



St Mary's Parish

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26 April 2015

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said:

'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes. *(R.)*

2. I will thank you for you have
given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. *(R.)*

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house
of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have
given answer
and you are my saviour.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;
for his love has no end. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished
on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to
acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children
of God

but what we are to be in the future has not yet
been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 10:11-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:
the good shepherd is one who lays down his
life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd
and the sheep do not belong to him,
abandons the sheep and runs away
as soon as he sees a wolf coming,
and then the wolf attacks and scatters
the sheep;

this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd;
I know my own
and my own know me,
just as the Father knows me

and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have
that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice,
and there will be only one flock
and one shepherd.

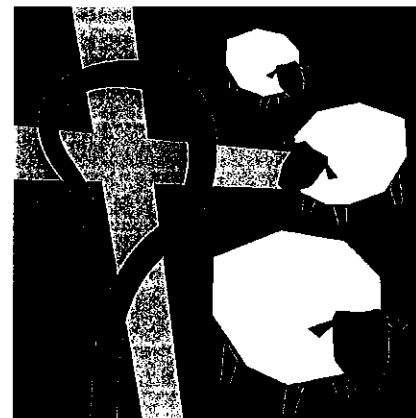
The Father loves me,
because I lay down my life
in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me;
I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down,
so it is in my power to take it up again;
and this is the command I have been given
by my Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection

by Greg Sunter

*The image of Jesus as the good shepherd is
such a familiar image that it can sometimes
become over-familiar and cease to engage
us. Countless works of art have presented this
image literally, picturing Jesus as a shepherd
with a crook and surrounded by sheep or
even with a lamb draped around the back*



of his neck. The image from this week's
gospel often gets merged with the image
from the parable of the lost sheep that
appears in the gospels of Luke (15:1-7)
and Matthew (18:10-14) where artists
frequently place Jesus as the hero of
his own parable and portray him as the
'good shepherd' going out to retrieve the
one lost sheep. Such amalgamations
of different gospel images can become
very confusing. Some of this confusion
and literal interpretation stems from the
gospel writer's choice of metaphoric
language. In the gospel, Jesus says, 'I
am the good shepherd', not 'I am like
the good shepherd'. The writer's use of
metaphor, rather than simile, provides
a much more compelling image but can
result in a more literal interpretation.

The emphasis of the image is on the
adjective. Jesus is the good shepherd.
Shepherds generally were not regarded
as particularly good people - more like
the scum of the earth! - so the choice
of image is a deliberate one to unsettle
the listeners. Unlike their normal
expectation of shepherds - cut-throats
who would run away at the first sign of
danger - Jesus is the good shepherd: the
one who does not abandon his flock; the
one who has concern for his sheep; the
one who will lay down his own life for his
sheep. The final verses of the passage
make an interesting extension to the
image of shepherd and sheep. Unlike
the 'sacrificial lamb', the good shepherd
chooses to lay down his life and also has
the power to take it up again.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER
IN YOUR PRAYERS.**



DEATHS: Our sympathies and prayers are with these families in their time of loss.
Harry Gatens, Tess McDonnell,
Val Mills Funeral Liturgy 10am Tue. 28th April.

ANNIVERSARIES: Vera McNeil, Leo Mugavin, Troy Wareham, Patricia Pierce, Doug Scott, Mararet Allan, Ronald Priddle, Brian Hodges, Sr. Margaret Mary Underwood, Maisie Goldstraw, Harry Brownlee, Trevor Stevens, Maureen Blake, Helen Boyle, David Sharrock, Veronica McNeil, Leslie Cordy, Paul Betschart, John Cogger.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:
Wes Sawyer, Connie McArthur, Bernie Ronchi, Jacinta Carson, Bernadette Smith, Vu Cuong, Gay Lee, Kerry McCluggage, Dorothy Harrison, Val Carter, Dawn Anson, Joan Birrell, Louise Byrne.

ST MARY'S ROSTER: Next W/end - 2nd & 3rd May

	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
Welcome	John Schurmann	Irene Donne Alida Aymer
Commentator	Ray Corbet	Ilma Underwood
1st Reader	Jacinta Ryan	Geraldine McDonald
2nd Reader	Terry McMeel	David Dunn
Offertory	F & T McMeel	C Storer Family
PowerPoint	Bev Kaaye	Val & Junior
Ministers of Communion	Z Celewych, T & F McMeel	M Bell, B Storer, A Wheaton, G Goggin & T Irving.
Cuppa	Brian & Trish	Maree Bell

	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	B Kaaye, Volunteer, P & M Dunn.
10.30am	V Lovell, P Stanhope, P Fitzgerald, T Daffey.

ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER - 3rd May

Lector	St Joseph's School
Leader	Children's
Prayers	Mass
Special Minister	Terry Pezzutti
Flowers	Catherine Loria

St Mary's Church Cleaning May
S McCaskill, K Mulfey, M Callaway

**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		Penshurst
Tuesday	Funeral 10am	Mass 10am (Wed)
Wednesday	Mass 10am	
Thursday	Mass 10am	
Friday	Mass 10am	

Parish Collections

**Weekend counters : R Corbett, B Shanahan,
T Oliver**
Next w/end counters: V&F O'Brien, G McGrath,
M Stewart & J Watt
F.Y.T.D: \$ 84,549 Pledged total \$109,200
Weekly Priest's Support :\$ 470

Office hours: 9am to 4pm, Tuesday to Friday

AN OPEN INVITATION

An invitation is extended to all to attend a community gathering in Warrnambool on Saturday, 2nd May at 11am in the Mozart Hall (next to the RSL).

