



Readings for
this week:

Acts 2:14, 36-41
1 Peter 2:20-25
Luke 10:1-10



Readings for
next week:

Acts 6:1-7
1 Peter 2:4-9
John 14:1-12

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Sick List: Monsignor Peter Jeffrey, Luke Holford, Robert Kelso, Jean and Bryan Mulcahy, Graeme Weir, Gerard Hicks, Marie Barnbrook

Recently deceased: Tony Wingrave

ROSTERS

BINGO ROSTER: 13th May - S. Wilson, R. Smith, N. Egglestone, M. Ball, T. Renshaw

COUNTER ROSTER: 7th May - E. De Fide, R. Ryan, J. Cortese; 14th May - A. & M. McGrath, A. Conti

6/7 May	READERS	OFFERTORY	SPECIAL MINISTERS	ALTAR HELPERS
6:30 pm	A. McGrath A. Conti	Allan & Mary McGrath	S. Richards A. Iacono T. Tumua	E. Donnelly P. Cormick
10 am	FAMILY MASS	FAMILY MASS	A. Butts M. Williams (RP/G1) C. Fasano (RP/G2)	E. Donnelly P. Cormick
13/14 May				
6:30 pm	AM Carroll C. Hogarty	Angela Brown & Family	L. Turk E. Janke M. Janke	J. Anderson M. McGrath
10 am	A. Butts B. Pye	Leo & Brenda Pye	M. Lee S. Griffin (RP/G1) M. Murphy (RP/G2)	J. Anderson M. McGrath



WELCOME TO St Mary's Parish

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Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)

7th May 2017



Liturgical Jottings Month of May

In celebrating the annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love, Mary the Mother of God. She is joined by a special bond to the saving work of her Son. (SC 103)

Mother's Day 14 May

On the fifth Sunday of Easter the Church joins with human society in recognising the gift of mothers by special intentions, prayer cards, décor, symbols etc. in the liturgy.

Pope Francis

Pope Francis explained Christianity is based on three pillars: Carrying, Building and Confessing the Faith. "When we walk without the Cross, when we build without the Cross, and when we profess Christ without the Cross, we are not disciples of the Lord. We are worldly, we are bishops, priests, cardinals, popes, but not disciples of the Lord." Sistine Chapel, his first homily as Pope Francis, 14 March 2013.

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Looking at the Readings

Perhaps we could call this Sunday "Good Shepherd Sunday". The imagery in the readings and psalm strongly present Jesus as the Good Shepherd and He has been depicted this way in many paintings and pictures. It is fair to say that Psalm 23 (The Lord is my Shepherd) is probably the best known of all the psalms.

However, this image may not readily sit with the Australian experience of sheep farming which is based upon far different methods and practices. To be likened to "a mob of sheep" is not flattering in our cultural context and indicates a lack of initiative and independent thinking. But rather than the large mobs of sheep driven by motorbikes and patrolled by energetic dogs, the Good Shepherd bases his relationship with us his 'flock' upon tenderness, care and a deep personal recognition – "they know my voice and I know them." This relationship is deeper than mere familiarity as it calls us to pass through the Gate (Jesus) in order to reach the green pastures of God's kingdom. He does not simply point the way and let us muddle our way through but draws us to himself with love and forgiveness.

The second reading reminds us that the Good Shepherd has suffered much and sacrificed himself for us. "That you should follow in his footsteps" indicates the path of the Good Shepherd is not easy. But in the course of our daily lives it is comforting to know that He is not only with us but that He knows each of us by name. We are not simply a mob on the long paddock with a distant drover.

Let us take time and reflect on how well we currently recognise and respond to the voice of the Good Shepherd.

Quote of the Week

You have been taught and fully instructed that what seems to be bread is not bread, though it appears to be such to the sense of taste, but the body of Christ; that what seems to be wine is not wine, though the taste would have it so, but the blood of Christ ...So strengthen your heart by partaking of that spiritual bread, and gladden the face of your soul. *St Cyril of Jerusalem (c 348), Catechesis to the newly Baptised, Sermon 4.9*



On the Lighter Side

Moses was leading the Hebrews to the Red Sea and the Egyptians were coming fast. Moses turned to his PR agent: "Where are all those boats I told you to get!" he replied, "What boats? You never mentioned boats to me." "Just great" said Moses; "what am I supposed to do, lift my staff and part the waters?" The PR man answered: "If you can pull that one off, I can get you a whole section in the Bible."

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

**MASS AT UNDERA ON HOLD
FOR THE TIME BEING**

WEEK-DAY MASS TIMES

⇒ **Tuesday 9th May at 1pm-- [Funeral]
Requiem Mass for Tony Wingrave**

⇒ **Friday 12th May at 9.15am Marian Centre
Whole School Mothers Day Mass**

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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

PARISH NEWS

Mass Count 2017: Again this weekend, we have our Mass Count during the Masses. This will also occur on 13/14 May and 20/21 May. Thank you for your co-operation.



Baptism Preparation Meeting: At St Mary's Church on Tuesday 9th May, 7 - 8.30pm. To register for a baptism please contact the Parish Office on 5825 2034 or email mooropna@cdos.org.au.



Mother's Day Mass: Friday 12th May at the Marian Centre. Come one, come ALL.

Cuppa this Sunday: Everyone is most welcome to stay back for a cuppa after Mass on Sunday.

The month of MAY,
dedicated to MARY is a
fitting time to begin to
recite the ROSARY daily.

