



St Mary's Parish

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

9 July 2017

First Reading Zec 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

- I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. *(R.)*
- The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. *(R.)*
- All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. *(R.)*
- The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 8:9.11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 11:25-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'



Reflection

by Greg Sunter

When we hear the term, yoke, we tend to think about the yoke that is used to harness oxen together or the yoke that someone might carry on their shoulder to balance a heavy load. This yoke across the shoulder was adopted into tailoring and so the shoulder piece set into a shirt is also called a yoke. However, in the Jewish tradition there is a completely different meaning to the term. The yoke of a rabbi was his particular interpretation of Torah (the Law); his particular teaching. Disciples who followed a particular rabbi sought to take on his yoke; his particular interpretation. The yoke of any rabbi was best identified by asking him, 'Which is the greatest commandment?' A rabbi's answer to this question revealed his interpretation of Torah. When Jesus is asked that question, he answers, 'Love God and love your neighbour,' and goes on to say that all of the rest of the Law and the prophets flows on from these two commandments. This is the yoke – the interpretation of Torah – that Jesus taught.

In today's gospel, Jesus calls to him all those who labour and are overburdened. It is the Pharisaic interpretation of the Law that burdens these people. Trying to maintain the Law was burdensome and complicated for the everyday person. Jesus says, 'Shoulder my yoke and learn from me ... my yoke is easy.' The yoke of Jesus was easy: Love God and love your neighbour. Compared to the 613 mitzvot (commands) set out in the Torah and strictly maintained by the Pharisees, the yoke of Jesus was incredibly easy to understand and adopt. So simple, in fact, that it required a child-like simplicity to accept this yoke.

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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

Sun 9 July - Cuppa after Mass Today
Sun 16 July - Appreciation service
& luncheon Rev Peter Cook. See bulletin add.

10th July 2017

Lector	Don Adamson
Prayers	Laine Kelly
Gifts	
Special Minister	Terry Pezzutti
Leader	Catherine Loria
Communion to Hospital	Terry Pezzutti

Our Parish Collections

1st Collection: Priest Support: \$ (Last Week)
2nd Collection: Stewardship (2016-2017 FY):
Pledged: \$115,076 Given: \$102,616

St Mary's Parish Mission Outreach

(10% of Stewardship) Given this Financial Year;
Sr Lorudes—Kenya Mission \$6,000
Children of Phoenix \$3,000

St Mary's Parish Ministry Roster

	8 & 9 July Ministers of Communion	15 & 16 July Ministers of Communion
6 pm	Z Celewych, T Grove	J Ryan, Maxine Byrne, Ted Oliver.
10.30am	M Bell, D Brody, P Fitzgerald & T Oliver	Glenn Howell, A Campbell, Charlotte, S Fitzgerald & F Soulsby.

Date	Welcome	Computer	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Commentator	Gifts	Cuppa	Count Team
08/06	S McCaskill J Schurmann	Pauline Murphy	Maureen Dunn	Jacinta Ryan	Karen Brewis	Brian & Trish Shannahan	Chris Jansen	B & J Roache
09/06	O'Brien Family	Carolyn	Helen Tripovich	Val Lovell	Alida Aylmer	Campbell Family	Trish Irving	
15/07	J Schurmann K Shanahan	Bev Kaaye	Ian Ferguson	Pauline Kelly	Ray Corbett	Michael McG. P Murphy	K Shanahan	M Cook J Watt & M Stewart
16/07	Campbell Family Frank & Di	Glenn Howell	Carmel Schlaghecke	Charlotte Stanhope	Chelsea Storer	Shaw Family	Sonla Shaw	

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screens, Doors, Cupboards & Drains. Contact
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Wednesday Mass
St Mary's Day Chapel
5:15pm
All Welcome
Please join us for the
celebration of Mass .

