



St Mary's Parish

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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First Reading **Is 55:1-3**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who
are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is
not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have
good things to eat
and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting
covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-9. 15-18. R. v.16

*(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us:
he answers all our needs.*

1. The Lord is kind and full of
compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. *(R.)*
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in
due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. *(R.)*

Second Reading **Rom 8:35. 37-39**

*A reading from the letter of St Paul
to the Romans*

No creature can separate us from the love of God,
which is in Christ.

No creature can separate us from the
love of God, which is in Christ.
Nothing can come between us and the
love of Christ, even if we are troubled or
worried, or being persecuted, or lacking
food or clothes, or being threatened
or even attacked. These are the trials
through which we triumph, by the power
of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death
nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that
exists, nothing still to come, not any power,
or height or depth, nor any created thing,
can ever come between us and the love of
God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation **Mt 4:4**

Alleluia, alleluia!

*No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.*

Alleluia!

Gospel **Mt 14:13-21**

*A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew*

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John
the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat
to a lonely place where they could be by
themselves. But the people heard of this
and, leaving the towns, went after him on
foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a
large crowd; and he took pity on them and
healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went
to him and said, 'This is a lonely place,
and the time has slipped by; so send
the people away, and they can go to the
villages to buy themselves some food.'
Jesus replied, 'There is no need for
them to go: give them something to eat
yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we
have with us is five loaves and two fish.'
'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave
orders that the people were to sit down on
the grass; then he took the five loaves and
the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and
said the blessing. And breaking the loaves
he handed them to his disciples who
gave them to the crowds. They all ate as
much as they wanted, and they collected
the scraps remaining, twelve baskets
full. Those who ate numbered about five
thousand men, to say nothing of women
and children.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection

by Greg Sunter

The response of today's psalm is an
excellent summary of the theme that runs
throughout today's readings: The hand
of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our
needs. The compassion of God is foremost



in these readings – recognising need
within the people and responding
with an overflowing abundance. In
the gospel, the abundant response of
God is the miraculous feeding of more
than five thousand people with twelve
baskets full of leftovers.

As it became late in the day, the
disciples wanted Jesus to send the
people away to the nearby villages so
that they could buy food for themselves.
But Jesus is moved with compassion for
the people. He knows that as it is now
evening they probably won't be allowed
to enter any of the local villages and,
even if they were, they probably didn't
have money with which to buy food. So
it is compassionate care that moves
Jesus to act. Remember, he had tried
to get away from the crowds to spend
some private time mourning the death
of John the Baptist. He was entitled to
be frustrated and angry with them for
intruding on his grief. Instead, when
they tracked him down, he went ashore
and healed them and taught them.
When it came to the evening he went
one step further in his compassion and
made sure that all were fed.

At the time of writing, the gospel
writer knew that his audience would
be familiar with the Eucharistic meal.
The words and actions of Jesus in this
miraculous feeding event foreshadow
the events of the Last Supper: he took
the bread and fish, gave thanks, broke
the bread, and gave it to the disciples
to distribute. This event is a Eucharistic
one just as much as the Last Supper.

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NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY MASS TIMES

3rd August 2014
18th 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	No Service	

**WEEKDAY MASS or
(Prayer of the church with Holy Communion)**

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

**ST MARY'S ROSTER:
9th & 10th August 2014**

	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
Welcome	Kylie Anne Shanahan John Schurmann	J&S Hockey Alida Aylmer
Commentator	Margaret Meagher	Maree Bell
First Reader	Naomi Phillips	Val Lovell
Second Reader	Ray Corbett	Helen Tripovich
Offertory Procession	Marie Grinham Mary Walter	Sutherland Family
PowerPoint and IPad	Chris Jansen	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 & T Irving (5 Required)	

**ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER
17th August 2014**

Lector	Catherine Loria
Prayers	Don Adamson
Special Minister	Brendon Kelly
Gifts	Kelly Family


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


PARISH COLLECTIONS

Stewardship Starting Date 13/10/2013 (YTD) :
Stewardship Pledged Full Year : \$120,150

Priest's Support: \$801.40

This week's Count Team: 3 R Corbett, B Shanahan & T Oliver
Next week's Count Team: 4 F&D Soulsby, B&J Roache & G Howell



 **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

DEATHS: *Peter Kelly*
Our deepest sympathy to Gina and family, Tom & Maric.


ANNIVERSARIES: *Alice Hennessy, Eileen Pierce, Evelyn Wigan, Kevin Healy, Vonda Healy, Ken Tuppen, Ron Donne.*

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: *Bernadette Smith, Vu Cuong, Gabrielle Mason, Marie Little, Gay Lee, Kerryn McCluggage, Dorothy Harrison, Frank Vogels, Val Carter, Dawn Anson, Joan Birrell.*

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.

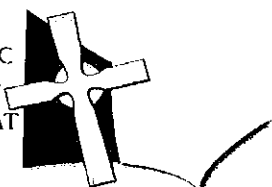
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
After Mass Wed. 10.30-12 noon.

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

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Looking Forward Gathering



Tuesday, 12th
August

St Mary's Dunworth Centre
6.30pm Hot Soup & Bread Rolls



7.00pm – 9.00pm Looking Forward
Presenters are;

Fr Justin Driscoll – Vicar General

Amanda Smith – Pastoral Services Assistant

This gathering is for all who are interested
in the future of our Catholic Church
particularly in the Ballarat Diocese
and our own Parish.

