



St Mary's Parish

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

15 September 2013

First Reading Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-13. 17. 19. R. Lk 15:18

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Tm 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer

and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

*God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 15:1-10

or longer form **Lk 15:1-32**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Reflection

by Greg Sunter

The gospel passage begins with an accusation that Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. This is the gravest social accusation one could level at another because who you ate with was a reflection of your own status. To welcome sinners and to eat with them was to effectively become one of them yourself. In response to this accusation, rather than mounting an argument, the gospel writer has Jesus tell three parables about the lost being found. The answer to the accusation is that those dismissed as 'sinners' are the 'lost' who will be celebrated with extravagant rejoicing when they have been 'found' again through their acceptance of the message of Jesus.

The parable of the lost son is usually taken in isolation and rarely is heard in the full context of the three parables of the lost being found. We need all three to recognise the ridiculous nature of the celebration of the forgiving father's actions. All three parables display great folly. What shepherd would leave 99 of his sheep in the wilderness to go in search of just one? Similarly what woman is going to reveal to her friends how poverty-stricken she really is by inviting them to rejoice with her at the finding of one lost drachma - the least valuable of coins. When we come to the father rejoicing at his son's return, this too would have seemed a ridiculous folly. Because of his actions, the son completely shamed himself and his father. The father's expected and justified response would have been to turn his back on his son and banish him forever. To welcome him back would have been unthinkable to Jesus' audience. In an echo of God's ridiculous and unbounded loving forgiveness, the father welcomes his son with open arms and reclaims him as his own.

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NEXT WEEK'S MASS TIMES

22nd September
25th Sunday In ordinary Time

Hamilton	Mass Mass Mass	6:00pm 10:30am 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	
<u>Wednesday</u>			
Mass 10am		Tuesday	10am SAWC
<u>Tuesday</u>			
Hospital Ecumenical Service 11am		Wednesday	10am Mass
<u>Thursday</u>			
Mass 10am		Thursday	Anointing Mass 10 am
		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.

ST MARY'S ROSTER: 21st & 22nd September 2013

	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
Welcome	John Schurmann Kylie Anne Shanahan	Irene Donne Alida Aylmer
Commentator	Angela Hutchinson	Maree Bell
First Reader	Jo Anne Bond	Alida Aylmer
Second Reader	Ian Ferguson	Peter Tripovich
Offertory Procession	G & K Brewis	P & C Fitzgerald
PowerPoint and iPad	Bradley Field	Hockey Family
Ministers of Communion	Team: 6 Bev Kaaye, A & T Hutchinson	Team: 3 M Bell, B Storer, A Wheaton, G Goggin & T Irving.

Minister of Communion 14th & 15th Sept. This weekend 2013

6pm	Team: 5 F Rhook, P Oliver-Snell, P Fallon, K Shanahan.
10:30 am	Team: 2 V Lovell, P Stanhope, P Fitzgerald, T Daffey & F O'Brien.

ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER
22nd September 2013

Lector	Margie Eales
Prayers	Don Adamson
Special Minister	Catherine Loria
Leader	Brendon Kelly

St Mary's Church
CLEANING ROSTER
SEPTEMBER

A AYLMEYER,
C BRACKEN,

PARISH COLLECTIONS


Stewardship Starting Date 14/10/2012 : \$114,914.


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

Priests Support: \$689.55

This week's Count Team: **3** T & A Hutchinson, M Hicks.

Next week's Count Team: **4** R Corbett, B Shanahan T & N Oliver.



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

DEATHS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Lorna Schultz, Frances Sullivan, Danny Clay, Kay Kerr

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Norma Oliver, Jean Clark, Sue Wensley, Brian Joyce, Ernie Hurley, Frank Vogels, Val Carter, Dawn Anson, Joan Birrell.

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

Fatima Statue

Chris & Kathie Jansen 10 David Street

Rosary 7pm 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.

Men's Health Night

An initiative of the School Council and Parents and Friends has been to organise a Men's Health Night on **Thursday 19th September (please note change of date)** starting at 7.00pm at the school. Stu Wilder from WDHS will give a short talk on important health issues specific to men including parenting, raising boys, fathering and partners, and general men's health. Stu is happy to follow up with a free health check at the clinic if you would like to make a booking with him. Come along at 7.00pm and enjoy a beer with other dads, grandpas and interested male friends. Sorry ladies, this one's not for you! Please **RSVP** to school **555 19000** by Friday 13th September so we have an idea of numbers attending.

