



St Mary's Parish

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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First Reading Wis 12:13,16-19

*A reading from the book of Wisdom
in the place of sin, you give repentance.*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

- O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)
- All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do
marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. (R.)
- But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel Mt 13:24-43

(or shorter version 13:24-30)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy:

*I will speak to you in parables
and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.*

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Reflection

by Greg Sunter

Today's reading features three parables about the kingdom: the weeds in the field; the mustard seed; and yeast in the flour. They are three fascinating parables about something undesirable or unwanted being mixed in with something that is apparently good – and Jesus presents them as descriptions of what the kingdom of heaven is like.

Let's look at the imagery of these parables. Darnel is a weed that looks exactly like wheat while it is growing. Only once the ears have formed can it be distinguished from the wheat. It is a malicious prank to sow darnel among wheat.

The mustard seed grows into such a large tree that birds come and nest in it. Why would any farmer want to deliberately plant a tree in the middle of his fields that attracts birds that will destroy his crops?

Three measures of flour is an enormous amount of flour; enough to make 50 or 60 loaves of bread! Yeast begins to ferment the dough mixture and if not baked the dough goes mouldy and goes bad. To leaven that much dough at one time is somewhat foolish. The Hebrew word used for leavening in scripture is Chametz, it literally means 'sour'. It is that essence by which things decay. Leavening is a fermentation process – a process of breaking down or corruption.

To describe the kingdom of God in these ways may seem a bit odd. Can the kingdom of God be a 'corrupting' or 'souring' or 'irritating' influence? The kingdom message of Jesus can be seen as a corrupting force in that it set about corrupting and destroying what was a flawed system. The parables also demonstrate that it only takes a tiny amount of this 'corrupting' influence to have a dramatic effect.

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NEXT WEEK'S MASS TIMES

27th July 2014
17th 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
(Prayer of the church with Holy Communion)**

PENSHURST		HAMILTON	
Wednesday	Tuesday	10am Mass	
10am Mass	Wed.	10am Mass	
	Thur.	10am Mass	
	Fri.	10am Mass	

**ST MARY'S ROSTER:
26th & 27th July 2014**

	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
Welcome	John Schurmann	Alida Aylmer
Commentator	Ray Corbett	Pat Healy
First Reader	Kerry Stevens	Maree Bell
Second Reader	Chris Jansen	Phil Wheaton
Offertory Procession	P&M Dunn	R Taylor & N Doherty
PowerPoint and iPad	Sr Marg	Wheaton Family
Ministers of Communion	Team: 1 B Kaaye, P& M Dunn	Team: 2 V Lovell, P Stanhope, P Fitzgerald, T Daffey & F O'Brien
Ministers of Communion This Weekend		
6 pm	Team: 8 G Healy, T Groves & K Shanahan (3 Required)	
10:30 am	Team: (1 R Taylor, G McDonald, S Pierce (5 Required)	

**ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER
27th July 2014**

Lector	Brendon Kelly
Prayers	Bill Dunn
Special Minister	Helen Brown
Leader	Catherine Loria

St Mary's Church CLEANING August
St Mary's Parents & Friends.

PARISH COLLECTIONS


Stewardship Starting Date 13/10/2013 (YTD) :\$77,661


Stewardship Pledged Full Year : \$120,150

Priest's Support: \$1,462

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

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



 **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

DEATHS:


ANNIVERSARIES: Kathleen Turner, Jean Priddle, Una Moller, Howard McCorkell, Jack Hockey, Johanna Gurry, Laura Spillman, Mary Black, Glen Storer, Ellen (Nell) McNamara, Leon Lowe.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Vu Cuong, Gabrielle Mason, Marie Little, Gay Lee, Kerryn McCluggage, Dorothy Harrison, Frank Vogels, Val

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Hamilton
Fri After 10am Mass
Sat 5.30m before Mass

Other Mass Centres
Sundays
Before 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.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

The Church will be open daily till **7.00pm**. We are looking for **at least 2 volunteers** to fill vacant time spots on our roster caused by retirement. If you could spend some time between 5pm and 7pm on either the 3rd Tuesday or the 3rd Wednesday of each month please let us know.

Contact: Rita Taylor 55 723060 or Ted Oliver: 55722810

Future Planning Looking Forward Conversation

Everyone is invited to attend a pastoral planning Gathering. The Gathering at our Parish is on Tuesday 12th August 7pm-9pm.

