



St Mary's Parish

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

25 June 2017

First Reading Jer 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side,
a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace
will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe
with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take
on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul
of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

**(R.) Lord, in your great love,
answer me.**

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my
brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.
(R.)
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.
(R.)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in
their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give
him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures.
(R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:12-15

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

God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man,
and through sin death, and thus death
has spread through the whole human race
because everyone has sinned. Sin existed
in the world long before the Law was given.
There was no law and so no one could be
accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet
death reigned over all from Adam to Moses,
even though their sin, unlike that of Adam,
was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but
the gift itself considerably outweighed the
fall. If it is certain that through one man's
fall so many died, it is even more certain
that divine grace, coming through the one
man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an
abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Spirit of Truth will bear witness
to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Mt 10:26-33

*A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew*

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:

'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now
covered will be uncovered, and everything
now hidden will be made clear. What I say
to you in the dark, tell in the daylight;
what you hear in whispers, proclaim from
the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body
but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather
who can destroy both body and soul in hell.
Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny?
And yet not one falls to the ground without
your Father knowing. Why, every hair on
your head has been counted. So there is no
need to be afraid; you are worth more than
hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in
the presence of men, I will declare myself
for him in the presence of my Father in
heaven. But the one who disowns me in
the presence of men, I will disown in the
presence of my Father in heaven.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

'Do not be afraid' is one of the most
commonly repeated sentences in
the Bible. In one form or another, the
command to 'be not afraid' or 'fear
not' appears several hundred times
throughout the Old and New Testaments.
Today's gospel passage is part of the
sending out of the Twelve that occupies
all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It follows
a little later in the chapter from last
week's reading in which Jesus called the
Twelve and sent them out as Apostles.
The remainder of the chapter provides
an extended teaching on what it means
and what it costs to take the message of
Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches
the Twelve that the message they bear
will not always be well received and there
will be those who will seek to silence
the Apostles through violent means. But
then the teaching comes to the section
of today's passage and Jesus commands
the Twelve, 'Do not be afraid'.

The message to not be afraid is as much
for the original intended audience of
the gospel as it was for the apostles.
The community for whom this gospel
was written were on the verge of being
'squeezed out' and forced into secret.
The passage reminds them to have
courage and to have the courage of their
convictions; to shout from the house-tops
their message, not whisper it in darkness.
It is a reminder of the abundant love of
God who cares for them and sees all
their efforts to continue to live out the
message and ministry of Jesus.

It is equally a message for us, today. We
are called to continue the spread of the
gospel message; continuing the work of
those early Christian communities, the
Twelve and Jesus himself.

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We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the Gunditjmarra people.

Country Mass Schedule

| | 1 st Sun | 2 nd Sun | 3 rd Sun | 4 th Sun | 5 th Sun |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Penshurst 8:30am | No Service (To Ham) | Mass | SAWC | Mass | Mass |
| Dunkeld 8:30am | Mass | No Service (To Glen) | Mass | SAWC | SAWC |
| Glenthompson 8:30am | SAWC | Mass | No Service (To Dunkeld) | Mass | SAWC |
| Macarthur 8:30am | No Service (To Ham) | SAWC | Mass | SAWC | Mass |

St Joseph's Penshurst

2nd July - No Service

9th July 2017

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| Lector | Coleen Page |
| Prayers | Margie Eales |
| Gifts | C. Page Family |
| Special Minister | Brendan Kelly |
| Leader | |
| Communion to Hospital | Coleen Page |

Our Parish Collections

1st Collection: Priest Support: \$ 873 (Last Week)
2nd Collection: Stewardship (2016-2017 FY):
Pledged: \$115,076 Given: \$ 89,986

St Mary's Parish Mission Outreach

(10% of Stewardship)
Given this Financial Year;
Sr Lorudes—Kenya Mission \$3,000

St Mary's Parish Ministry Roster

| | 24 & 25 June Ministers of Communion | 1 & 2 July Ministers of Communion |
|---------|--|--|
| 6 pm | T Groves, P & M Dunn | Pauline Kelly, P & M Dunn |
| 10.30am | T Hurley, G McDonald, N McLeish, Kymhan, F Soulsby. | P Stanhope, T Irving, F Soulsby, V Lovell & J Hockey |

| Date | Welcome | Computer | 1 st Reading | 2 nd Reading | Commentator | Gifts | Cuppa | Count Team |
|-------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 24/06 | Helen Watt J Schurmann | Pauline Murphy | Pauline Kelly | Ian Ferguson | John Duyvestyn | Francis & Rosemary | Brian & Trish | I Ferguson G McGrath |
| 25/06 | A Slattery Richard & Ursula | O'Brien Family | Maree Bell | Richard Beks | Margaret Roberts | Debra Fitzgerald | John & Sherrie | |
| 01/06 | Kerry Stevens J Schurmann | Bev Kaaye | Karen Brewis | Margaret Meagher | Chris Jansen | M Grinham T Tuppen | Helen & John Watt | V & F O'Brien & G McGrath |
| 02/06 | Terry Hurley Felicity Shaw | Glen Howell | Rohan Fitzgerald | Geraldine McDonald | Ilma Underwood | P Blohm A Alymer | Bridget Campbell | |



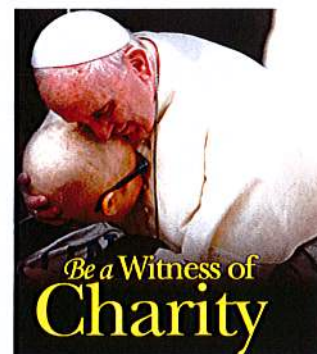
**Josephite Associates Meeting
POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT SUN.**

Sunday 2 July, 2-3pm .

