



# St Mary's Parish

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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**9 February 2014**

## First Reading **Is 58:7-10**

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed  
over.

Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind you.  
Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like noon.

*The word of the Lord.*

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4**

*(R.) A light rises in the darkness for  
the upright.*

or

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. He is a light in the darkness for  
the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour  
(R.)
2. The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the  
Lord. (R.)
3. With a steadfast heart he will  
not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

## Second Reading **1 Cor 2:1-5**

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to  
the Corinthians*

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not  
with any show of oratory or philosophy,  
but simply to tell you what God had  
guaranteed. During my stay with you,  
the only knowledge I claimed to have  
was about Jesus, and only about him as  
the crucified Christ. Far from relying on  
any power of my own, I came among you  
in great 'fear and trembling' and in my  
speeches and the sermons that I gave,  
there were none of the arguments that  
belong to philosophy; only a demonstration  
of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so  
that your faith should not depend  
on human philosophy but on the power  
of God.

*The word of the Lord.*

## Gospel Acclamation **Jn 8:12**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me  
will have the light of life.*

*Alleluia!*

## Gospel **Mt 5:13-16**

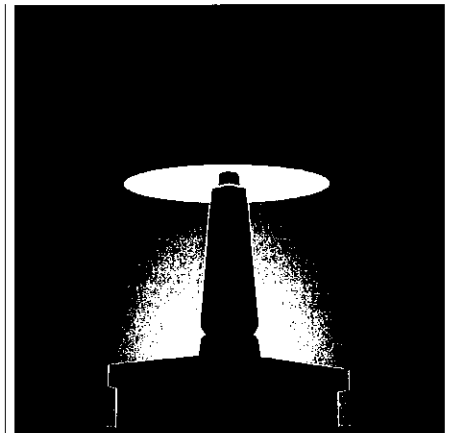
*A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew*

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the  
salt of the earth. But if salt becomes  
tasteless, what can make it salty again? It  
is good for nothing, and can only be thrown  
out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built  
on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one  
lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put  
it on the lamp-stand where it shines for  
everyone in the house. In the same way  
your light must shine in the sight of men,  
so that, seeing your good works, they may  
give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*



## Reflection

*by Greg Sunter*

Today, when we describe a person as  
being the 'salt of the earth' it's generally  
meant in a way that says the person is  
hard working, straight talking and pretty  
down to earth. It's usually meant as a  
compliment but sometimes can come  
across as a bit condescending when  
used inappropriately. When Jesus tells  
the disciples that they are salt of the  
earth and the light of the world he is  
really saying 'You are to be the salt of  
the earth; you are to be the light of the  
world.' It is more of a directive than an  
affirmation of them.

Today's first reading from Isaiah helps  
to shed light on Jesus' meaning in the  
gospel passage: 'Share your bread with  
the hungry, and shelter the homeless  
poor, clothe the man you see to be  
naked and turn not from your own kin.  
Then will your light shine like the dawn.'  
It sounds a lot like the message from  
the last judgment in Matthew 25 when  
the king says 'whatever you did for one  
of these least brothers of mine, you did  
for me.' It's a message of justice and  
right relationship not only with God but  
with one another also.

To be salt of the earth and light of the  
world means to be the one who puts  
their hand up and steps forward to  
speak for, work for and act for those  
who are the least in this world. To  
have the potential and resources to be  
a force for good in the world and not  
act on it is to be like salt that's used  
for salting the streets or a lamp that's  
under a tub.

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**NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

15th & 16th February 2014  
6th 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  
(Prayer of the church with Holy Communion)**

PENSHURST		HAMILTON	
Wednesday	Tuesday	No 10am Mass	
10am Mass	Wednesday	10am Mass	
	Thursday	10am Mass	
	Friday	10am Mass	

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Hamilton  
Fri After 10am Mass  
Sat 5.30m before 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:  
15th & 16th February 2014**

	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
Welcome	Helen Watt John Schurmann	Alida Aylmer
Commentator	John Duyvestyn	School Mass
First Reader	Bev Kaaye	School Mass
Second Reader	Ted Oliver	School Mass
Offertory Procession	T Tuppen & J Gustus	School Mass
PowerPoint and iPad	Sr Marg & P Murphy	School Mass
Ministers of Communion	Team 2 Z Celewich, T & F McMeel.	Team: 3 M Bell, B Storer, A Wheaton, G Goggin & G Irving.

