



St Mary's Parish

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

11 August 2013

First Reading Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

By the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in,

they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;

for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes

you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret

and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike;

and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and

nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia!

or

Alleluia, alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:32-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You too must stand ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.



'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection

by Greg Sunter

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

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NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY MASS TIMES

17th & 18th August
20th 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)

PENSURST		HAMILTON	
<u>Wednesday</u>	Tuesday	10am Mass	
Mass 10am	Wednesday	10am Mass	
<u>Thursday</u>	Thursday	Assumption Mass	
Mass 10am		10am & 7pm	
	Friday	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.

Fatima Statue

Aileen Lampard Mt Napier Rd.
Rosary 4pm 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 .
Contact: Rita Taylor.

ST MARY'S ROSTER: 17th & 18th August 2013

	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
Welcome	Celebrate Mass with our	Irene Donne Alida Aylmer
Commentator	Indian Community.	Alida Aylmer
First Reader		Helen Tripovich
Second Reader		Pat Healy
Offertory Procession		J&P Eveston
PowerPoint and iPad		O'Brien Family
Ministers of Communion		Team: 2 V Lovell, P Stanhope, P Fitzgerald, T Daffey & F O'Brien.

Minister of Communion This weekend 10th & 11th August 2013

6pm	Team: 1 P Mills, P & M Dunn.
10:30 am	Team: 1 R Taylor, G McDonald, S Pierce, J Joby.

ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER

25th August 2013

Lector	Don Adamson
Prayers	Brooke Kelly
Special Minister	Brendon Kelly
Leader	Margie Eales

ST MARY'S CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER AUGUST

ST MARY'S PARENTS & FRIENDS





PARISH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship Starting Date 14/10/2012 :\$102,515.
Stewardship Pledged Full Year : \$129,000. (ADJ)

Priests Support: \$937.

This week's Count Team: 4 R Corbett, B Shanahan, T & N Oliver.
Next week's Count Team: 5 F&D Soulsby, B&J Roache & G Howell.



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

DEATHS: Kevin Healy, Lois McNeil.

ANNIVERSARIES: Reg Cullinane, Mary Torbet, Greg Doherty.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Jean Clark, 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.

Celebrate Mass with our Indian Syro-Malabar Rite Catholics honouring India's National Day (Aug. 15th) followed by Delicious Indian Food after 6pm Mass next Saturday, August 17.

Join Us For Soup We want to raise funds for little 2 year old Ivy Steel of Hamilton Undergoing treatment for Leukemia SOUP & ROLLS - \$3 At Conclusion of 6pm Mass 24th Aug. Hosted by St Mary's Orana Ladies Group Anne 5570 8210

FEAST DAYS 14th Aug. - St Maximilian Kolbe. 15th Aug. - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CUPPA AFTER MASS 11th August - Maree Bell



15th August Feast of the Assumption Mass 10am(School) & 7pm.

16th August 7.45pm following Assumption Mass our Open Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Dunworth Centre. All Welcome.

18th August Dunkeld Community Meeting After the conclusion of morning Mass.

28th August Anointing Mass Eventide 9.30am

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



Sat.17th Aug. 7.30pm \$2Entry



Grade 5 to Adults John Hockey 0439 319 823

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.



St Patrick's Dunkeld WORKING BEE AT THE CONCLUSION OF MASS SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST.

Prayer

Kindle in our hearts, O God of our ancestors, the same faith that inspired Abraham and Sarah to live as pilgrims on earth. Keep our lamps burning brightly, our hearts ever watchful for the hour of your Son's return, that we may open the gate as soon as he knocks and be admitted by him to the eternal banquet.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

LEARNING FROM OUR PAST FOR A BETTER FUTURE

By Francis Sullivan, CEO, Truth, Justice and Healing Council

(The Truth, Justice and Healing Council is coordinating the Catholic Church's response to the Royal Commission with a commitment to cooperation, openness, full disclosure and justice for victims and survivors.)

Last week results from a study on more than 3400 telephone calls to the Adults Surviving Child Abuse helpline revealed some heart breaking results.

It reaffirmed much of what we already know: that while abuse within the home represents a very substantial proportion of all cases, abuse within religious settings is still far too prominent.

The research found 63 per cent of callers said a family member had abused them, while eight per cent of respondents were abused in religious settings.

It is terribly sad that so many people have been abused by those closest to them. However, the comparatively low number of sexual abuse allegations in religious settings is absolutely no defense for the Church.