The *Moving Forward* committee; a group of Warrnambool and Hamilton men and women who desire to raise awareness of childhood sexual abuse within the Catholic Church and be a supportive presence to those who have suffered, will host the gathering in an informal atmosphere, as a follow-up to the 'Quilt of Hope' display. All those who are interested in attending are most welcome.



St Joseph's Primary School
Children's Mass
Sunday 3rd May
Morning tea please bring a
plate to share with a Cuppa
after Mass.



Greeting all!

This note is to inform you that I have been granted extended leave by the bishop from May 4 to August 3.

I have felt this need for some time due to a feeling of "burnout" and general tiredness.

Much of this is stress related, maybe attributed to my ongoing involvement with many persons and families who have suffered sexual abuse from church personnel.

My place of regeneration has consistently been when I seek out nature and "go bush". This I intend to do by taking a pilgrimage through outback NSW and QLD, camping in the bush, in State and National Parks, etc.

I look forward to the opportunity to refresh and renew my spirit through time for reflection and prayer, as well as relaxation.

Fr Peter Wood MSC has graciously accepted my invitation to supply in my absence. Fr John McKinnon will also be in residence most of this time and will offer a weekend mass as well as attend to the weekday masses.

Please pray for me as I will be praying for you.
Fr Paddy.

Parish Calendar

Thur. 30th April	Parents Meeting Confirmation 7-8pm Dunworth Centre
Fri. 1st May	St Mary's School family Dinner Grade 4 @ Dunworth Centre
Thur. 21st May	Anointing Mass 10am

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



ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC YOUTH GROUP MOVIE NIGHT

When: Saturday 16th May at 7pm

Where: Maryknoll Centre

Cost: \$4

RSVP: 0439 319 283 John and

Sherrie Hockey

Snacks and drinks provided

CHOICE OF 2 FILMS!

Gr. 5 to Yr. 12

Bulletin Notice

- ◆ **Fr Eugene's McKinnon's 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood**
Mass to celebrate will be held at St Mary's Church, Birchip on Sunday, May 24, 2015 at 10.30am. Catered lunch to follow at the Birchip Leisure Centre. RSVP for catering purposes by May 13 to: Kevin Delaney, ph. 5492 2419 or Roger Lehmann, ph. 5085 4238 or Fr Eugene, ph. 5497 1112.
- ◆ **Mediation**
Each Wednesday night @ Parish House 7:30pm.
- ◆ **St John of God Warrnambool Clinical Pastoral Education Program** 2nd semester of 2015.
Enquires and application forms please contact Bernadette Wurlod:
Bernadette.Wurlod@sjog.org.au

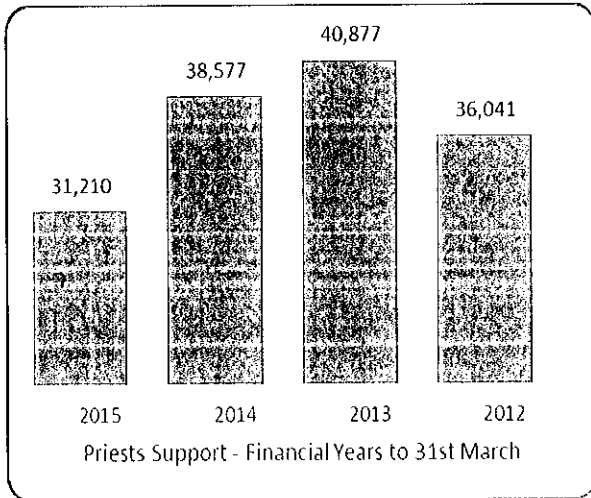
Prayer

Creator God,
you make the resplendent glory of the Risen One
shine with new radiance on the world,
whenever our human weakness is healed
and restored.

Gather all your scattered children
into one flock following Christ,
our Good Shepherd,
so that all may taste the joy you bestow
on those who are the children of God.
Through Christ our Lord
Amen

Priests Support – 1st Collection

Please view the chart below which highlights a decline in the giving to our first collection of approx. 19% on last year.



Please consider a regular increase in your contribution to this collection which is used directly for the expenses of our current and retired priests.

ANZAC Day

blessing

Living God

*bless us with the promise you made
 through Isaiah:*

*that we beat our swords into
 ploughshares*

and our spears into pruning hooks;

*may one nation not raise a sword
 against another,*

and may we never again train for war.

Amen



Stage 2 Building Works St Marys Church

Damp course works are commencing in the coming weeks in the following areas of St Mary's Church. (Alternative arrangements listed beside them);

Day Chapel (*Back of New Church*)

Work Room (*Old Maryknoll Canteen*)

Altar Servers Sacristy (*Dunworth Centre*)

These works are the same as was done in the entry way. It is necessary to strip these rooms back to the bare bones to complete this work.

A discernment process will be undertaken in coming months to determine the best use of these rooms for the future.

Maryknoll Building Refurbishments Project

INFO SESSION

Sunday 26th April

11.30 Cuppa followed by Information Session
Dunworth Centre

Come along and learn what is proposed for the Maryknoll building and car park refurbishments.

This is your chance to have your say or to Hear what this project is all about.

Sunday Session # One



ISIS Barbarism—
What on Earth is God
Doing?

Fr John McKinnon

Sunday 3rd May, 11:45am—1pm
St Mary's Church Hamilton (Day Chapel)
Morning Tea Provided