**Ministers of Communion This Weekend**

6 pm	Team: 1 B Kaaye, P & M Dunn & 1 Volunteer (3 Required)
10:30 am	Team: 2 V Lovell, P Stanhope, P Fitzgerald, T Daffey & F O'Brien (5 Required)

**ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER  
16th February**


Lector	Coleen Page
Prayers	Brendon Kelly
Special Minister	Terry Pezzutti
Gifts	Kelly Family


**St Mary's Church CLEANING**  
February  
M Walter  
J Newel  
I Underwood  
A Lampard  
J Cass

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

Stewardship Starting Date 13/10/2013 : \$32,721  
Stewardship Pledged Full Year : \$120,150  
Priest's Support: \$677

*This week's Count Team: 3 R Corbett, B Shanahan & T Oliver.*  
Next week's Count Team: B & J Roach.



 **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

**DEATHS:** Fr Leo Donnelly (Columban, 50 yrs in Peru, ex-Ballarat)  
Norma Oliver, (Our deepest sympathy Ted, Pauline & Family, funeral 2.30 Tue. 11th Feb.)  
Val Johnson, ( Our deepest sympathy to Mark, Colleen & Family).

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Debra Gould, Rosie McDonnell, Grant Newell, Thomas Brown, Damien Willey, Emid Flynn, Annie McLean, Eileen Drew, Maree Rigney, Zophia Zoluievczyk.

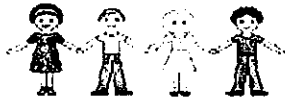
**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Dorothy Harrison, Jean Clark, Brian Joyce, Frank Vogels, Val Carter, Dawn Anson, Joan Birrell, Jack Gower.

**Prayer before The Blessed Sacrament**

The Church is open daily till 8pm .  
If you are prepared to spend time between 6pm & 8pm on a roster .  
Contact: Rita Taylor.



## St Mary's Parish HAMILTON



### Wednesday Meet Up

St Mary's Parish extends an invitation to all parents of primary school children to come along to our Wednesday morning *Meet Up*. Bring along your toddlers or come on your own. We aim to provide a welcoming atmosphere where your presence will be valued. Activities will keep your children entertained and we will provide you with a cup of tea or coffee and morning tea.

Each Wed during school term.  
9.30am—11.30am

Maryknoll Centre Family Room (Off Lonsdale Street, behind St Mary's Hall)

Cost: \$2 per family.

Enquires to Sally Finch on 0447 351 873

Starts 12<sup>th</sup>  
Feb

### Cuppa After Mass

**Sat. 15th John & Helen Watt**

**Sun. 16th Maree Bell**

### St Vincent De Paul

Maryknoll Front Office, Clarendon St, Hamilton.



**Welfare, Assistance, Support Centre**

Open Monday — Friday 1-3pm

55719859 or 0408923181



Interested volunteers please enquire on above Mobile No.



### **Catch Up Sunday at the Dunworth Centre**

**Come join us for lunch  
After Mass Sunday 23rd**

Enquires to John Hockey 0439 319 823

### 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)

### FEAST DAYS

#### February

*10th - St Scholastica*

*14th - Saints Cyril & Methodius*

*22nd - The Chair of St Peter the Apostle*

### Good News for the Season of Lent

*By your cross and resurrection.....*

*YOU HAVE SET US FREE.*

Lenten groups will begin the week starting 2nd March, those who are interested please leave you name, a list is provided on the notice board in the gathering space of the church.

Please let the parish office know if any of our parishioners are sick or in hospital. On 55711161.

