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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

13 September 2015

First Reading Is 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.
Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

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

(R.) Alleluia!

1. I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. (R.)
2. They surrounded me, the snares
of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me! (R.)
4. He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who
has never done a single good act but claims
that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If
one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in
need of clothes and has not enough food to
live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish
you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,'
without giving them these bare necessities of
life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if
good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind:
'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I
will prove to you that I have faith by showing you
my good deeds - now you prove to me that you
have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My only glory is the cross of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me
and me to the world.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 8:27-35

*A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark*

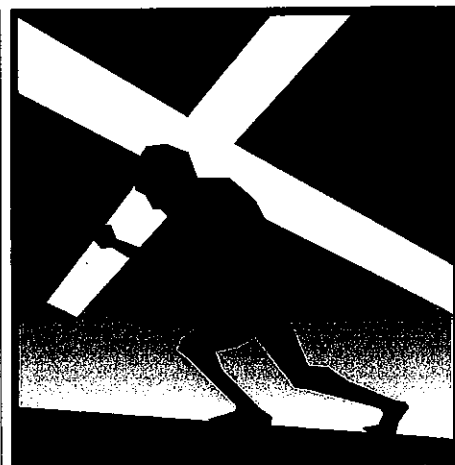
*You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined
to suffer much.*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages
round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this
question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I
am?' And they told him, 'John the Baptist,' they
said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the
prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say
I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are
the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not
to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of
Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be
rejected by the elders and the chief priests
and the scribes, and to be put to death, and
after three days to rise again; and he said all
this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter
started to remonstrate with him. But, turning
and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and
said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because
the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him
and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of
mine, let him renounce himself and take up his
cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to
save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses
his life for my sake, and for the sake of the
gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

'But you, who do you say I am?' This
would have to be one of the most powerful
questions of the gospels. It echoes down
the centuries and is just as relevant today
as it ever was. 'Who do you say I am?'
Our answer to that question is perhaps
the most revealing statement of our faith.
Our answer no doubt changes over time
as we grow in understanding and as we
experience the ups and downs of life, but
nonetheless, just like Peter in the gospel
passage, our answer remains a clear
statement of our faith. 'Who do you say
I am?' Just a good guy who lived 2,000
years ago? A role model? A friend? God
made flesh? The Word come down from
heaven? Nobody? Everybody? Our saviour?
An inspired man of God? The Messiah?

Perhaps you've never tried to actually
answer the question yourself. It is a
confronting question, 'Who do you say I
am?' It's confronting because, as Christian
people, we believe that our actions are a
reflection of our beliefs and values. It's
confronting because whatever we say in
answer to that question has implications
for the way we live. 'Who do you say I am?'
You see, the question is in the present
tense, not the past. It doesn't ask 'Who
do you say I was?'; it asks, 'Who do you
say I AM?' The very question asks us to
recognise that Jesus was not just some
guy who lived 2,000 years ago but rather
someone who continues to be a presence in
our lives today. And he stands before each
and every one of us today and asks that
same, demanding, confronting, purposeful
question: 'Who do YOU say I am?'

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	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	SAWC 9am	No Serv (To Glen)	Mass 8.30 am	Mass 8.30am	SAWC 9am
Glen 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	Mass	No Serv (To Dunkeld)	SAWC
Macarthur 8:30am	Mass	SAWC	No Serv Ham or Orford 9am	Mass	Mass

ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER
20th September

Lector	Margie Eales
Gifts	B Page Family
Prayers	Andrea Page
Special Minister	Catherine Loria
Leader	Brendan Kelly

Weekday Mass or SAWC

Tue, Wed, Thurs. & Friday @ 10am St Mary's Parish Hamilton Day Chapel. All Welcome

ST MARY'S ROSTER: Next W/end - 19th & 20th Sept.

