



# St Mary's Parish

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**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

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## First Reading Gn 18:1-10

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

Lord, do not bypass your servant.

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

*The word of the Lord.*

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1**

*(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue.  
(R.)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

## Second Reading Col 1:24-28

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

*The word of the Lord.*

## Gospel Acclamation See Lk 8:15

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!*

## Gospel Lk 10:38-42

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

## Reflection

*by Greg Sunter*

*Like so much of the Gospel of Luke, this week's passage is, at its heart, all about hospitality. This theme has featured in the gospel readings for the last couple of weeks. It is a theme that the writer*



*returns to over and over again throughout the gospel to reinforce not only the importance of welcoming the message of Jesus, but also the extravagantly generous hospitality and welcome that God extends to all people.*

*Taken at a literal level, this week's gospel passage can be a problematic one. Jesus is dining at the house of Martha and she busies herself trying to be a good host and serving her guest, while her sister, Mary, simply sits and enjoys the company of Jesus. Martha complains about her sister's apparent laziness and finds herself chastised by Jesus.*

*On the surface, Martha is doing the right thing: providing hospitality for her guest. Yet Mary is the one whose actions are affirmed. Like in the parable of the Good Samaritan last week, the gospel writer reminds us that being preoccupied with one's duty - even in service of God - is not what God desires. Martha has forgotten that the guest is also a gift! Having welcomed and shown appropriate hospitality to her guest, Martha should have then accepted the gift of the guest, that is, the company and presence of the welcome guest. Instead she continues to busy herself with serving while her sister shows true welcome: accepting the gift of the guest's company.*

*When we welcome a guest into our house, we can be too worried about impressing the guest with lavish hospitality and our best serving ware, rather than relaxing and enjoying the company of the guest. Like Martha, we can overlook the fact that God is present when we welcome a guest.*

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**NEXT WEEK'S MASS TIMES**

**27th & 28th July**  
**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Hamilton	Mass	6:00pm
	Mass	10:30am
	Mass	5:00pm
Dunkeld	SAWC	9:00am
Glenthompson	Mass	9:00am
Macarthur	SAWC	9:00am
Penshurst	SAWC	9:00am

**WEEKDAY MASS (or Communion Service)**

PENSHURST	HAMILTON
Wednesday & Thursday. No Services	Tue. Wed. & Thur. Communion Service 10am
	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: 27th & 28th July 2013**

	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
<b>Welcome</b>	Helen Watt John Schurmann	Rita Taylor Alida Alymer
<b>Commentator</b>	Karen Brewis	Maree Bell
<b>First Reader</b>	Mary Walter	Val Lovell
<b>Second Reader</b>	Ian Ferguson	Peter Tripovich
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	Marie Grinham Mary Walter	C Storer Family
<b>PowerPoint and iPad</b>	Chris Jansen	Glenn Howell
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	Team: 8 J Ryan, M Byrne & I McGrath	Team: 3 M Bell, B Storer, A Wheaton, G Goggin & T Irving

**Minister of Communion This weekend 20th & 21st July 2013**

<b>6pm</b>	Team:7 K Barker, L Wolfe & A Mason.
<b>10:30 am</b>	Team: 2 V Lovell, P Stanhope, P Fitzgerald, T Daffey & F O'Brien.

**ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER**

**28th July 2013**

<b>Lector</b>	Brendon Kelly
<b>Prayers</b>	Catherine Loria
<b>Special Minister</b>	Helen Brown
<b>Leader</b>	Catherine Loria
<b>Flowers July 21st &amp; 28th</b>	Anita Holmes

**ST MARY'S CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER AUGUST**

**ST MARY'S PARENTS & FRIENDS**



**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

**Stewardship Starting Date 14/10/2012 :\$ 96,569.**

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

**Priests Support: \$ 1606.40 (7th & 14th July)**

This week's Count Team: 1 V&F O'Brien, G McGrath, J Watt.

Next week's Count Team: 2 I & B Ferguson, C McArthur, L Stevens.



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

**DEATHS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Rachel Riddle, Jack Hockey, George Wishart, Jean Priddle, Howard McCorkell, Johanna Gurry, Laura Spillman, Leon Lowe, John McDonald.

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

*Please note it is the relatives' responsibility to submit anniversary names to parish office.*

**Fatima Statue**

Bob & Julie Roache 11 Moodie Ave  
Rosary Daily 7.30pm 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.

