



WELCOME TO St Mary's Parish

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 21st June, 2020



Liturgical Jottings

Gospel Sequence

The Gospels for the Ordinary Time Year A Sundays: Eleventh (omitted this year), Twelfth (today) Thirteenth (next week) are from Matthew Chapter 10 and Fourteenth Sunday from Chapter 11 form "The Apostolic Discourse" as described by the editors of the Jerusalem Bible. Jesus calls and names the twelve apostles, He instructs them and sends them on the mission. He finally thanks the Father for their return and work. The mission is not without difficulty. The first readings from the Prophets, Jeremiah, Elisha and Zechariah remind us that the Lord's call requires some suffering, and a spirit of service and offered in humility.

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Looking at the Readings

The apostles are sent to proclaim the "Good News". It is an ageless vocation for all disciples of Christ. Unfortunately the Good News is not good news for some: they prefer to hear bad news! Some are killjoys, others are blind and deaf to God's Word and some others are hostile and reject the message completely. Those negative responses do not diminish the impact of the message nor the fervour and perseverance of the messengers. Jesus' words: "Do not be afraid" are just as relevant today as it was for the original twelve. We need courage and God's support to face the troubles, anxieties and violence we may encounter. It may be the neighbour who complains about the church bells ringing or our mates that "mock" our faith to the gangs and institutions that constantly ridicule, persecute or lobby for legislation against Christian morals and practices.

Jeremiah in anticipation of God's rescue prayed "Praise the Lord for his deliverance" and Christ promises us eternal life with the Father in heaven. Also today's Psalm gives us a great prayer for comfort.

A Prayer from Pope Francis

Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course. To you, who shine on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope, do we entrust ourselves, O Clement, O Loving, O Sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Did You Know?

Christians who die rather than renounce their faith are called martyrs. The word 'martyr' literally means 'witness'. Throughout history many have given their lives for the faith and in our own time people are still martyred because they will not swerve from their commitment to Christ and his mission.

Quote of the Day

The love which God pours in our hearts and which allows us to love him in return, banishes fear. Only a right and good trembling is left, caused not by fear but by fervour. *Pierre-Yves Emery, The Fear of God, 1972 La Vie Spirituelle*

On the Lighter Side

What's wrong, Tom?" asked the priest. "I need you to pray for my hearing," said Tom. The Priest anointed Tom's ears and prayed over them. Then he asked, "So how's your hearing?" "I don't know," said Tom: "It's not sitting until next Tuesday."

ST MARY'S PARISH MOTTO

"Reaching out to each other
- growing together in love"

St Mary's Mooroopna acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Nation and the Aboriginal people who have walked this land for thousands of years

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

RESTRICTED TO 50 REGISTRATIONS ONLY

Sat Vigil	6.30pm
Sunday	10.00am

RECONCILIATION

10.30 to 11.00am Saturday

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

CURRENTLY BEING HELD AT THE PARISH HOUSE—no registrations required

- Monday, 22nd June 6.00pm
- Tuesday, 23rd June 6.00pm
- Wednesday, 24th June 6.00pm
- Thursday, 25th June 6.00pm
- Friday, 26th June 10.00am

PARISH / SCHOOL NEWS

Parish Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday, 9.00am to 4.00pm

Bulletin notices are welcome and can be phoned to 5825 2034 or emailed to the office mooroopna@cdos.org.au

Further Easing of Restrictions

Great News for all.

If you have been one of those thoughtful parishioners who have chosen not to attend mass during lockdown, but rather leave the spot for someone else, now is your chance to attend and receive communion.

Restrictions on church gatherings will increase to 50 people on Monday, 22nd. June. Social distancing rules still apply and the church continues to be cleaned and sanitised after each service.

Registrations are still required and details are on page 3 of the bulletin.

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There's a series of memes, generally at the expense of millennials, that make fun of the wish we all sometimes have of being able to rely on someone else to take charge. E.g. 'The horrifying moment when you're looking for an adult but then realise you're an adult. So you look for an older adult, someone successfully adulting. An adultier adult.'

Sometimes events are overwhelming but as the readings remind us, as followers of Christ, we are being called to trust in God our Father.

We should not be afraid.

As we pray the prayers of the people we should remember that God can be relied on to care for his disciples.



At the heart of the readings lies the assurance of the Father's providential care. The God who watches over even a single sparrow can be relied on to care immeasurably more for his disciples.



Be Not Afraid *John Michael Talbot*

You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety though you do not
know the way
You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all
will understand
You shall see the face of God and live

Be not afraid!
Go before you always
Come follow me,
And I will give you rest

If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed
If you stand before the power of hell and death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all

Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs
Blessed are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh
And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me,
Blessed, blessed are you !

FURTHER EASING OF RESTRICTIONS

The following new restrictions now apply from Monday, 22nd June.

Places of worship can open for private worship or small religious ceremonies for up to **50 people** in a single undivided indoor space, subject to the four square metre rule **plus** the minimum number of people reasonably required to perform the service or ceremony.

Weddings - 20 people in addition to the celebrant and couple being married can attend a wedding.

Funerals - 50 people can attend a funeral in addition to the officials and funeral staff, subject to the four square metre rule.

