luke Holford, Robert Kelso, Jean and Bryan Mulcahy, Graeme Weir, Gerard Hicks, Marie Barnbrook
Recently deceased: Ruth Lawry, Carolyn Moore
Anniversaries: Eileen Leahy, Jill Hogan, Frank Dumaresq, Charlie Vigliaturo, William, Patricia, John & Paul Chisholm, Jim Healy, Robert Campbell

ROSTERS

BINGO ROSTER: 29th April - B. Ryan, O. Macreadie, I. Valoia, J. Mulraney, K. Glover, J. Kiss

COUNTER ROSTER: 23rd April - N. & S. Griffin; 30th April - R. O'Meara, K. Murphy, M. Janke, K. Zanelli

22/23 April	READERS	OFFERTORY	SPECIAL MINISTERS	ALTAR HELPERS
6:30 pm	A. McGrath K. Treacy	Liz Turk & Family	L. Turk M. Janke E. Janke	J. Cortese C. Fasano
10 am	R. Wingrave I. Raleigh	Emma MacDonald & Family	A. Butts S. Griffin C. Fasano	J. Cortese C. Fasano
29/30 April				
6:30 pm	D. Sandliands C. Hogarty	Alan McGrath & Family	A. McGrath A. Conti F. Smullen	M. Murphy P. Noble
10 am	K. Pearse M. Williams	Kate Carrafa	K. Treacy (RP/G1) M. Hogarty (RP/G2)	M. Murphy P. Noble



WELCOME TO St Mary's Parish

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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

23rd April 2017



Looking at the Readings

Today in the Gospel we have the famous affirmation of faith by Thomas, a twin, when after wanting concrete proof he makes the famous statement of faith: 'My Lord and my God!' How so like us. We often demand unreasonable types of 'scientific' proof before we will believe. There are many things we cannot see but we believe in such as 'love', an 'idea in our mind'. We cannot touch these but we know they exist. Thomas asks the question we all want to ask. Jesus does not condemn him but praises those who believed on hearing the testimony of other creditable witnesses. The disciples are commissioned to go out to the world, proclaiming Jesus, forgiving sins. He breathes the Holy Spirit on them and sends them out. We are called and sent out too through our Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Indeed at the end of each Eucharist we too are sent forth to witness to Christ Jesus.

Quote of the Week

'My Lord and my God!' St Thomas (John 20:28)

Liturgical Jottings

The MASS consists in some sense of two parts, namely the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, these being so closely interconnected that they form but one single act of worship. For in the Mass is spread the table both of God's Word and of the Body of Christ, and from it the faithful are to be instructed and refreshed. (GIRM 28)

Pope Francis

Jesus, Lord of glory by your resurrection, which this year (2016 & 2017) we celebrate together with the Churches that follow the Julian calendar, we ask you to enlighten and inspire the initiatives that promote peace. ... On this day, may we be able to proclaim, as brothers and sisters, that Christ is risen, **Khrystos voskres!** Lord, we pray to you for all the peoples of the earth: you who have conquered death, grant us your life, grant us your peace! Dear brothers and sisters, Happy Easter!

Easter Sunday Urbe Et Orbi 2016

ANZAC Day: Tuesday 25 April

No greater love: today we remember the heroism and courage of Australians and New Zealanders who sacrificed their lives on the field of battle. We also remember all the civilian victims of war. In the words of the Psalmist 'O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful'. (Psalm 114:15)

Feast of the Week: Our Lady of Good Counsel

The Feast is now celebrated on 27 April in Australia. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of Christ, whom Isaiah with prophetic vision called "wonderful Counsellor" (Is 9:5) In celebrating this feast we earnestly ask God for the gift of counsel, to teach us how to know his will and to guide us in all we do (Opening Prayer). Through the work of Augustinian order, devotion to the Mother of Good Counsel has spread worldwide from the Italian town of Genazzano. Our Lady of Good Counsel is the patroness of the Diocese of Sandhurst.

On the Lighter Side

A young child was "acting up" during a long Easter Vigil Mass. The parents did their best to maintain a sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. After the Litany of the Saints, his dad picked him up and walked sternly up the aisle. Just before reaching the exit door, the little fellow called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

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ST MARY'S PARISH MOTTO

“Reaching out to each other
- growing together in love”

**Remember the Aboriginal people
who have walked this land
for thousands of years.**

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 - 3rd Sunday of the month)**

WEEK-DAY MASS TIMES

**MASSES DURING THIS WEEK HAVE ALL BEEN
CANCELLED AT ST MARY'S PARISH**

RECONCILIATION

CANCELLED FOR SAT 22ND APRIL

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**St Brendan's Parish
9.15am TUES, WED, THURS, FRIDAY**

PARISH NEWS

Update on Monsignor Peter: Currently Monsignor Peter is at the Shepparton Private Hospital in Fitzgerald Street and is being treated for Community Pneumonia. He is improving by the day and progressing very well. He thanks you all for your support and prayers.