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Deaths: Mick Kent

Anniversary: Edward Kenna, Alice Hurley, Aaron Clark,
Fr. Jim Tung, Nancy McCabe, Carmel Ross, Jean Clark, Anna
Kozicki, Dorothy McMahon, Cathrine Porter,
Ursula Sosinski, Veronica Schuh.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

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

**Processing our thoughts and feelings
re charges against Cardinal Pell.**

Open forum conversation: it is important as a
community to share how we feel regarding the
charges against Cardinal Pell. Join us for an
open discussion. St Mary's Day chapel:
Saturday 8th @ 7pm, & Sunday 9th @ 11.45.

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.

Fatima Statue

Dunkeld c/o

Peter & Liz Hinchey

1 Wills Street Dunkeld.

PENSHURST COMMUNITY

An Appreciation Service & Luncheon
@ Peshurst Uniting Church
on Sunday 16th July at 10.30am
To Celebrate the ministry of Rev
Peter Cook. All Welcome.

A plate of food to share would be
appreciated. Soup Tea & Coffee Provided.



St Vinnies Winter Appeal 2017

Total \$2,348 *Thank You!*

PRAYER

To the childlike, O God, you reveal yourself,
and on those who are meek and humble of heart
you bestow the inheritance of your kingdom.
Set our hearts free from every burden of pretension
and refresh our weary souls
with the teaching of Christ,
that with him we may shoulder
the gentle yoke of the cross,
and proclaim to everyone
the joy that come from you.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

"WHERE TO FROM HERE?"

(All Welcome)

St Mary's Parish Day Chapel
Sunday, 16th July
11.45am until 12.45pm.

Rebuild

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POPE CALLS FOR CHARLIE GARD PARENTS TO BE ABLE TO 'ACCOMPANY AND CARE FOR THEIR CHILD UNTIL THE END'

03 July 2017 | by [Rose Gamble](#)



Last week Charlie's parents lost their appeal to the European court of human rights to take Charlie to the US for treatment

Pope Francis has called for the parents of critically ill baby, Charlie Gard, to be allowed to do accompany and care for their child 'until the end'.

The pontiff is following Charlie's case with "affection and emotion" a Vatican statement on Sunday (2 July) evening said.

The statement, delivered by Greg Burke Director of the Holy See Press Office, added that the Pope is praying for the baby's parents and hopes "that their desire to accompany and care for their own child to the end is not ignored."

Last week, Charlie's parents, Chris Gard and Connie Yates, lost their appeal to the European court of human rights, the final stage in a long legal fight to take him to the US for trial therapy, meaning Great Ormond Street hospital could withdraw his life support and allow him to die.

Following the ruling, the couple were also told they would not be allowed to take their son home to die.

The hospital granted the couple more time with their son on Friday.

On Sunday, hundreds of protesters gathered outside Buckingham Palace on Sunday to protest against the European Court's decision to allow Charlie's life-sustaining treatment to be withdrawn.

Speaking on Friday, Yates said: "We are really grateful for all the support from the public at this extremely difficult time. We're making precious memories that we can treasure forever with very heavy hearts. Please respect our privacy while we prepare to say the final goodbye to our son Charlie."

Meriella Enoc, the head of the Vatican's pediatric clinic Bambino Gesù, said in a press release today (3 July) that they would be willing "to welcome their child [Charlie Gard] for as long as he lives."

On 28 June, Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, president of the Pontifical Academy for Life, said: "We must do what advances the health of the patient, but we must also accept the limits of medicine."

He added the situation of Charlie and his parents "has meant both pain and hope for all of us" and he assured them of his prayers. The important question to ask in this and other unfortunately similar cases, he said, is, "What are the best interests of the patient?"

Charlie, who is ten months old, has a rare genetic condition, mitochondrial depletion syndrome, that causes progressive muscle weakness and brain damage and doctors want to stop his life support. They say he can not see, hear, cry or swallow and is only breathing with the help of a ventilator.

Chris Gard and Connie Yates, from south west London, believe their son should undergo experimental medical therapy in the United States which they hope will prolong his life. Their son has been in intensive care at London's Great Ormond Street Hospital since last October. Specialists at the hospital say the experimental treatment would not help.

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!