Pope Francis



FAMILY MASS THIS SUNDAY 7TH MAY @ 10AM

Family is like
music,
some high notes,
some low notes,
but always a
beautiful song

FAMILY
We may not have it
all together, but
together we have it all

**PLANNED GIVING STATEMENTS ARE NOW
AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE
FRONT OF THE CHURCH.
THEY SHOW RECORDS OVER THE PAST 6 MONTHS.
TO ASSIST THE PARISH WITH POSTAGE COSTS, WE
ASK THAT YOU COLLECT YOUR STATEMENTS.**

ST. MARY'S PARISH DINNER

Our first Parish Dinner for 2017 will be a **special event with fine entertainment provided by Irene Tumua Valoia and her extended family.** They will entertain us with a wonderful display of Samoan Cultural Dancing and Singing.



Date: FRIDAY 12th May at 6.00 pm
Venue: Marian Centre
Cost: As below
Drinks: BYO
RSVP: To Brenda or Leo Pye by Monday
8th May Phone 0466 830 682 or
email party.pye@bigpond.com

The evening will take the form of a Chicken and Salad Night and each family is asked to bring along a salad or a sweet to share.

⇒ \$10 per adult if you DO NOT COME ALONG WITH A SWEET OR SALAD
⇒ \$5 per adult if you DO BRING A SWEET or SALAD
⇒ 14 & UNDER CHILDREN - FREE

We look forward to seeing you at this warm and friendly celebration of our Parish family. The evening will be a wonderful networking opportunity where we can enjoy the company of existing parishioners and welcome and get to know new parishioners.

St Mary's Golden Oldies Parish & School

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

THE SANCTITY OF WORK

Our lives nowadays are so filled with activities, it's easy to forget about how God is always with us.

“Either we learn to find our Lord in ordinary, everyday life, or else we shall never find Him.”
~ Conversations with Msgr. Josemaria Escriva, #114

Our heavenly helpers (devotion to the angels and saints, especially Our Lady)

Devotion is an act of the will by which we can offer ourselves to God, offering ourselves to His service.

There are so many helpers to call upon, including all the angels, all the saints, and the

Blessed Virgin Mary, to help us in this great work.

Saints spend their lives in this world loving God and others.

They imitate Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us. When they get to heaven, they constantly care for those who're still on earth. Their intercession is a powerful part of God's plan. We can and should ask them to intercede for us and for the whole world any time we can.

DIARY DATES FOR MAY

- 9th May - Baptism Prep Meeting at 7pm
- 10th May - Golden Oldies Parish & School (Mooroopna Pizzeria & Wine Bar)
- 12th May - Mother's Day Whole School Mass (9.15am at the Marian Centre)
- 12th May - Parish Dinner 6pm Marian Centre
- 13th May - Debutants attend 6.30pm Mass
- 17th May - PPC Meeting
- 19th May - St Mary's Deb Ball - Eastbank
- 22nd May - Finance Meeting at 7.30pm
- 25th May - Visitation Meeting at 1.30pm
- 30th May - Housekeeper's & Secretary Day Mass with Bishop Leslie at 11am

POPE FRANCIS & CARING FOR THE SOUL

**A seminar for priests, chaplains and those interested in
Accompanying others on the spiritual journey.**

Mark Patrick Hederman OSB, a monk of Glenstal Abbey, Limerick Ireland. Friday 19 May 10.00 am – 3.00 pm. Newman College, Melbourne University. This is a free event. RSVP requested for catering purposes: Br Mark O'Connor FMS mark.oconnor@marists.org.au 0429 694 707.

Stronger Rally

You're invited to the next Stronger Rally!!
Join over 150 other young people for a night of praise and worship with Fr Rob Galea and the Stronger Band, games, dinner, Adoration and so much more!

Who: Year 7's - young adults.

Where: St Kilian's School Hall, Bendigo

Date: Friday June 2nd

Time: 6-9pm

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The 100 Year Anniversary of Fatima

COME AND CELEBRATE

FATIMA 100 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

on Saturday 13th May 2007 at Holy Rosary Church, White Hills, Bendigo. Father Peter Dell'Avo, Chaplain of Bendigo Apostolate of Fatima will offer Mass at 9.00am, followed by The Rosary, procession, information and spiritual talks, concluding around lunch time. BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided. Also, on this day Pope Francis, in Fatima, will declare Blessed Francisco and Blessed Jacinta saints of the Church. These are two of the three young shepherds to whom Our Blessed Mother appeared at Fatima for the first time on 13th May 1917. In our present times the Fatima message of hope is more important than ever, and you are invited to attend for all or part of this celebration of the wonderful Fatima events.

THE OPAL & THE PEARL: TWO KINDS OF PERFECTION – Exploring Christianity for our times. Mark Patrick Hederman OSB, a monk of Glenstal Abbey, Limerick Ireland. Thursday 18 May 5.00 – 6.30 pm, Newman College, Melbourne University. This is a free event. RSVP requested for catering purposes: Br Mark O'Connor FMS mark.oconnor@marists.org.au 0429 694 707.

PARISH WORKSHOP IN YARRAWONGA: POPE FRANCIS' 'ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME':

The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us... I urgently appeal, then, for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet... (Pope Francis). **Sr Cecilia Merrigan & Lyn Breen.** A workshop on Pope Francis' call to all people, to care for our world and its people.

- **Saturday 20TH May 2017** Former Mercy Convent, 12 Coghill Street Yarrawonga.
- **10.00 am - 12.30 pm** (with refreshments break).
- **Everyone welcome. No cost.** Morning Tea provided. Lunch for those who wish to stay
*Optional Donation \$10: Rosemary Cullen Foundation Philippines Project.
- Option to purchase: Pope Francis' "On Care for Our Common Home" (Laudato Si) (\$10); USB stick with extra resources (\$5).
- **Please RSVP:** Sr Helen Glasheen hel- en.glasheen@mercy.org.au OR Mb 0439 721 657.
*Please indicate if staying for lunch.