



St Mary's Parish

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First Reading Eccl 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power.

He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)
2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. (R.)
3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. (R.)
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:6-10

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

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity; not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the

wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel (shorter form)

Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

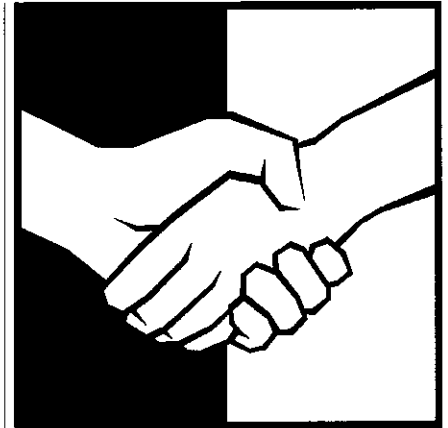
Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Reflection

by Greg Sunter

Today's First Reading, Psalm and Gospel all relate to the way in which we are called to live in right relationship with God and with one another. What is referred to as the 'Law' is generally used as shorthand for the Torah – the first five books of the Bible – which first of all establishes the history of relationship between God and humanity through the books of Genesis and Exodus and then provides detailed instructions about how that relationship should be honoured and observed. When Jesus speaks about the Law and the Prophets, he is deliberately including the extensive collection of prophetic writings that interpret the Law in terms of justice and right relationships with others as being a reflection of the right relationship with God.

By declaring that he has come not to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to complete – or fulfil – them, Jesus is making it perfectly clear that his ministry and teaching is in alignment with and in accordance with the historical tradition and he is not setting out to overthrow the Jewish tradition. Rather, throughout his ministry, Jesus repeatedly calls the people to be true to the teachings of old and to live them with integrity and dedication. His constant complaint is against those who live by the letter of the Law and ignore what we would call the spirit or intention of the Law. This is the root of his swipe at the shallow virtue of the scribes and Pharisees in today's gospel. The criticism that Jesus levelled at these two groups was that their adherence to the Law made no room for the compassionate heart that the writings of the Prophets demanded.

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NEXT WEEK'S MASS TIMES

23rd February 2014
7th 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
(Prayer of the church with Holy Communion)

PENSHURST		HAMILTON	
Wednesday	Tuesday	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:
22nd & 23rd February 2014

	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
Welcome	John Schurmann	Alida Aylmer
Commentator	Ron Smith	Charlotte Stanhope
First Reader	Irene McGrath	Geraldine McDonald
Second Reader	Terry McMeel	Pat Healy
Offertory Procession	Frances McMeel	Sutherland Family
PowerPoint and iPad	Bev Kaaye	Hockey Family
Ministers of Communion	Team: 3 M Walter, K Brewis & M Ferrier.	Team: 4 F Soulsby, G Howell, D Dunn & D Brody

Ministers of Communion This Weekend

6 pm	Team: 2 Z Celewich, T & F McMeel (3 Required)
10:30 am	Team: 3 M Bell, B Storer, A Wheaton, G Goggin & G Irving. (5 Required)

ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER
23rd February


Lector	Don Adamson
Prayers	Catherine Loria
Special Minister	Helen Brown
Leader	Margie Eales


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

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship Starting Date 13/10/2013 : \$33,980
Stewardship Pledged Full Year : \$120,150
Priest's Support: \$1,182

This week's Count Team: B & J Roach.
Next week's Count Team: A Milne & M Meagher.



 **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

DEATHS: Brian Cleaver.

ANNIVERSARIES :
Beverly Edwards, Bob Barker, Damien Willey, Elizabeth Finnegan, Mary Patterson, Cath Madin.

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

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

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
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Wednesday Meet Up

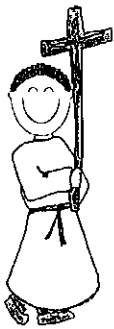
St Mary's Parish extends an invitation to all parents of primary school children to come along to our Wednesday morning *Meet Up*. Bring along your toddlers or come on your own. We aim to provide a welcoming atmosphere where your presence will be valued. Activities will keep your children entertained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



ALTAR SERVERS

Training of new altar servers — and refreshers for old ones! — will begin next week.