**2013 Inter- Church**  
**Social Gathering Hosted by**  
The Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd  
**Monday 12th August @ 1.30pm**  
**Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall**  
**12 Thompson Street, Hamilton**  
**Guest Speaker: Mrs Faye Gumley**  
**Music & Entertainment**  
*Please bring a plate for afternoon tea &*  
*a donation for the trading table.*  
**Further Information Pls contact:**  
**Merlyn Fehsler on 5572 4468.**

**FEAST DAYS**  
**22nd July - St Mary Magdalene**  
**25th July -St James Apostle**  
**26th July - Saints Joachim & Anne**

**WEBSITES OF INTEREST**  
  
Cath News - [www.cathnews.com.au](http://www.cathnews.com.au)  
Fr John McKinnon - [www.johnmckinnon.org](http://www.johnmckinnon.org)  
Fr John Corrigan blog - [www.acountrypriest.com](http://www.acountrypriest.com)

**Parish Calender**

26th July	Grandparents Day St Mary's Primary School 1.30 - 3.15pm.
31st July	Pastoral Carers Meeting 2pm @ Presbytery

**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



## Big Screen Movie Night

Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm  
Maryknoll Family Room  
\$3 per person includes popcorn, ice cream, soft drinks and lollies.  
Min. Age: Grade 5 – Adult  
Bring along a friend if you like.



## Sunday Catch Up

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 11:30am  
Join us for hot snacks and a chat. Help to plan the next event.



Enquiries to John Hockey 0439 319 823

*We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the Gunditjmarra 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.*

Fr Paddy, Fr John and Fr Frank will be in Ballarat attending the Council of Priests and a clergy in-service this week. There are no weekday masses in Hamilton or Penshurst on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

## Prayer

Through strangers in need, O Lord our God,  
you gave Abraham and Sarah  
the promise of a child.  
In the person of Jesus  
you graced the home of Martha and Mary  
with your living Word.  
Let your gracious presence here  
in word and at table  
remind us that one thing only is necessary,  
and that in those to whom we offer hospitality,  
it is you whom we receive as a guest.

We ask this through  
Christ Our Lord.

Amen.



# Pilgrim Update

You might remember we have two parishioners joining this year's World Youth Day pilgrimage. Jess Slatter teaches 3-4 at St Mary's Primary School in Hamilton, and Toyah Boyle teaches Prep-2 at St Joseph's Primary School in Penshurst.

Miss Slatter "skyped" her students earlier this week. She told them about the 14 hour time difference, and their missionary work in Chile. Jess and Stacey Atkins, a teacher in Mortlake and pilgrim leader, are also keeping us updated via their blogs!

## DAY ONE

JESS

*Well here I am in Chile. We arrived around 11:30am and were taken by bus to our retreat place where we are staying. It was wonderful to see a bed after being awake for 30 hours.*

*After a quick rest we went to the parish of San Matias where we were welcomed by the sound of drums and some dancing to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Mt Carmel. The sound of the drums and whistles was incredible. After that we had mass and were given a gift of a hand made woollen hat. Finally at 10pm I was able to go to bed to get some much needed sleep!*



The pilgrims plant a tree to commemorate their visit. The requisite stray dog joins in!

**That's all we've got for now. Stay tuned for more updates next week, or visit the Ballarat pilgrim blog to hear from our pilgrims directly!**

**<http://wyd2013ballarat.weebly.com/>**



Toyah joins the local youth group for Morning Prayer.

STACEY

Santiago appears to be dominated by the Andes, which are truly beautiful. We're already being challenged as pilgrims not tourists (hot water!?) but I also think we're experiencing some of the joys of travelling with a great group of people. Thanks to all those supporting us from home.

I love how you don't need to communicate with words when you have something as fundamental as your beliefs in common. The beautiful and generous people shared their customs with pride and welcomed us with open arms.

## DAY TWO

JESS

*A day with our parish. We started with a mass that all the Australian and New Zealand pilgrims attended, along with many Chilean people. After that we watched a presentation of traditional dances.*

*We then divided into smaller groups and walked through parts of the parish to some of the churches where we planted trees.*

*The parish is in a very poor area and there are many stray dogs walking the streets. They even walk into Mass!*

*The people here are very friendly and although they don't speak much English and I don't speak much Spanish, we are doing our best to communicate.*

STACEY

It's only day 2, but it feels like we've been here in Chile for a number of days.

I was amazed by the local youth who are obviously excited to show us their place. I am concerned about the amount of fencing, everyone seems caged in. I am proud of all our teachers for the spirit they bring to this pilgrimage.

At the prayer service this morning we listened to the story of Jesus walking on water and were asked what it was that we were asking of Jesus on this pilgrimage. We were encouraged to ask big things.

Whatever we asked for I am sure we will all get what we need.