Each Gathering is to discuss issues arising from the *Looking Forward* Resource for Pastoral Planning document. Ideas will be shared, connections will be made, future possibilities will be looked at, particularly around the ideas of resource and task sharing. Full details and other resources are on the diocesan website www.ballarat.catholic.org.au

Adult "Getting Involved Globally"

Immersion Experience Catholic Mission is offering opportunity for adults to participate in an immersion experience to Ethiopia (20th September to 4th October, 2014). Details of both trips are available from the parish office. Further information can be obtained by contacting Catholic Mission Office, John Tweedie on 1800 267 296 or email john.tweedie@gmail.com

FEAST DAYS

- 22nd July - St Mary Magdalene**
- 25th July - St James, Apostle**
- 26th July - Sts Joachim & Anne**
- 29th July - St Martha**
- 31st July - St Ignatius of Loyola**

Fatima Statue

If you would like to share in this prayer activity please contact Ted Oliver (5577810) or leave your name at the presbytery. This week the statue will be with:
Anne Marie & Phil Wheaton
47 Brown St Branxholme
Rosary 7pm All welcome.



On behalf of the Hamilton branch of St **Vincent de Paul Society** we would like to express our very sincere thanks to every one who donated to our recent Winter

Appeal. This is our major appeal for the year and your generosity, both monetary and food donations, was fantastic.

As we rely on donations and the takings from our Vinnie's Centre to finance our welfare work you can imagine what a boost this will be at a time when many people are doing it tough, especially in this very cold winter with utility bills soaring.

All donation received, will be used locally to help people in need.

Thanks to the students, staff & parents of Monivae College for their continuing support of our work.

Many Thanks to you all,

Irene Donne, Hamilton President.



10 Pin Bowling @ Warrnambool

Sunday, 3rd August 10:30am to 5pm



Minimum Grade Five

Enquiries to John & Sherrie Hockey

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Thank you for your wonderful support of Project Compassion 2014.

Your support has been tremendous and Caritas Australia is very grateful for your commitment and dedication to those whom we serve.

On closing date, Project Compassion 2014 raised

* nationally \$10.74 million.

* Ballarat Diocese contributed \$281,000 towards this amount from our parish and school communities.

This humbling result is only made possible through your commitment in bringing into relationship with your community the needs of the women, children and men experiencing extreme poverty and injustice. The solidarity that you bring to your faith communities through prayer, action and building awareness for a more fair and just world enables these communities to transform their own lives. A sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone concerned in promoting PC2014 and processing the donations in your parish community.

Parish Calendar

- 24th July Fr Pat Flanagan Anniversary Ordination
- 28th Grandparents Day St Mary's Primary School Liturgy
- 12th Aug. Future Planning Looking Forward Conversation 7pm

Prayer

With a love both powerful and patient, O God, you sustain the growth of the good seed your Son has planted.

Let your word, like a mustard seed, bear rich fruit within us, and, like a little yeast, produce its effects throughout the whole church.

**Through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.**

Join the conversation

about the future of our parish and diocese.



Looking Forward

Looking Forward is a pastoral planning strategy initiated by Bishop Paul and the Bishop's Advisory Council.

It has three stages:

- 1 Parish Self-Appraisals.** This stage was completed earlier this year. Parishes can continue to use their self-appraisal as a parish snapshot and as a planning guideline within the parish.
- 2 The *Looking Forward* resource document.** This document presents the principles which will inform Pastoral Planning in the Diocese of Ballarat. Its aim is to encourage personal reflection and discussion within parishes. The document was distributed in February, and is available to download at ballarat.catholic.org.au. (E-mail bac@ballarat.catholic.org.au to order print copies.)
- 3 *Looking Forward* Gatherings.** Eight of these Gatherings will be held across the Diocese. Issues raised by the *Looking Forward* document will be discussed. **Hamilton will host a gathering on Tuesday 12 August.**

Representatives from parishes and schools as well as all interested parishioners are invited - there is no limit to numbers from each parish. It is suggested that you attend your closest gathering but people are able to attend whichever meeting they choose to. No need to RSVP.

The Gatherings are at:

- Swan Hill, Tuesday 29 July.
- Hamilton, Tuesday 12 August.
- Mildura, Tuesday 26 August.
- Horsham, Tuesday 2 September.
- Warrnambool, Tuesday 16 September.
- Ballarat East, Tuesday 23 September.
- Ararat, Tuesday 7 October.
- Colac, Tuesday 14 October.

Each Gathering is on a Tuesday evening, 7pm-9pm at the Parish Hall or similar Gathering Space. Facilitators at each Gathering will be: Fr Justin Driscoll, Vicar-General and Amanda Smith, Pastoral Services Consultant.

You are invited to hear and contribute to a discussion about the issues arising from the *Looking Forward* document. Ideas will be shared, connections will be made, and future possibilities will be looked at – particularly around the ideas of resource and task sharing.

For more information about the *Looking Forward* Gatherings please contact Amanda on 5337 7125 or bac@ballarat.catholic.org.au.