



# St Mary's Parish

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**1st Sunday of Lent, Year B**

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## First Reading Gn 9:8-15

*A reading from the book of Genesis*

I will recall the covenant between myself and you...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

*The word of the Lord.*

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10**

*(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth,  
and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. *(R.)*
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from  
of old.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness,  
O Lord. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. *(R.)*

## Second Reading 1 Pt 3:18-22

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

*The word of the Lord.*

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from  
the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!*

## Gospel Mk 1:12-15

*A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Mark.*

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

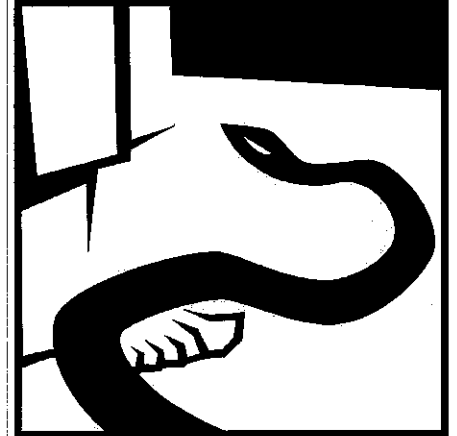
After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

## Reflection

*by Greg Sunter*

*The First Reading, from Genesis, and the Gospel this week need to be looked at together. In the Genesis reading, God has just wiped clean the earth and is ready to re-*



*establish the relationship with humanity through Noah and his family. In the short gospel passage, Jesus enters the wilderness as a time of preparation and renewal, ready to embark on his mission of re-establishing the relationship between God and humanity. In both readings there is a sense of a fresh start – a clean slate – for humankind. It is a clear indication of God's commitment to humanity, even when we have totally distanced ourselves from God and forgotten about keeping up our part of the relationship, God is willing to make a clean start of it all again. Both readings offer a reminder of God's constant desire for us to be in right relationship with God and with the world. The presence of Jesus in the world was as clear a signal as the rainbow in the sky that God was willing to give us another go – give us a chance to again see God with new eyes and new understanding.*

*In the gospel passage, we have a picture of Jesus preparing himself for his public ministry. He takes himself out into the wilderness, away from all that he has known until this time, to reflect on his life so far and this next vital stage that he is about to enter. In the wilderness, Jesus is tempted. He has to face his own doubts and demons before he sets off on the road of his public ministry. When he leaves the desert wilderness and enters back into Galilee he immediately begins to preach and, in the first words accredited to him in this gospel, Jesus announces that the kingdom of God is at hand and it's time to repent and believe. It's a call to open your eyes and get with the program!*

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

**DEATHS:**

Dorothy Shalders (Fr Peter Hudson's sister)

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Ernest Harris, Patricia Edge, Daniel Lyons, Elizabeth Davis.

**THOSE WHO ARE SICK:**

Connie McArthur, Bernie Ronchi, Jacinta Carson, Bill Warren, Bernadette Smith, Vu Cuong, Gay Lee, Kerry McCluggage, Dorothy Harrison, Val Carter, Dawn Anson, Joan Birrell, Percy Mills, Lousie Byrne.

**ST MARY'S ROSTER: Next W/end - 28th Feb. & 1st March**

	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
<b>Welcome</b>	John Schurmann	Alida Aylmer
<b>Commentator</b>	Ray Corbett	Ilma Underwood
<b>1st Reader</b>	Jacinta Ryan	Geraldine McDonald
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Terry McMeel	David Dunn
<b>Offertory</b>	T Tuppen & J Gustus	Trish & Janine
<b>PowerPoint</b>	Bev Kaaye	Val & Junior
<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	M Walter, K Brewis & Volunteer.	F Soulsby, G Howell, D Dunn & D Brody
<b>Cuppa</b>		Anne Slattery

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	4 <sup>th</sup> Sun	5 <sup>th</sup> Sun
<b>Penshurst 8:30am</b>	Mass	No Serv (To Ham)	Mass	SAWC	Mass
<b>Dunkeld 8:30am</b>	SAWC	No Serv (To Glen)	Mass	Mass	SAWC
<b>Glen 8:30am</b>	SAWC	Mass	Mass	No Serv (To Dunkeld)	SAWC
<b>Macarthur 8:30am</b>	Mass	SAWC	No Serv Ham or Orford 9am	Mass	Mass

This Weekend Ministers of Communion	
6 pm	Z Celewich, T & F McMeel
10.30am	M Bell, B Storer, A Wheaton, G Goggin & T Irving.

**ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER - 1st March**

<b>Lector</b>	Margie Eales
<b>Gifts</b>	Kelly Family
<b>Prayers</b>	Brendon Kelly
<b>Special Minister</b>	Catherine Loria
<b>Flowers</b>	

**St Mary's Church Cleaning March**  
**A Milne, H Watt, P Daffey & M Grinham**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Hamilton**  
Fri. After 10am Mass  
Sat. 5.30 before Mass

**Other Mass Centres**  
Sundays  
Before 9am



**St Vincent De Paul**

Maryknoll  
Clarendon St, Ham.  
**Welfare, Assistance, Support Centre**  
Mon.- Fri. 1-3pm  
55719859 or 0408923181

Interested volunteers please enquire on above Mobile No.