Travel with "The Unholy Pilgrim" (Fr Paddy!)
Follow his blog on
www.theunholypilgrim.blogspot.com.au
Submit your prayer to him: by email
patrick.mugavin@gmail.com

VICTORIA MALE WELSH CHOIR

18TH October 7pm @ Devon Park Woolshed, Dunkeld.
\$40 Per Person
www.gccwelshchoir.eventbrite.com.au Enq. 0439 308 185

MARRIAGE WEEK 22nd September, we are Inviting you all to bring along your wedding photos or copies, for our display in the gathering space at the church. **OR** email them through to the parish office to be displayed on our pin board. hamilton@ballarat.catholic.org.au

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

FEAST DAYS September

16th - Sts Cornelius & Cyprian
20th - Sts. Andrew Kim Tea-gon,
Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions.
21st - St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

19th
September Anointing Mass St Mary's 10am.

22nd
September **Marriage Week**

29th
September Social Justice Sunday.



Sunday Catch Up - Sunday 6th October -
Dunworth Centre - 11.30am

The Bake Off - Sunday 20th October - St
Mary's Hall - 11.30am



We welcome into the family
of God through Baptism at
St Mary's Parish
Isabella Templeton
Daughter of Craig & Debra Templeton

Christ Church Anglican Women's Guild
Presents

Blumes Spring Fashions @ the Canon Julien Centre
Thursday 19th Sept. @ 10am
Morning coffee \$5 Enquiries Roma Keating 5571 2102
Rachael Malseed 5572 2110

ORANA & St Mary's Book Club

An invitation to Parish Women
Come along with us to
another live performance
"BOOK CLUB"

Hamilton Performing Arts Centre

Tuesday 8th October 8pm

Bring along friends & join us

before the show for a quick meal

Group Concession Tickets \$33

Bookings: Anne Slattery 5570 8210

Transport available



Prayer

God of forgiveness,
because of the prayer of Moses
you did not abandon your people
even when they turned their backs on your love
Through the prayer of your Son,
who forever intercedes on our behalf,
grant that your church,
together with the angels of heaven,
may rejoice even over one sinner who repents.
*We ask this through
Christ Our Lord.*

Amen.

A day in the life of a pilgrim! *An extract from theunholypilgrim.blogspot.com.*

**Day 9, Monday 9/9:
Laguardia - Navarrete - Logroño
(32.4km)**



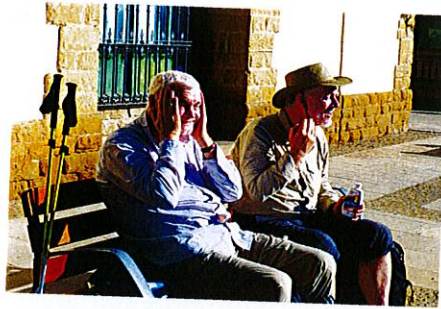
For our first two hours of walking, which is a time of silent prayer, I suggested that we pray for healing of the pain and hurt that has happened as a result of sexual abuse in the Church. First the healing of the hurt of victims and their families. We pray for the grace to be able to listen to their stories and learn from what they can teach us.



We pray also for the others levels of woundedness in our church, and our church communities. We pray that we as a Church might learn what needs to change in church culture so that such abuse may not happen again, nor be covered up.



We came across a local village Stations of the Cross, which reminded us that wherever there is suffering there is the crucified Christ, especially recognized in the passion of those abused, whose pain and suffering we cannot comprehend, such that many are crucified unto death, often by suicide.



The sun is hot, sunscreen a necessity.



Lunch in Navarrete, by the Cathedral Plaza. We are half way for the day!



Navarrete Cathedral.

I remember at all these sacred places the prayers entrusted to me.



At this point in the Camino there is a tradition to make a cross in the fence from weed stalks found nearby. There are thousands of such crosses in the fence.

Eucharist at St Ignatius' Parish, and then:



Time for a beer before 8:30 tea. The whole city is on the streets enjoying the late summer's evening.

So ends our first stage. A well earned rest day tomorrow after 7 straight days of walking 160 kilometres!



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Applications are invited for two full-time Primary classroom teaching positions.

The successful applicants will begin at the start of Term 1, 2014.

These positions are for replacement for the 2014 school year, with the possibility of employment in 2015.

For more information, contact:

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Closing date: **Friday 4th October, 2013.**