



St Mary's Parish

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First Reading Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am,' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10, 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. (R.)
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us - he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

*Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!*

Gospel Mk 9:2-10

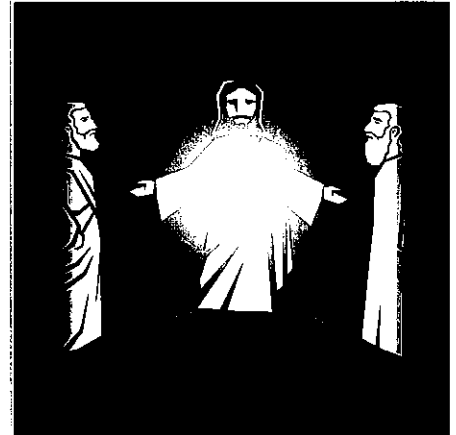
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Reflection

by Greg Sunter

Like so many other important events in the Bible, the events of this week's gospel occur on a high mountaintop. Mountaintops were places of special and dramatic encounter with God and the disciples' experience of the transfiguration is clearly no exception! In this instance, the disciples suddenly see Jesus' power fully revealed but they fail to fully understand what is going on. One might think how much more obvious could God be about trying to reveal Jesus' identity to the disciples, but still they don't really catch on. Peter thinks he has caught on to the message. When the great prophets Elijah and Moses appear beside Jesus, Peter understands Jesus to be part of the line of prophets in the Hebrew tradition. He believes he has had a great insight and is so impressed that he wants to remain on the mountaintop - setting up tents in honour of Jesus, Elijah and Moses. In essence, Peter has still only partially understood who Jesus is. He thinks he is the Messiah, but a Messiah in the same mould as the prophets of old, a prophet of the old tradition. He has not understood that Jesus is breaking that mould and creating a new vision, a new tradition - one that is endorsed by the voice of God on the mountaintop.

Rather than allowing the disciples to set up tents and remain in the 'high' of this experience, Jesus immediately leads the boys back down the mountain. This is perhaps the greatest message of this passage: that life is not lived on the mountaintop but back down in the valley. Although the mountaintop experience may have provided some new insight and new energy, it is back down in the valley that the world waits; that the real work needs to be done; that the sick and the poor are crying out for God's love and mercy.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.

DEATHS: **Bill Warren** (Annette Masson's Step Father),
George (Chalkie) Wishart (Margaret Ferrier's Brother),
Russell Blohm (father in-law of Pat Blohm) and **Lola Hurley**
Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with these families in their time of sadness.

ANNIVERSARIES: Cathy Winnell, John Wishart, Kevin Mugavin, Evelyn Presser, Ted McGuane, Elizabeth McArthur, Iris Matuschka, Michael Reid.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:
Connie McArthur, Bernie Ronchi, Jacinta Carson, Bernadette Smith, Vu Cuong, Gay Lee, Kerryn McCluggage, Dorothy Harrison, Val Carter, Dawn Anson, Joan Birrell, Percy Mills, Lousie Byrne.

ST MARY'S ROSTER: Next W/end - 7th & 8th March

	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
Welcome	John Schurmann Helen Watt	J&S Hockey Alida Aylmer
Commentator	Karen Brewis	Chelsea Storer
1st Reader	Bev Kaaye	Margaret Roberts
2nd Reader	Chris Jansen	Don Schultz
Offertory	M McGrath P Oliver-Snell	Rita Taylor Noreen Doherty
PowerPoint	Volunteer	Hockey Family
Ministers of Communion	J Gustus, G Bourke & R Roache	R Taylor, G McDonald & S Pierce
Cuppa Sun. 29th Feb		Anne Slattery

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

	This Weekend Ministers of Communion
6 pm	M Walter, K Brewis & Volunteer.
10.30am	F Soulsby, G Howell, D Dunn & D Brody

ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER - 1st March

Lector	Margie Eales
Gifts	Kelly Family
Prayers	Brendan Kelly
Special Minister	Helen Brown
Flowers	

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	Penshurst
Thursday	Mass 10am	Mass 10am
Friday	Mass 10am	

* If there is a funeral, it replaces the Mass of the Day.

Parish Collections

Weekend counters : I&B Ferguson & L Stevens
Next w/end counters: A Milne & M Meagher
F.Y.T.D \$65,693 Pledged total \$109,200
Weekly Priest's Support \$ 430



This week Project Compassion focuses on Niger, where life is very tough. Many live in extreme poverty, often unable to afford or access food and water.

In Niger, more than half the children under five years old have experienced malnutrition. A Nutrition Centre in Niger (supported by Caritas Australia) admits over 500 malnourished children every week.

When Fati (2 and a half) became malnourished, her mother Mariama took her to the Centre to receive the food, nutritional supplements and medical care that she needed to recover.

Mariama too was able to regain her strength and learn new income producing skills.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2015 through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Bulletin Notice

- ◆ **St Mary's Book Club** will meet at the Blue Malt on Wed. 4th March at 7.30pm to review *There Should Be More Dancing* by Rosalie Ham.
- ◆ **World Day of Prayer Celebration**
Friday 6th March @ 1.30pm
Baptist Church Gray Street Hamilton
- ◆ **PASTORAL CARE TEAM MEETING**
Our first pastoral care team meeting for this year will be held on **Wed. 11th March at 11am** in the parish house. All inquiries, please contact Colleen Johnson via parish office 5571 1161 or email: pastoralcare@stmaryshamilton.org.au
- ◆ **Meditation**
Each Wednesday Parish House @ 7.30
- ◆ **Stations of the Cross**
Each Thursday of Lent @ 7pm

The Quilt of Hope

This is a remarkable work completed by a Ballarat group: Moving Towards Justice Inc. It aims to garner support for survivors of church related child sexual abuse and **symbolises** the piecing together of shattered lives. The Quilt has given rise to interest far & wide: in church communities as well as shopping malls and other public venues. It will be displayed at **Parliament House** and given prominence in the **Museum of Australian Democracy** at the Eureka Centre.

On **Sunday, 1st March** the Quilt will be displayed at **St Joseph's Church, Warnambool (10am-5.45pm)** and we welcome this opportunity to **invite you** to come & reflect in hope. By acting together we might share compassion and healing with those who have suffered. [It is our hope that the quilt may visit Hamilton. Fr Paddy.]

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Rebuilt Leadership Team

On Sunday, 1st 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>

Prayer

Merciful God,
the arms of your son embrace
all who suffer and despair.
Jesus walked the steps to Calvary
to know the path of all who walk
In pain and misery.
Upon the Tree of Life his compassion
flows out to all the world.
Open our hearts
to be merciful to all those
who are weighed down
with sorrow and suffering.
**Through Christ Our Lord
Amen.**

Please see that an older person accompanies a child to the toilet



St Mary's Parish wishes John all the best on his return to Warrnambool.

Thank you for being apart of St Mary's Parish Hamilton.