Refer www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/religion-and-ceremony-restrictions-covid-19 for more information

To ensure we comply, you must continue to ring the parish office on **5825 2034** or email mooroonpa@cdos.org.au between 9

PARISH PROFILE

Name Tom Dumaresq

Born Kilmore

Family — Wife Cecily, 4 children and 7 grandchildren.

Occupation Retired farmer

How long have you been a parishioner at St. Marys 44 years in total and the first 37 of those at St. Joseph's Undera

What do you like most about St. Mary's

It is a place where you can get involved and give back.

- Has been Chairman of the Finance Committee for 25 years from 1984 to 2009.
- Is the current Licence holder for St. Marys Bingo and been a loyal volunteer for the past 30 years.

AFL TEAM Not interested and no time to worry about what they call football !!

Editors note Oh no—so what do you do Friday nights Tom ?

Favourite Holiday Many trips to India at own expense doing developmental work with under-privileged women's groups with tremendous results also :-

- Walked the Himalayas in Nepal with son Garry in 1995
- Trip from Andes in Peru to Machupicchu in 2000 with a Fundraising Group.
- Walked the Kokoda Track in 2008.

Favourite Food Roast Port with lots of crackle !!

Favourite pastime Volunteering

- Been a Justice of the Peace for 45 years.
- CFA member for 62 years.
- GV Tree Group Treasurer for 35 years.

Pet Hate People with mobile phones in their ear whilst trying to talk to you.

Favourite TV Program No time for it. Dislikes TV as too much rubbish on. Occasionally watches the news

Footnote—Went to Assumption College, Kilmore and received an Order of Australia Medal in 2007 for his services to overseas aid group Assisi Aid Projects .

- Inducted into Assumption College Hall of Excellence in 2017 for services to the community since leaving the college.

What a man—St. Mary's salutes you Tom Dumaresq



SUNDAY MASS with MONS PETER now on YouTube

Each week, Tom Diamond from St. Mary's School is videoing the weekend mass and uploading to YouTube. The mass is also uploaded to our parish website stmarysmooroonpa.com

LIVE SERVICES FROM SANDHURST

Will continue every weekday at 12.10pm and 10.00am on Sundays
www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au

ST MELS PARISH LIVE STREAMING

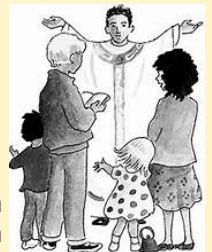
Every Sunday at 9.30am. To be part of this you must email their parish office on :-

sheppartonsouth@cdos.org.au

and register your interest and they will send you a link each week.

A Prayer When One Cannot Receive Communion

Diana Macalintal



My Jesus, I believe that even before I was born, you have been with me knitting my very being, day by day, into the garment of your love, clothing me with grace every moment of my life. And on the day of my baptism you poured your love into my heart through the Holy Spirit who unites me eternally to you.

Through that same Spirit I pledge my love and adore you, present in your Most Holy Body and Blood. Though I cannot consume you in this sacred banquet let me be consumed by your complete desire for me so that my longing for you may be filled by your love alone and your mercy overflow through me into this world so in need.

On that joyful day when I do receive you in the Eucharist, may I remember that this precious gift is still but a foretaste of the holy gifts that await your holy people at your heavenly altar. There, with the saints and angels, we shall see you face to face and give you perfect praise for ever.
Amen.

Readings for
this week:

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

Readings for
next week:

2Kings 4:8-11, 14-16
Romans 6:3-4,8-11
Matthew 10:37-42

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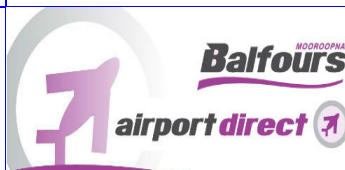


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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Sick List: , Robert Kelso, Graeme Weir, Noreen Griffiths, Aileen Keane, Alan Mylon, Mary Hehir,
Jono Bentancourt, Indie Allen, Lorraine Stein, Allan McGrath

Anniversaries : Michael Williams

Recently Deceased : Marie Corrie

THE SANDPIPER

The May-June edition of The Sandpiper was
uploaded to

www.sandpiper.org.au

recently. This edition highlights our long tradition of
reaching out to the community amid turbulent
times. A few hard copies will be forwarded to the par-
ish office next week for those who don't have access
to electronic media.

**DON'T COUNT THE DAYS
MAKE THE DAYS COUNT**

Vinnies Mooroopna Winter Blanket Appeal

If you can help with donations of warm clothes,
bedding or household items, please contact

Margaret Campbell
or call in to the Centre
in Northgate Street.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

We congratulate the following students who prepared
well and made their first Reconciliation by having the
first rite which is individual reconciliation last
Thursday night.

Grateful thanks to Mons Peter and Mrs Lee for their
hard work and diligence in preparation for this event.

Louise Garcia
Brandon Doherty
Cooper Smith
Bevan McKenzie

Abel Huggard
Erin McKenzie
Gabriella Lagana
Jett Maksacheff

Cherie Smith
Arlen Smith
Macabe Smith
Ashton Foyster
Romily Macreadie

James Wyhoon
Jayde Wyhoon
Nicolas Vigliaturo
Edward Nioa
Brodie Maksacheff
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