As a church we must continue to work as hard as we can to ensure all children within our organizations are safe and looked after.

The Royal Commission will assist us in revealing the truth and highlighting our past failings. It will be painful and difficult, but it will also be the perfect

opportunity to work together and put in place the best possible protection and prevention measures for the safety and well being of all children and young people.

There has been some criticism of the Royal Commission for not looking at the broader incidence of child sex abuse in the community. As far as I'm concerned that is not the issue. The fact is there has been clerical abuse of children and sadly and regrettably our past efforts to manage it have simply not been good enough. Since the early 1990s, and with the Introduction of Towards Healing in 1996, the cogs have been turning and continuous improvements into the handling of clerical child sex abuse have taken place.

We are genuinely committed to continuous development and improvement. Highly qualified people are working to ensure victims come first, not the Church. We are constantly looking at more innovative, pastoral approaches to help victims in every way. We need to do everything possible and necessary for

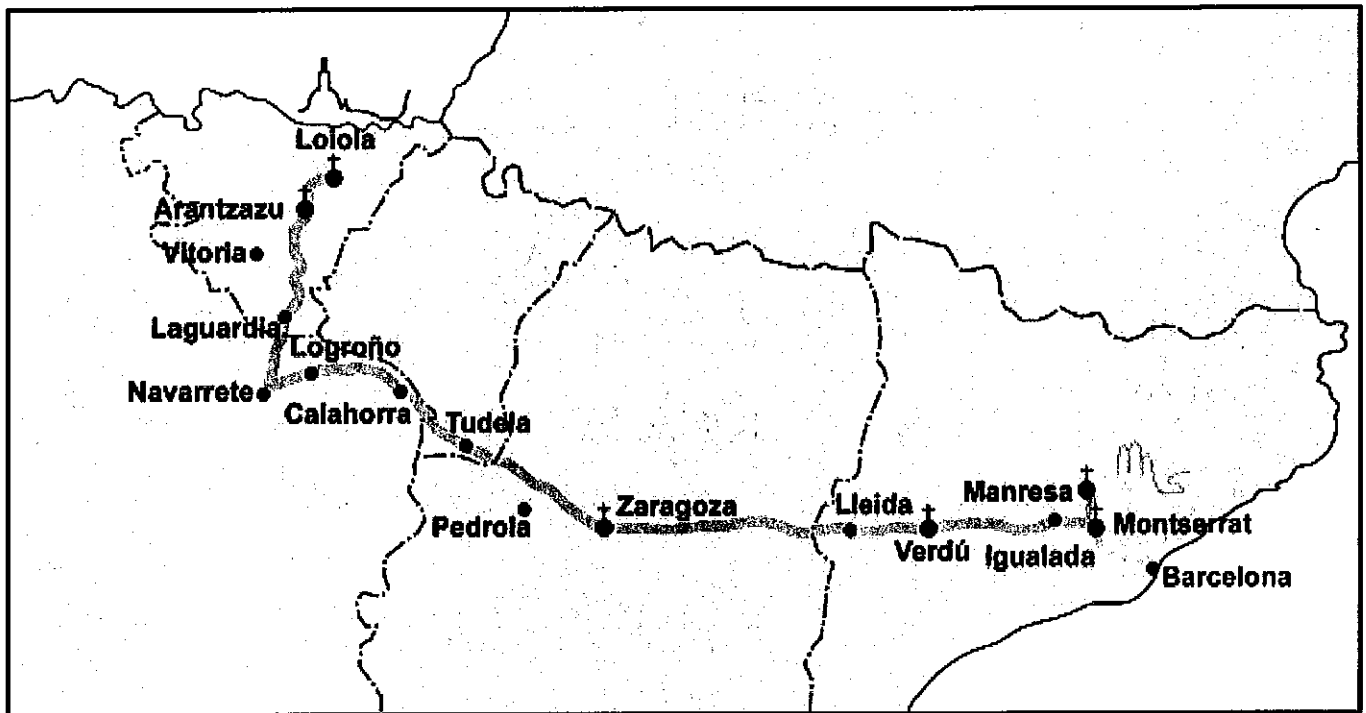
the Church to make amends for our dark history.

When listening to Pope Francis on Rio's Copacabana beach last week, addressing the over three million faithful, I was once again inspired by his vision for the Church. Reflecting on why so many Catholics are leaving the Church he pondered whether the Church "appeared too weak, too distant from their needs, perhaps too poor to respond to their concerns, perhaps too cold, perhaps too caught with itself, perhaps a prisoner of its own rigid formulas." Wise words as we consider the needs of people who have been abused. We know, from our past failings, that rigid formulas don't work in managing clerical sex abuse, we must continue to improve and refine our policies so that the Church, our Church, is a safe and inspiring place for everyone.

