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First Reading Dt 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33

(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)
2. As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. (R.)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in
their chains. (R.)
4. For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell
there. (R.)

Second Reading Col 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

All things were created through him and for him.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 10:25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Today's gospel is such a familiar one and such an enduring image that the title for the hero has passed into everyday use to describe a stranger who does a good turn for another. Many countries even have what is known as a 'Good Samaritan Law' that protects those who may hurt another person when they act in good faith to provide aid.

The parable is told in response to the question, 'And who is my neighbour?' Anyone hearing Jesus tell the story would have recognised the familiar story structure - things happening in three with the most important element occurring on the third repetition. As three people came upon the injured man on the road, the audience would have known that the hero of the story would be the third one along. But, as Jesus often did with his parables, the pattern is suddenly disrupted. Rather than the hero being an upright, faithful Jewish person, it is none other than a Samaritan who is the one who shows mercy. Samaritans and Jews had a deep-seated mistrust and suspicion towards one another that went back generations. So strong was the ill-feeling between the two peoples that when Jesus finishes his story and asks the lawyer which man proved himself a neighbour, the lawyer cannot even say 'the Samaritan' - he says 'the one who took pity'.

The story concludes with the instruction, 'Go and do the same yourself'. The commandment is to act with compassion towards others - even those you may not like. The priority of compassion over the Law is a major theme of the gospel of Luke. It is often described as the gospel of compassion. The Samaritan acts with compassion, rather than out of 'patterned' behaviours and attitudes. Jesus challenges the lawyer - and us - to 'Go and do the same'.

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NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY MASS TIMES		
21st July 2013		
16th Sunday In Ordinary Time		
Hamilton	Mass	6:00pm
	Mass	10:30am
	Mass	5:00pm
Dunkeld	Mass	9:00am
Glenthompson	SAWC	9:00am
Macarthur	Mass	9:00am
Penshurst	Mass	9:00am

WEEKDAY MASS (or Communion Service)			
Penshurst		Hamilton	
Wed	10am Mass	Tue	10am Mass
Thu	10am Mass	Wed	10am Mass
		Thu	10am mass
		Fri	10am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Hamilton
Fri After 10am Mass
Sat Before 6pm Mass

Other Mass Centres
Sunday
Before 9am Mass



PRAYER TIME IN OUR PARISH
Christian Meditation
Parish House Wednesday 7.30pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary
9.30 am before weekday Mass or C.S
7 pm Thursday & Sunday.


Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
After Mass Wed. 10.30--12 noon.

ST MARY'S ROSTER: 20th & 21st July 2013		
	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
Welcome	Kylie Anne Shanahan John Schurmann	Don Schultz Alida Alymer
Commentator	Ted Oliver	David Dunn
First Reader	Terrielynn Groves	Alida Aylmer
Second Reader	Terry McMeel	Michael Stewart
Offertory Procession	P & M Dunn	Stanhope Family
PowerPoint and iPad	Bev Kaaye	Wheaton Family
Ministers of Communion	Team: 7 K Barker, L Wolfe & A Mason.	Team: 2 V Lovell, P Stanhope, P Fitzgerald, T Daffey & F O'Brien.

Minister of Communion This weekend July 2013	
6pm	Team:6 B Kaaye, A & T Hutchinson.
10:30 am	Team: 1 Rita Taylor, G McDonald, S Pierce, J Joby & Alida Alymer.

ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER	
21st July 2013	
Lector	Don Adamson
Prayers	Irene Ross
Special Minister	Margie Eales
Gifts	Aileen & Anita
Flowers July	Anita Holmes

ST MARY'S CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER JULY
C KINNANE
J ROSS
S MCCASKILL
C TOLEMAN




PARISH COLLECTIONS


Stewardship Starting Date 14/10/2012 :\$

Stewardship Pledged Full Year : \$129,000. (ADJ)

Priests Support: \$

This week's Count Team: 6 A Milne & M Meagher.
Next week's Count Team: 1 V&F O'Brien, G McGrath, J Watt, M Stewart.



 **PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Anna Kozicki, Ursula Sosinski, Elizabeth Kranz, Patrick Mogford, Kathleen Munro, Alfred Callaway, Ray Bullock.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Sue Wensley, Brian Joyce, Ernie Hurley, Brian Roache, Frank Vogels, Val Carter, Dawn Anson. Joan Birrell, John O'Brien.

Fatima Statue

Rosary Daily All Welcome.

Prayer before The Blessed Sacrament
The Church is open daily till 7pm . If you are prepared to spend time between 6pm & 7pm on a roster . Please contact Rita Taylor.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE POPE

Once again the Annual Collection for the Holy Father is to be taken up throughout the world. Near the Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul(29th June 2013).

I am aware of the many demands made on the people of our Diocese throughout the year by way of appeals for financial support. However, this particular Appeal does require special attention.

Through this collection we have the opportunity of supporting the Pope's pastoral care for people around the world.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST



- Cath News - www.cathnews.com.au
- Fr John McKinnon - www.johnmckinnon.org
- Fr John Corrigan blog - www.acountrypriest.com

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the Gunditjmara people.