### Prayer

O God of justice,  
grant us the true Spirit of the gospel,  
that our faith might rest  
not on human wisdom,  
but on your power made known in  
Christ crucified; and so that we,  
committed to justice and untiring in charity,  
might become salt for the earth  
and light for the world.  
**We ask this through  
Christ Our Lord.  
Amen.**

### Parish Calender

- Feb.12 General gathering of Parents/Guardian Sacraments, 7pm @ Dunworth Centre.
- Feb. 16th Opening school Mass 10.30am
- Feb.16th Commitment to Sacrament Program 10.30am Mass.
- March 5th Ash Wednesday
- March 9th 1st Sunday of Lent

### **Pope urges Catholics to 'give until it hurts' this Lent**

Pope Francis has urged Catholics to offer charity this Lent to the materially, morally and spiritually destitute, but warns that they must give until hurts if they truly wish to be Christ-like.

"I distrust a charity that costs nothing and does not hurt," the Pope says in a three-page message for Lent, which was issued today, a month before Ash Wednesday, which falls on 5 March.

Based on the theme, "He became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9), the Pope's message calls on Catholics to imitate Christ by involving themselves in the lives of the poor.

"In imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it," Francis writes in the letter. "God did not let our salvation drop down from heaven, like someone who gives alms from their abundance out of a sense of altruism and piety," the Pope says. "Christ's poverty which enriches us is his taking flesh and bearing our weaknesses and sins as an expression of God's infinite mercy to us," he adds.

"When power, luxury and money become idols, they take priority over the need for a fair distribution of wealth. Our consciences thus need to be converted to justice, equality, simplicity and sharing," he adds.

Francis cited three types of poverty: "material, moral and spiritual" destitution – the first a lack of the basics such as food and work, the second a "slavery to vice and sin" such as drugs, gambling or pornography, and the third, a turning away from God.

### **CARITAS HIT BY GOVERNMENT CUTS**

CARITAS Australia has added its voice to other groups protesting against the Federal Government's cuts of \$650 million from Australia's official aid program in the 2013-14 financial year. Caritas Australia chief executive officer Paul O'Callaghan said it was "unfortunate such a decision had been made in the first year of our partnership with the new government".

He said the generosity of the Australian public, bolstered by Caritas' 40-year partnership with the Australian Government, had led to beneficial change in many countries.

"In the last year alone, this partnership enabled Caritas Australia to reach more than 1.1 million people across 20 countries," Mr O'Callaghan said. Other organisations such as Care, Save the Children, ChildFund, Plan International and the Fred Hollows Foundation – who also have partnership agreements with the Government – have had their funding cut by about eight per cent.

The Australian Christian Lobby also expressed disappointment at the funding cuts, announced on January 18.

ACL managing director Lyle Shelton said Christians had been at the forefront in urging the both Labor and the Liberal-National Party Coalition to keep the Millennium Development Goal promises, which included increasing aid to 0.7 per cent of gross national income by 2015. "Like Labor's deferrals of aid increases in the past two budgets, the Coalition's cuts have come as a big disappointment to Christians who believe that we should be generous with our aid," he said. Mr Shelton said the United Kingdom, whose budget and economic situations were far worse than Australia's, was on track to meet its MDG aid promise on aid this financial year. "If the UK can do it, so can we,"

he said.

"While great strides have been made in lifting people out of poverty, 29,000 children die every day from preventable diseases. "Clearly there is much more to be done."

Mr O'Callaghan said the cuts had caused significant strain on some of the agency's existing commitments.

"Caritas will however strive to ensure the impact of these cuts is felt least in those communities most vulnerable to poverty and injustice," he said.

Mr O'Callaghan said "despite this unforeseen, mid-year change to our partnership agreement with the Government, we remain committed to promote peace, justice and dignity for the poorest of the poor".

"In Bangladesh, the percentage of families that can afford three meals a day has risen from 36 per cent in 2005 to 100 per cent in 2012," he said.

"And closer to home in Oecusse, Timor Leste, Caritas Australia's food and security program has reduced these communities 'hunger months' from four months per year to just one month."

Mr O'Callaghan said Caritas Australia was looking to the Federal Budget in May in the hope the situation improved.

"We wish to really encourage the Government to see official aid and development programs as an important investment with developing countries," he said.

"We should not forget how countries such as Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and Brazil have been helped in the past. "These countries no longer rely on aid after many years of co-operation from organisations such as Caritas Australia and AusAid." The Federal Government in making the announcement of cuts in overseas aid said it needed to redirect funding towards domestic infrastructure.