	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
Welcome	Kylie Anne Shanahan John Schurmann	Francis O'Brien Alida Aylmer
Commentator	Margaret Meagher	Ilma Underwood
1st Reader	Jacinta Ryan	Charlotte Stanhope
2nd Reader	John Duyvestyn	Michael Stewart
Offertory	Marie Grinham Mary Walter	C Storer Family
PowerPoint	Bev Kaaye	Val & Junior
Ministers of Communion	B Kaaye, Peter & Maureen Dunn	V Lovell, T Daffey, P Stanhope & P Fitzgerald
Cuppa	<u>Saturday</u> Brian & Trish	<u>Sunday</u> Maree Bell

This Weekend Ministers of Communion

6 pm	T Grove, Volunteer & K Shanahan
10.30am	R Taylor, S Pierce & G McDonald

Parish Collections

Weekend counters : R Corbett, B Shanahan & T Oliver.

Next w/end counters: A Milne & M Meagher

Stewardship: \$13,121 Pledged: \$ 108,779

Priest Support: \$ 804

FATIMA STATUE

When Our Lady appeared to 3 shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal in 1917 she asked them to make sacrifices and pray the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world. She asked that this request be made known and encouraged families to pray the Rosary together.

DUNKELD during the month of September. All Welcome

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

DEATHS:

Joyce Brooker

Funeral Wednesday 16th @ 2.30pm

ANNIVERSARIES:

Frances Sullivan, Norma Tangey.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Sherrie Hockey, Val Carter, Claire Kinnane,
Connie McArthur, Sandra Karnz,
Kerryn McCluggage, David Ryan.

FEAST DAYS

Mon. 14th - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Tue. 15th - Our Lady of Sorrows

Wed. 16th - Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

BULLETIN NOTICES

- **Penshurst Hospital Ecumenical Service**
Tue. 15th Sept. 11am.
- **Anointing Mass** Thurs. 17th September 10am
St Mary's Parish Hamilton.

PRAYER

Lord,

You asked that the little children
be allowed to come to you;

for it is such as these
that the Reign of God belongs.

You entrust them to the care
and protection of our
communities of faith.

Guide us as we strive to ensure
that our Catholic communities
provide a safe environment for each child.

We pray especially for all those
who have been harmed in their childhood.


Give them courage in facing the past
and lead them to your healing protection.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund relies on your generosity to enable it to continue supporting our sick and retired priests. You are still able to contribute, by using the special envelope provided, or in an envelope marked "Ballarat Clergy Support Fund".

PARISHES - THE **HEARTBEAT** OF THE CHURCH



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY
celebrates faith
values engagement
supports generously

St Mary's Parish Stewardship Program
Commencing October 2015

FISHERS OF MEN
MATTHEW 4:18-23


Men's Gospel Reflection Session


"Will you go to the Feast?" (Luke 14: 15-23)

You are invited to join a small group of men for a short Gospel reflection.

Tue, 22nd Sep. 7:30pm - 8:45pm,
Dunworth Centre

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"The Joy of the Gospel" by Pope Francis

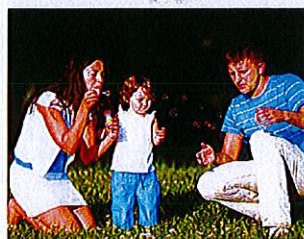
11. The message that we can be freed from selfishness is not itself new, but how we announce it can be very fresh and invigoration. In our culture today, it may sound very new, indeed.

PROTECTING CHILDREN IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS.



PARENTS

It's OK to reach out,
ask for support and
take time out.



AUNT/UNCLE

Offer practical help,
spend time with
the children in your life.



FRIENDS

Let your friend know
you're there for them.
Listen, offer support
and don't judge.



**HEALTH
PRACTITIONER**

Talk with parents about
their child's development
and wellbeing.



LOCAL BUSINESS

Promote a family friendly
environment. Invest in your
local community.

**FIND OUT
MORE ABOUT
YOUR ROLE**
napcan.org.au

PLAY YOUR PART

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE,
START A CONVERSATION TODAY.**

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NAPCAN
PREVENT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

St Mary's Parish, Reaching Out In Faith!