THANK YOU: St Mary's Parish may be small in number but the ability to work as a Team and accommodate the recent 2 funerals this week can only be admired and congratulated.

In-particular, a big THANK YOU goes to the people on our BEREAVEMENT TEAM, CATERING GROUP, MUSICIANS and SACRISTANS who did a fabulous job in supporting the families of the deceased and working tirelessly over their Easter break.

THANKS TOO must go to Fr Joe Taylor and Fr Berny Agustines, who on very short notice filled in for Monsignor Peter.

Planning Giving Envelopes: Please collect your next pack of Planning Giving Envelopes which are on the table at the back of the church.

If you would like to come on to our Planned Giving Programme either by way of envelopes or Direct Debit please contact Di at the Parish Office on either 5825 2034 or email mooropna@cdos.org.au.

**CARITAS DONATIONS FROM
ST MARY'S PARISH SO FAR
HAVE REACHED \$2,706.60**



Could we please ask if you have money in either CARITAS ENVELOPES or CARITAS BOXES that you please RETURN THESE TO THE PARISH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Thank you!

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION
TOTALLED \$299.50
THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO
CONTRIBUTED**

St Mary's Bingo Report

The Bingo Committee recently forwarded \$8622 to the Parish.



**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPS OUT ON
THE BINGO ROSTERS - BINGO WOULD NOT BE
SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT YOU.**

CONGRATULATIONS

Vance Louis Jones
who will be baptised this weekend.



St Mary's Golden Oldies Parish & School

Wednesday 10 May
Mooroopna Pizzeria & Wine Bar
Upstairs at 6.30pm
Order from the Menu
RSVP 6 May to Carmel O'Sullivan 5825 1072 or
Sheila Griffin on 5825 2006

MEETINGS SET FOR APRIL 2017

- ◆ Finance Meeting on Monday 24th April - 7.30pm
- ◆ Visitation Meeting - Thurs 27th April at 1.30pm

2nd Sunday of Easter 23rd April 2017



*“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them,
“Peace be with you.” JOHN 20:19*

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, a new neighbour, a new work colleague, a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. A simple “hello” and a smile goes a long way.

Creating a Child Safe Organisation

In April 2012 the Victorian Government initiated an enquiry into the handling of child abuse allegations within religious and other non government organisations. The enquiry's first report “Betrayal of Trust” made a number of recommendations that have been acted on by the Victorian Government.

The Commission for Children and Young People developed “A Guide for Creating A Child Safe Organisation” book which sets out a compulsory set of standards for organisations to meet and to promote and provide a safe environment for children and young people. **Compliance with the child safe standards applies to all parishes from 1st January 2017.**

It will take some time to implement these standards. Kate Carrafa and Maree Williams are both working with the Parish Secretary, Di Teitzel in assisting the Parish to comply with these standards.

**Take time to have a read of St Mary's
Child Safety Policy
located at the back of the church**



#Mercy2Earth is a global campaign to encourage Catholics to learn about Pope Francis' “Show Mercy to our Common Home” message and put it into action. The campaign began in Lent and culminates in #Mercy2Earth Weekend, April 22-23, when 2 important celebrations take place, Earth Day (April 22) and Divine Mercy Sunday (April 23).

On #Mercy2Earth weekend Catholics around the globe will show mercy to our common home through acts of prayer, education, service, and advocacy.

VOCATIONS AND POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April 2017 is,

**“That young people may respond generously to
their vocations and seriously consider offering
themselves to God in the priesthood
or consecrated life”.**

Let us join with Pope Francis during this month and
pray daily for this intention.
From Bendigo Serra Club.

**Mooroopna Uniting Church Fellowship Group
AFTERNOON TEA PARTY
3rd MAY at Sir Ian McLennan Recreation Centre
1.30pm
RSVP APRIL 26th (a must)
Joy Phillis 5825 1840; Jill Macadam 4825 4206**



They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
We will remember them.

EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION

The Victorian Parliament will debate an assisted suicide or euthanasia bill sometime in the second half of 2017.

The enclosed pastoral letter seeks to inform people of the Church's deep concern about this issue and to encourage their involvement through both prayer and action.

Our response to this grave concern will be developed further over coming months where we will consider the Church's public role and further opportunities for Catholics and others to become involved.

Bishop Les Tomlinson



23RD APRIL 2017

The message of Divine Mercy is as easy as ABC:

- Ask for God's mercy
- Be merciful to others
- Completely trust in Jesus



**FOOD FOR THOUGHT ...“Let us ask
ourselves today: are we open to ‘God’s
surprises? POPE FRANCIS**