Francis Sullivan □ 31 July 2013

An Invitation to “Walk” with Fr Paddy on his coming Pilgrimage in Spain

You are invited to walk in prayer with him, and allow him to carry your prayers to the ancient shrine of the Black Madonna of the Benedictine monastery of Montserrat, Spain.



The route of the Camino Ignaciano

In September 2013 a group of pilgrims will walk the 640 km pilgrim route taken by Íñigo López de Loyola (who later became Saint Ignatius of Loyola) in 1522 from his home in Spain's Basque country to Montserrat and Manresa.

The “Camino Ignaciano,” or the “Ignatian way” begins at the birthplace of Ignatius Loyola in Spain's Basque country, in a village near the small town of Azpeitia. From there, the route proceeds through picturesque mountains, deserts, and plains, before ending in the town of Manresa near Barcelona.

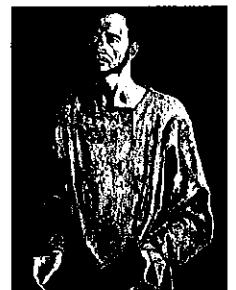
Ignatius rested in this town for some months after his journey from Loyola. Manresa was a place of profound spiritual enlightenment for him. Here he composed his spiritual masterpiece, the *Spiritual Exercises*.

Pilgrims will walk virtually the same route that Ignatius did, pass through many towns that he did, pray at churches where he did, and marvel at the same natural wonders that he saw.

Pilgrims will be on a 28-day outer journey *and* an inner journey. The outer journey will be well marked. The inner journey less so. For some it will be about forgiveness or reconciliation, for others a new direction or course in life, a confirmation of a major life choice, or a renewed or rediscovered sense of personal identity.

Each day pilgrims will have the opportunity for daily Mass, either said by the guide, Fr Michael Smith SJ, or we will attend a Eucharist in one of the local parishes. There will also be opportunities for prayer, personal reflection, spiritual conversation and sharing in small groups.

(In the pilgrimage group with Fr Paddy are Fr John Fitzgerald (Warrnambool), Fr Joe Taylor (Shepparton), and Vin & Sandra Dillon (Vin retired recently as assistant to Bishop Peter Connors.)



Fr Paddy invites parishioners:

*"I wish to invite parishioners and others to join me in Spirit praying this inner journey. I seek the grace of walking more closely in the footsteps of Jesus in the wholehearted manner that captured St Ignatius. He founded the Jesuits who came to be known as the Company of Jesus: in walking this Ignatian journey I seek to be a closer companion of Jesus, praying the prayer of Ignatius: **"Lord, grant that I may see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly."***

There is an ancient tradition that one person from a village would walk as a pilgrim to a sacred place "carrying the sins" of the village in order to be freed from the burden and consequences of sin and selfishness. The "sins" of the village represent those many things that weigh us down, grieve our hearts, wound our spirits, hold us captive, or steal our freedom. Though sometimes yes, they are not necessarily things we have done wrong but wrong that has been done to us, or sadness or grief that has visited us, or failures that have beset us, or maybe addictions that control us.

I have been moved to "carry the sins" of my church whereby numerous innocents have been wounded by sexual abuse, and numerous others have lost faith given such crimes were allowed to happen and even covered up. Due to circumstances I have been destined to hear many such stories and walk with many such families and feel deep within me the pain of such sin. Bearing this cross, I now desire to dedicate my pilgrimage to be a prayer for healing and wholeness for those longing for such.

I also desire to pray with and carry the prayers of parishioners with special intentions or "sins" to be freed from, by ritually carrying written prayers/desires to the ancient sanctuary of the Madonna of Montserrat.

Thus I invite you to write your heartfelt prayer/desire and present it to me that I may carry it to be deposited at the shrine, while we together pray each day of the pilgrimage for the grace being asked. I invite each "companion" to pray with me each day one of the following prayers of St Ignatius:

*"Lord, grant that I may see you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
follow you more nearly.*

or

*Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding,
and my entire will,
all I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace,
that is enough for me."*



*Some may wish to share the detail of their prayer with me, others may prefer to pass it on in a sealed envelope; for those so desiring, there will be an opportunity to do this in a prayer ritual/commissioning to be held in the St Mary's Parish side chapel on **Thursday evening, August 29, 7pm.***