If you have made your First Communion, and you would like to be included in this year's altar serving roster, please fill in the form at the back of the church. Fr John will call you later this week to organise the first training session.



**Catch Up Sunday
Dunworth Centre
Join us for lunch
After Mass Sunday 23rd**

Enquires to John Hockey 0439 319 823

Cuppa After Mass

Sat. 15th John & Helen Watt & Sun. 16th Maree Bell

Penshurst Ministry Rosters

Rosters are now being compiled any additions or changes please ring Margaret Eales.
Looking for families for offertory procession please.

OPEN DAYS

Monivae College invites potential students and their families to attend one of our Open Events. Tour the College meet Year 7 staff and the Yr. 7 Co-ordinator.

Thursday 20th Feb @ 9.30am

Sunday 2nd March @ 2pm

Thursday 13th March @ 7 pm

For booking or more information contact Lia on 555 11200 or 1mailes@monivae.vic.edu.au



FEAST DAYS

February

14th - Saints Cyril & Methodius

22nd - The Chair of St Peter the Apostle

PEOPLE PASSIONATE ABOUT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Would you like to enrich children's lives through Christian Education? Through Christian Education, children in state schools have the opportunity to learn about and explore the Christian faith. Support, training and resources are provided by ACCESS ministries. If you'd like to be involved, please speak with Lis Uebergang on 5572 5914 or 0419 340 176 ASAP. Joylene Uebergang of Portland, our current area leader, plans to train new Christian Religious Education teachers early March, probably in Hamilton.

Parish Calender

- Feb. 18th Penshurst Hospital Ecumenical service 11am
- Feb. 20th Anointing Mass Eventide 9.30am
- Feb. 21st St Mary's School P&F Social Night.
- March 5th Ash Wed. Hamilton 10am & 7pm Mass
- March 7th World Day Of Prayer
Hamilton St Mary's Church 10.30am.
Penshurst Sheppard Centre @ Hospital 10am.
- March 9th 1st Sunday of Lent

Prayer

O God of integrity,
as we come to offer our gift at your altar,
make us eager in seeking reconciliation,
so that we may live the gospel
of your kingdom with single-hearted devotion,
our every thought filled with respect
for one another,
and our every deed with reverence.

Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

Prayer and the Family Meal



7 Fresh Ideas for Mealtime Prayer

Committing to gathering regularly, if not daily, for a shared meal is a great way to strengthen your family and to learn how to pray together. We might always say a traditional prayer. In doing so, we are also unified with our larger family, the Catholic Church, whose members have uttered the same or similar phrases for years upon years. Said thoughtfully, it resonates. Even on those days when we zip to the finish, it makes a point—God is with us, and we thank him.

But if you find prayer becoming habit over heart, there are ways to be more mindful at mealtime. Here are a few different approaches to spicing up the prayer portion of your family meals.

1. Have family members take turns leading the prayer each day. You might start with a petition, praise and thanks to God—whatever the leader chooses.
2. Sing the traditional prayer—let your child improvise the melody.
3. Institute a moment of silence. St. Thérèse of Lisieux described prayer as “a simple look turned toward heaven.”
4. Ask each member to say one thing he or she is grateful for that day.
5. Expand on the previous exercise by having each person at the table quickly answer these questions: What are you grateful for? What do you want to ask God for? What are you sorry for today? Whom did you help?
6. Read a poem or Scripture passage that gives thanks to God. Perhaps you can even find positive lyrics in a song from pop culture to engage your children
7. Of course, it's always good for your children to know the standard meal blessings:

Prayer Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts which we are about to receive from your goodness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer After Meals

We give you thanks for all your gifts, almighty God, living and reigning now and for ever. Amen.