**Weekday Mass or SAWC**

Hamilton	Monivae Chapel
Tuesday Mass 10am	Tuesday 8.15am
Wednesday Mass 10am	<b>Penshurst</b>
Thursday Mass 10am	Mass 10am
Friday Mass 10am	

**Parish Collections**

**Weekend counters : F & D Soulsby, B & J Roache, G Howell.**  
**Next w/end counters: I&B Ferguson & L Stevens**  
**F.Y.T.D \$63,824 Pledged total \$109,200**  
**Weekly Priest's Support \$1,195**



This week we meet Eric and Ma who are thriving in their homeland of Fiji, thanks to a training course that changed the direction of their lives.

Twenty-five years ago, married couple Eric and Ma worked hard, but their farm was unprofitable. They had a very limited income and diet, until they took a training course at the Tutu Rural Training Centre (supported by Caritas Australia). Using the skills they learnt there, the couple have built a successful family life, and a thriving farm that provides them with a healthy diet and sustainable source of income.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion)

With the prayers of the Hamilton Parish and the expertise of the Doctors, David Ryan is now Cancer free and sends a big **THANK YOU** to all the parishioners who put David in their prayers.

# rebuilt

## Rebuilt Leadership Team

On Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, following the 10:30am Mass, we will hold our first meeting for all those interested in the Rebuilt program. We would like to call on anyone who has read this book to come along to this gathering. On the day we will go through a discernment process to determine 4 or 5 people to form a Rebuilt Leadership Team. This team will meet together regularly, to offer formed direction for the implementation of some of the Rebuilt ideas. There are copies of this book available at the parish house now. Alternatively you can watch the keynote presentations from the Proclaim Conference on the internet at this address; <http://www.proclaimconference.com.au/resources#faqnoanchor>

## Bulletin Notice

Hamilton Base Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary  
\$5 Morning tea & Baked Goods Sale  
Thur. 26th Feb. 9am –11am Hospital Cafeteria



## Stations of the Cross

Each Thursday of Lent  
@ 7pm starting on Thur.19th Feb.

## Meditation

Each Wednesday Parish House @ 7.30



## World Day of Prayer Celebration

Friday 6th March @ 1.30pm  
Baptist Church Gray Street Hamilton



Through World Day of Prayer Christians affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world. Prayer unites us and affirms our faith in God. The parishioners of St Mary's are invited to join in this year's World Day of Prayer and be involved in acknowledging God in our lives. Leaflets are at the back of the Church please take one.

## A HUGE THANK YOU

FOR YOUR GENEROUS RESPONSE  
TO SR LOURDES KENYA MISSION APPEAL  
WHICH REMAINS OPEN. \$700 THUS FAR!

## 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)

## Prayer

God you are rich in mercy.  
As we turn to you your love surrounds us,  
your forgiveness  
and grace welcomes us home.  
Guide us by the words  
and deeds of your son, Jesus,  
so that we will always walk the path of mercy.  
May our prayer, fasting and works of mercy  
unite us with your Spirit.

Through Christ Our Lord  
Amen.

## For Lent, Pope Francis wants parishes to be 'islands of mercy'



ROME — In his annual message for Lent, Pope Francis once again blasted what he called a “globalization of indifference,” saying that when people grow materially comfortable they tend to forget about others, becoming unconcerned with their problems, suffering, and injuries.

He called on Christian communities to become “islands of mercy,” transforming parishes, communities, and groups into places where God’s mercy becomes visible.



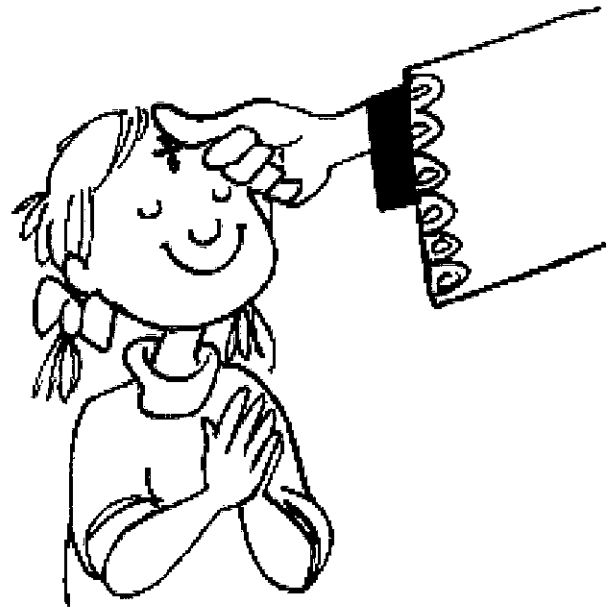
In his Lenten message, presented Tuesday in Rome, Francis said the answer to this indifference is to pray, to help others, and to recognize the need for God. These three things can be done at different levels, he said: in the Church as a whole, in parishes and communities, and individually.

“In this sharing of holy things, no one possesses anything alone, but shares everything with others,” he said.

“Indifference to our neighbour and to God also

represents a real temptation for us Christians,” Francis said, adding that in the Church, there’s no room for the indifference that so often “seems to possess our heart.”

On a parish level, Francis said that every community is called to go outside of itself and engage in the life of the greater society of which it is a part, paying special attention of the poor and those who are far away.



Francis also called for all dioceses around the world to join his initiative of “24 Hours for the Lord,” a penitential celebration to be observed March 13-14 that aims to place the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) at the center of the Church’s mission of spreading the Gospel. Pope Francis first talked about the “globalization of indifference” in 2013, when he went to Lampedusa, an Italian island where thousands of African migrants arrive yearly in the hopes of a better life in Europe.

“We have become used to the suffering of others,” Francis said at the time. “It doesn’t affect us. It doesn’t interest us. It’s not our business.”

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