Further reading is encouraged prior to the
gathering and can be found at
www.stmaryshamilton.org.au/news or in
the back of our churches.

FEAST DAYS - August

- 4th - St John Mary Vianney
- 6th - The Transfiguration of the Lord
- 8th - St Mary of The Cross, Virgin
- 11th - St Clare
- 14th - St Maximillian Mary Kolbe

Parish Calendar

- 8th Aug. Peshurst School Mass 10:30am
- 12th Aug. Looking Forward Gathering
- 13th Aug. First Eucharist
Parent/guardian night @ 7pm
- 14th Aug. Anointing Eventide 9.30



Fundraising
Soup & Roll after mass
Saturday 9th August
Gold coin donation.



Rising Damp Works – St Mary's Church Foyer



Works will be commencing in the porch area of St Mary's Church on Thursday, 21st of August which will mean this area will not be accessible for a period of time until completion. This work includes damp course injection, rendering and painting and will be performed by RD & KE Huf Builders. Entry to the Church during this time will be via the side door. (Day Chapel)



St Vinnies Winter Appeal

so far \$3,768 Thank you

Fatima Statue

If you would like to share in this prayer activity please contact Ted Oliver (55722810) or leave your name at the presbytery. This week the statue will be with:

Norm & Betty Gravestock

13 Coulter Ave

Rosary 4pm All welcome.



We welcome into the family of God
through Baptism at
St Patrick's Dunkeld
Maggie Amelia Curren
Daughter of Liam & Emma

Prayer

Loving God

As a mother tenderly gathers her children
and as a father joyfully welcomes his own,
so in the compassion of Jesus
you nurture and nourish us,
feed us and heal us.

Let the bread Jesus multiplied
then in the wilderness

be broken and shared among us now.
May the communion we experience with each
other in this holy meal,
compel us to seek communion with everyone
in loving service toward all.

Through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

Western countries have turned a blind eye to the cleansing of Mosul's Christians (Iraq)

25 July 2014 by Robert Ewan *The Tablet* <http://www.thetablet.co.uk>.

The Christian community in Mosul, northern Iraq, one of the oldest in the world, has fled the city en masse. After the Islamic State (IS) issued an ultimatum giving them until noon on 19 July **to convert to Islam, pay a tax, leave, or be killed**, many fled the city and chose the uncertainty and hand-to-mouth existence of being displaced.

For the first time in the history of Iraq, Mosul is now empty of Christians.

Mosul, 250 miles north-west of Baghdad, is the second largest city in Iraq and the place where many Christians believe Jonah was buried. It stands on the west bank of the Tigris River, opposite the ancient Assyrian city of Nineveh.

After IS militants stormed Mosul, they tagged all the Christian homes with the letter N for "Nassarah", the term by which the Qu'ran refers to Christians.

George, a displaced Christian from Mosul, said: "On Friday a warning was read out in Mosul's mosques, and broadcast throughout the city on loudspeakers. 'We offer [Christians] three choices: Islam; the jizya (a form of tax), or leave ... if they refuse this they will have nothing but the sword.'

He added: "We left our homes and all our belongings so that we might save ourselves. We have no idea how long we will stay and what we will do in the future. As we passed their checkpoints they began pelting us with a torrent of vile insults. They stole our passports, jewellery and our money. We walked under the furnace heat of summer, with the children and the elderly".

In 2003, before the allied invasion of Iraq, it was thought that Christians in Mosul numbered as many as 55,000. That number dwindled due to a wave of migration. Some estimates put the most recent numbers about 3,000, out of a city of 2 million people.

For the first time in 1,600 years, Sunday Mass was not held in Mosul. Within days Christianity has been wiped out. Western countries, whose intervention has led to the chaos we see unleashed in Iraq, have turned a blind eye to the cleansing of Christians of Mosul.

The words of the Chaldean Catholic Patriarch,

Louis Sako, about the plight of the Iraqi Christians still echo in the air.

"We feel forgotten and isolated. We sometimes wonder, if they kill us all, what would be the reaction of Christians in the West? Would they do something then?"

Breaking News:

France has said it is ready to welcome Christians fleeing the area of Iraq controlled by Islamic State group's fighters, saying it is "outraged" by their persecution.

Gaza Churches & Schools bombed

Father Raed Abusahlia, president of Caritas Jerusalem who has been in contact with the parish priest, said Father Jorge Hernandez of the Institute of the Incarnate Word and three nuns who live at the parish had nowhere to evacuate the 29 severely disabled children and nine elderly women in their care.

Since Israel launched airstrikes against Gaza on July 8, it has sent text messages to citizens to evacuate if they were near a target. Israel bombed near Holy Family Catholic Church yesterday morning. The Vatican's Fides news agency, citing details from Father Hernandez, said the main target of the bombing was a home a few metres away from the parish. The home was completely destroyed, and the parish school, office and some rooms used by the parish were partially destroyed. Father Abusahlia told CNS all the windows of the whole compound, as well as that of the Greek Orthodox Church, already were shattered from previous bombings of buildings around them. 'They are in a very difficult situation,' said Father Abusahlia. 'It is a very dangerous area.' He said the number of refugees at the parish school, some distance away from the parish compound, increased from 600 people to 1,400 in this week, and the number of refugees sheltered by the Greek Orthodox Church had increased from 1,400 to 1,900.

What is our attitude to Refugees?

May the heart of our nation be softened that we be infused with the compassionate heart of Jesus.