This is the second introductory meeting of the Hamilton Josephite Associates. Please join us if you are interested in the Spirituality of Mary MacKillop and learning about the Josephite Charism. If you have any question please ring Noreen on 0438 531 651.

**ANNUAL
POPES COLLECTION**

Support the works of the HOLY FATHER
1 & 2 July
Leaving collection in all parishes.



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Deaths:

Otto Decotter (Brigitte Waters father) and Gley Woodwood (Brian Woodward Brother). Our prayers and deepest sympathies are with these families.

Anniversary:

Betty Payne, Mary Kinnealy, Marie McGaffin, Roy Brabham, Shelia Harrington, Anthony Dalton, Joan Walsh Thomas Kearney.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Graeme Sewell, Andrea Andre, Carissa Watt, Rachael Cunningham, Jan Merrett., Mary Guy.

We welcome into the family of God through Baptism at St Mary's Parish Hamilton on Saturday 24th June



Nate William

Fort

Son of

David & Casey.

What's happening this week in

St Mary's Parish

Sunday Rosary 7pm St Mary's Church.

Wednesday Meditation 7.30-8.30pm Parish House.

Men's day out Maryknoll 1.30-4.30pm.

Fr Frank Madden – note of thanks

On behalf of the Madden family we wish to express our thanks for the support, kindness and well wishes from so many people at the time of Fr Frank's passing. May god bless you all.

PRAYER

To us, sinners and yet disciples,
O Lord of the harvest,
you entrust a share in the mission of Jesus,
who sent the twelve to proclaim the good news
and to bear witness without fear.
With your love forever sheltering and surrounding us,
may we proclaim from the housetops
the gospel we have heard
and acknowledge openly before all
the One whom we confess as Lord.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Fatima Statue

This week the statue will be with Noreen Doherty 78 Park Street Rosary 7.30 pm. **All welcome.**

The Hamilton Embroidery Group is collecting threads to send to a self help group in New Guinea. Women are being taught basic English, math and embroidery to help find jobs. They have great difficulty getting threads. If you have any at home, a box is available in the foyer. Many thanks Carmel Schlaghecke.

Parish Support of Gay & Lesbian Inclusion in the Community???

Open Forum Conversation (facilitated by Fr John McKinnon): As a parish community it is good for us to listen respectfully to each other with our different opinions and views re the complexity around same sex relationship issues, mindful of the teachings of our church. When: Next Sun. 25, 12noon, St Mary's Day

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ST VINNIES WINTER APPEAL 2017

MAKE A HEROIC DONATION

This winter, let's come together to find the hero in us all. Some will be finding the courage to build their own lives. Others will be donating their precious time to Vinnies.



MEET JACK'S HERO When we interviewed Vinnies' volunteer Jack he really didn't want us to talk about his accomplishments. He only wanted to talk about his heroes like Emma, who has worked hard to make a better life for her family. Jack explains it like this: "Emma doesn't think about herself, everything she does is for her sons."

And he kept bringing the conversation back to Emma. "The first time I met Emma she was in crisis accommodation, hiding with her sons from an abusive husband". Then things went from bad to worse for Emma's sons. A string of medical emergencies took away the hope Emma had been rebuilding all this time. But with help from Jack and the other volunteers at Vinnies, Emma became more confident and hopeful than ever before. After all of this, Jack can't help but admire Emma's determination, "to me, Emma is what a true hero looks like".



Leaving collections this weekend in all parishes.

Saturday 24 & Sunday 25.



MEET EMMA'S HERO The more Jack spoke of Emma's heroics, the more we wanted to speak to Emma. When we did, something uncanny happened. Emma kept bringing her own story back to Jack. Talking about how Jack helped her son Oliver get treatment for a rare medical condition. How Jack found her family a new home because the one they were in gave Emma's youngest asthma. Asthma so severe he had to be airlifted to hospital several times. And how Jack even helped Emma find the time and confidence to study again. This gave Emma the courage to believe in herself, so that she can create a safe and secure world for her sons. "I'm studying nursing now. To go back to that and help other people, it's beautiful". And now Emma wants to help. "When I'm at that stage of my life I will definitely be donating to Vinnies".

I give you a new commandment: love one another; you must love one another just as I have loved you. It is by your love for one another, that everyone will recognise you as my disciples. *John 13: 34-35*

Please stay for a cuppa after Mass to live this Commandment!