

# St Mary's Parish

Incorporating the Catholic communities of Hamilton, Dunkeld, Macarthur, Glenthompson and Penshurst.

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#### The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day), Year A

2 November 2014

#### First Reading

Is 25:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord God will destroy death forever.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples

a banquet of rich food.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his peoples shame everywhere on earth,

for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice

that he has saved us.

The word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm Ps 26:1, 4, 7-9, 13-14, R v.1, Alt. R v.13

- (R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation. or
- (R.) I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.
- The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
   The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? (R).
- There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. (R).
- O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.
   It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. (R).
- I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
   Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
   Hope in the Lord! (R).

### Second Reading Rom 5:5-11

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

Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him.

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful

men. It is not easy to die even for a good man - though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die - but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

#### Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:39

Alleluia, alleluia!
This is the will of my Father,
says the Lord,
that I should lose nothing of all that
he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the
last day.

Alleluia!

#### Gospel Mt 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You have hidden these things form the learned and the clever and revealed them to children.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

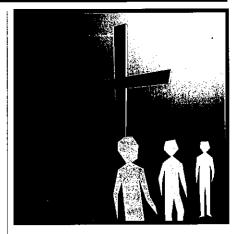
'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

#### Reflection

by Greg Sunter

The lectionary for today offers a choice of three gospel readings: Mt 11:25-30 – revelation of the Father through the Son; Mk 15:33-39, 16:1-6 – the crucifixion and



resurrection; and Lk 7:11-17 the widow of Nain's son raised from the dead. None of the readings deal directly with the question of what happens when we die but each of them addresses the revelation of God as a God of faithfulness, compassion and love. This faithfulness and compassionate love of God is celebrated on the feast of All Souls because we remember that the invitation of God is extended to all people that they might enter into the kingdom of heaven.

The passage from the gospel of Luke about the widow of Nain is particularly revealing of the compassion of God. The event takes place at the town gates. Just as Jesus is entering, the funeral bier of a young man is passing out through the gates. There are a 'considerable number of the townspeople' with the grieving mother and we assume that they are there to mourn her son and give comfort to his mother. However, the woman is a widow and the young man was her only son. As a woman with no means of male support, the crowd may have been actually making sure that she left the town rather than mourning her loss. We are told Jesus 'felt sorry for her' - not sorry for her loss, but sorry for her. When he raised the young man, 'Jesus gave him to his mother.' By giving her son life, Jesus also gave the woman a new life. With a son, she would again be welcome in the town and not forced outside the walls to fend for herself. The message of God that all are welcome is enacted through Jesus as he makes sure that the woman is not excluded from the town because of her dependence on others.

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#### **NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY MASS TIMES**

8th & 9th November
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Hamilton	Mass Mass	6:00pm 10:30am
Dunkeld	SAWC	9:00am
Glenthompson	Mass	9:00am
Macarthur	SAWC	9:00am
Penshurst	No Service	

#### Rosters

#### ST MARY'S ROSTER: Next W/end - 8th & 9th Nov.

	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass		
Welcome	Helen Watt John Schurmann	Alida Aylmer		
Commenta- tor	menta- Margaret Maree Bell Meagher			
1st Reader	Maureen Dunn	Val Lovell		
2nd Reader	Ray Corbett	Helen Tripovich		
Offertory	Marie Grinham Mary Walter	Sutherland Family		
PowerPoint	Chris Jansen	Glen Howell		
Ministers of Communion	G Healy, T Groves, K Shanahan	R Taylor, G McDonald, S Pierce		
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	This Weekend Ministers of Communion		
6 pm	J Ryan, M Byrne, Volunteer (3 Req.)		
10:30 am	F Soulsby, G Howell, D Dunn & D Brody (5 Req.)		

ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER - 16th November 2014		
Lector	Catherine Loria	
Leader	Margie Eales	
Prayers	Brendon Kelly	
Special Minister	Terry Pezzutti	

#### Parish Collection

Stewardship (YTD): \$ 34,115 Pledged total \$109,200 Weekly Priest's Support: \$ 570

Weekend counters: V&F O'Brien, G McGrath, J Watt & M Stewart.

Next weekend Counters: I&B Ferguson & L Stevens



#### Cuppa Roster

Sunday 8th John & Helen Watt

Sunday 9th Maree Bell

St Mary's Church Cleaning November R Taylor,

F Rhook & J Trotter

WEEKDAY
MASS
or
Prayer of
the church
with
Holy
Communion

<u>Hamilton</u> Tues

10am Mass Wed

10am Mass

Thu 10am Mass

Fri 10am Mass

<u>Penshurst</u> Wed

10am Mass

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.