With them we share a love and respect for this great land where we have all made our homes, strong in the knowledge that together we honour our ancestors, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, in caring for this land

FEAST DAY JULY 2013

15th St Bonaventure

Parish Calendar

- 16th July Ecumenical Service
Penshurst Hospital 11am.
- 18th July Anointing Mass 10am St Mary's

Men's Day Out

Every Wednesday, 1pm—4.30pm Join other men for cards, snooker, a cuppa and a chat. All Welcome!
Located in Maryknoll Family Room
Enquiries: Gerald Healy: 0429381595

Maryknoll Activities

Everyone is welcome to join in the Groups listed below.
Noah's Ark Toy Library: Wednesdays 11—12
Pauline 0428287113 Located in Maryknoll Family Room
Southern Grampians Old Time Dance:
Geraldine Mather 55712546
Craft: Margaret Duyveston: 55788213



YOUTH GROUP

Enquiries to

Saturday 20th July

Movie Night

Mary knoll Family Room

7pm

John Hockey 0439 319 823

www.stmaryshamilton.org.au/category/youth/
Ages Grade 5 to Adult.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

This weekend is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together, to rediscover each other and focus on your relationship in a very positive way. *There is no group sharing.*

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together in the first place.
Your marriage deserves that kind of attention.
Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2013 weekend dates : 9-11 August and 18-20

October in Melbourne.

*Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday.
Accommodation and all meals provided.*

Prayer

God most merciful and kind,
you have established
the great commandment of love
as the summary and soul of the entire law.
Fill our heart, then,
with compassion and generosity
toward the sufferings
of our brothers and sisters,
so that, like Christ,
we may become
Good Samaritans
to the whole world.

We ask this through
Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Pope calls for repentance over treatment of migrants

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Before saying a word publicly, Pope Francis made the sign of the cross and tossed a wreath of white and yellow flowers into the Mediterranean Sea in memory of the estimated 20,000 African immigrants who have died in the past 25 years trying to reach a new life in Europe.

In his homily at an outdoor Mass, Pope Francis said he decided to visit Lampedusa, a small island with a population of 6,000 and just 70 miles from Tunisia, after seeing newspaper headlines in June describing the drowning of immigrants at sea.

"Those boats, instead of being a means of hope, were a means of death," he said.

Wearing purple vestments, like those used during Lent, and using the prayers from the Mass for the Forgiveness of Sins, Pope Francis said the deaths of the immigrants are "like a thorn in the heart," which spurred him to offer public prayers for them, but also to try to awaken people's consciences.

"Who is responsible for the blood of these brothers and sisters of ours?" the pope asked in his homily. "All of us respond: 'It wasn't me. I have nothing to do with it. It was others, certainly not me.'"

"Today no one feels responsible for this," he said. "We have lost a sense of fraternal responsibility" and are acting like those in the Gospel who saw the man who had been beaten, robbed and left on the road half dead, but they kept walking.

"Maybe we think, 'Oh, poor soul,' but we continue on our way," the pope said.

"The culture of well-being, which leads us to think only of ourselves, makes us insensitive to the cries of others," Pope Francis said, adding that the globalization of the world's economy in many cases has led to "the globalization of indifference."

Still, the pope praised the many Lampedusa residents, as well as the volunteers and public security officers who do what they can to help the migrants who reach their shores.

Traditionally fishers and tourism operators, the people of Lampedusa have spent decades dealing with the impact of immigrant arrivals and political battles over immigration policies.

When the seas are calm, especially when there are wars and political upheaval in northern Africa, the desperate pay traffickers to give them a place on a boat bound for Europe. Usually the boats are rickety and dangerously overcrowded.

After getting off the coast guard boat that took him to sea, Pope Francis personally greeted more than 50 immigrants. One of them, speaking in Arabic, told the pope that he and his fellow travelers had dealt with several traffickers before reaching Italy.

Pope Francis told the crowd at Mass that the traffickers "exploit the poverty of others" and are "people for whom the poverty of others is a source of income."

The Mass was filled with reminders that Lampedusa is now synonymous with dangerous attempts to reach Europe: the altar was built over a small boat; the pastoral staff the pope used was carved from wood recycled from a shipwrecked boat; the lectern was made from old wood as well and had a ship's wheel mounted on the front; and even the chalice -- although lined with silver -- was carved from the wood of a wrecked boat.

"Who among us has wept" for the immigrants, for the dangers they faced and for the thousands who died at sea, the pope asked. "The globalization of indifference has taken from us the ability to weep."

"Let us ask the Lord for the grace to weep over our indifference, to weep over the cruelty in the world, in ourselves, and even in those who anonymously make socio-economic decisions that open the way to tragedies like this," Pope Francis said.

Explaining why he chose a penitential liturgy, the pope said, "we ask forgiveness for our indifference toward so many brothers and sisters" and for the ways in which well-being has "anesthetized our hearts."

In addition, the pope prayed for the forgiveness of "those, who with their decisions at the global level, have created situations that lead to these tragedies."