**DEATHS:** Joy Winnell, Des Pyke, Jack Gower.

Helen Watt (Mt. Gambier, sister-in-law of Mary Walter)

ANNIVERSARIES: Ron Moon, Bernie Mahoney, Don McPhee, Frank Healy, Kevin Dunbar, Bill McDonnell, Terry Walsh.

<u>THOSE WHO ARE SICK</u>: Peter White (Mildura), Bernadette Smith, Vu Cuong, Gabrielle Mason, , Gay Lee, Kerryn McCluggage, David Ryan, Dorothy Harrison, Frank Vogels, Val Carter, Dawn Anson, Joan Birrell, Inez Waight., Frank Van Dinter, Percy Mills, Lousie Byrne.

#### **Stewardship Reflections**

"Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his elect, and he watches over his holy ones." - Wisdom of Solomon 3:9

Here's the ironic thing about people who are generous. Those that give freely and cheerfully do not do it to be rewarded. They do it to show their love for God and their neighbors. Yet, because of their generosity, they typically are given more than they gave away!



We welcome into the family of God through Baptism at St Mary's, Hamilton

Zoe Grace Kuilboer Daughter Angela & Steven



#### **Bulletin Notices**

#### rebuilt

Copies of the book are available to anyone interested in learning more.

To borrow a copy contact the Parish House on 5571 1161.

November Masses in our Cemeteries:

Please bring your own chair

Dunkeld 2nd November 9am.

Hamilton 8th November 10am lawn Cemetery. Glenthompson 9th November 9am.

Macarthur to be confirmed.

St Joseph Penshurst 140th Anniversary
Sun. 23rd November, Mass 10am.

followed by fete 11-3pm,

cutting of 140th cake & time capsule.

Info: Ph. 55765438 OR

email: fete@sjpenshurst.catholic.edu.au

Fr Tom Brophy will be retiring as Parish Priest of Wendouree in January 2015. Fr Peter Sherman currently of (Portland) will move to Wendouree to begin his new appointment by January 24.

St Mary's Book Club Blue Malt @ 6.30 pm, Wed. 5th Nov. for dinner and to review:

Her sister's eye by Vivienne Cleven.

#### Parish Calendar

7th Nov.

Penshurst School Mass 10am

8th Nov.

Hamilton Lawn Cemetery All Souls Mass 10am

11th Nov.

Remembrance Day

20th Nov.

Anointing St Mary's 10am

23rd Nov.

St Joseph Penshurst 140th Anniversary

27th Nov.

Combined school Christmas Carols

Website: www.stmaryshamilton.org.au

#### NOVEMBER

MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

PARISH REMEMBRANCE BOOK

OF OUR FAMILY SAINTS

Available in the entrance to sign your family members in.

Mass for the Holy Souls

Envelopes available at the back of the church

## Do you want to learn more about "Rebuilt" but are not a reader?

Watch the authors of the book "Rebuilt" deliver their keynote speech at the Proclaim Conference in Sydney in September of this year.



When: Sunday, 1st November after 10:30am Mass (51 mins)

Where: St Mary's Hamilton day chapel.

or

Go to the following address on the web to watch it in your own time. <a href="http://proclaimconference.com.au/resources/item/89">http://proclaimconference.com.au/resources/item/89</a>

#### **FEAST DAYS** - November

4th - St Charles Borromeo

9th - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

10th - St Leo the Great

#### Prayer

Lord God, destroy the shroud of death,
And to wipe away our tears,
you promised a joyful feast
on your holy mountain,
and sent your Son, the Word made flesh,
to guide us to that glory.
Bring all the faithful departed
To share the victory of the risen Christ.
Give us strength also on our earthly pilgrimage
to deny ourselves, to take up our cross
and to follow Christ,
gladly losing our lives for Jesus
and for the sake of the gospel.

Through Christ our Lord Amen.

# Farewell to Sr Marg & The Good Sams

# AN INVITATION TO ALL IN OUR COMMUNITY

Sunday 14th December Mass 10.30am (Includes St Mary's School End of Year Mass)

Refreshments & Farewell Gathering to follow in St Mary's Parish Hall



Please notify the Parish Office of numbers attending for catering purposes

St Mary's Email hamilton@ballarat.catholic.org.au



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If parishioners could please assist with Platters of Food for this special celebration, it would be much appreciated.

Catering Offers: Anne Slattery 5570 8210