



St Mary's Parish

Incorporating the Catholic communities of Hamilton, Dunkeld, Macarthur, Glenthompson and Penshurst.

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

3 September 2017

First Reading Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl

and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,

I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

*(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.*

- O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. *(R.)*
- So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. *(R.)*
- So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. *(R.)*
- For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope

to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, '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 will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is the first of three predictions of Jesus' death and resurrection in Matthew's gospel (see also Mark and Luke). Despite Peter's confession of faith that immediately precedes this passage (see last week's gospel), the disciples still do not have a very solid understanding of Jesus' purpose. They may regard him as the Messiah, but still do not fully understand what that means. In this passage, Jesus is beginning to prepare them for the events of the passion - his death and resurrection. He is trying to lead them to a greater understanding of his mission and message. But Peter abruptly 'rebukes' Jesus and tells him not to speak like that. One can almost hear Peter saying, 'Look, Jesus, you've got a good thing going here, don't spoil it by talking about dying!' However, Jesus responds to Peter very sharply, suggesting that his lack of understanding is inspired by evil and reflects human thought, not divine wisdom.

The passage then leads in to a description of the challenge of discipleship. To be a follower of Jesus means to 'deny' oneself, take up one's cross and follow Jesus. In the context of this passage, to 'deny' oneself means to not be concerned about 'I' but to be concerned about 'You' - to put others before self. To be a follower of Jesus means to be selfless, not self-centred. In the ultimate example of this, Jesus tells his disciples that whoever wishes to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Jesus' sake will find it. To 'save' your life is to hold back from giving yourself fully to the message of Jesus - to be 'half-hearted' in your faith. But to 'lose' yourself in the message of Jesus is to fully give yourself over to living the reign of God and through 'losing' yourself in this way, Jesus tells us, is how to truly find life.

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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

Sun. 10 Sept. First Communion Mass
Cuppa after Mass

10th September 2017

Lector	Colleen Page
Prayers	St Joseph's School
Gifts	St Joseph's School
Special Minister	Terry Pezzutti
Leader	
Communion to Hospital	Colleen Page

Our Parish Collections

1st Collection: Priest Support: \$1,395
2nd Collection: Stewardship (2017-2018 FY)
Pledged: \$118,820 Given: \$12,847

St Mary's Parish Mission Outreach

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

St Mary's Parish Ministry Roster

	2 & 3 September Ministers of Communion	9 & 10 September Ministers of Communion
6 pm	R Roache, Z Celewych & Volunteer.	J Ryan, P Murphy & K Stevens.
10.30am	J Hockey, D Brody, Neola J, G Howell & T Oliver.	J O'Donnell, A Campbell, Charlotte, S Fitzgerald & G Howell.

Date	Welcome	Computer	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Commentator	Gifts	Cuppa	Count Team
2/9	G Healy J Schurmann	Bev Kaaye	Karen Brewis	Pauline Kelly	Karen Brewis	Francis & Rosemary	Jacinta Ryan	F&D Soulsby G Howell
3/9	D & F Soulsby T Hurley	Glenn	Maree Bell	Jo-Anne Bond	Ursula M	D Fitzgerald	Anne & Des	
09/09	K Shanahan J Schurmann	Chris Jansen	Pauline Kelly	Maureen Dunn	Felicity Shaw	M Walter & J Gustus	Sonia Shaw	R Corbett B Shanahan T Oliver
10/09	Campbell Family	Jo-Anne Bond	Charlotte	Maree Bell	Rohan Fitzgerald	Noreen Doherty	G Mather M Bell	

"Pink Lady" Volunteers (WDHS)
Needing donations
of magazines please
Women's Weekly
Woman's Day, New Idea,
Reader's Digest.
Can be left at reception of Hospital

Aged Pensioner Service
Emergency Home Maintenance — Cost of
materials your only expense.
Replacement of light bulbs,
Dripping Taps, Fly screens,
Doors, Cupboards & Drains.
Contact Peter Fitzgerald on 0427 752 475



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Deaths: Anna krebbeke (Cath Fitzgerald's Mother).

Anniversary:

Mary Pennington, Tony Ryan, Annie Peach, Noel Gustus, Peter Dickie, Grace Meagher, Ellen McIntosh, Anthony Mooney, Robert Tierney, Ruby Mahoney, Allan Johnson, Joyce Brooker, Lorna Schultz.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Graeme Sewell, Andrea Andre, Carissa Watt, Mary Guy, Rachael Cunningham, Jan Merrett, Kate Kuiper, Margaret Mckinnon, Peter McCluskey, Edna Scullion, Margaret Hardingham, Anne Gurry.

We welcome into the family of God
through Baptism
at St Patrick's Dunkeld
on Sunday 3rd September.

**Isabella
Margaret
Njoroge**



Daughter of Austus & Lynna.

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.

Wed. Meet Up 9.30-11.30am Dunworth.

St Mary's Book Club will meet at Blue Malt
7:30pm On Wednesday 6th September
To review: The Green Road by Anne Enright.

PRAYER

Transform us, O God,
by the renewal of our minds,
that we may not be conformed to this world
or seduced by human standards of success.
But as true disciples
may we discern
how good and pleasing it is to you
for us to deny ourselves,
take up the cross,
and follow in the footsteps of Christ your Son.
We pray this through Jesus Christ.

AMEN.

Happy
FATHER'S DAY

3rd September 2017

Children's Liturgy of the Word

We are seeking adults who would be
interested in making a commitment to this
ministry in whatever capacity you have to
offer. Contact John Hockey 0439 319 823

Fatima Statue

Bob & Julie Roache, 11 Moodie Avenue .

7.30pm All Welcome

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St Mary's Parish Small Groups

Morning Coffee and Gospel

Reflection for Men

Thursdays, 7:30am until 8:15am

Parish House—All Welcome!

2017 Annual Financial Report

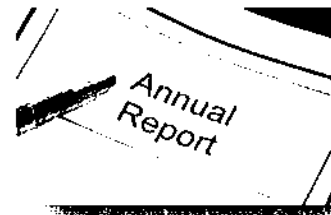
Inserted into today's bulletin is the Financial Report for the 2017 financial year. There will be an opportunity to learn more about the Parish finances at our annual presentation of financial information. Please come along with any questions you may have or suggestions for consideration by the finance committee in the coming year.

2017 Financial Information Presentation

Sunday, 10th of September

St Mary's Parish Day Chapel

11:45am to 12:30pm



Baptism Preparation Evening

Thursday 21 September

Parish House 23 Dinwoodie Street

7pm - 8pm

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BALLARAT CLERGY SUPPORT FUND Collection for Sick and Retired Priests Leaving Collection this weekend



The Ballarat Clergy Support Fund provides for retired priests who have spent a lifetime selflessly caring for others, and who deserve a happy and peaceful retirement. The Fund is currently supporting and caring for eighteen retired priests. Over the next few years a number of priests currently in parish ministry will be moving into retirement, and will also need to be supported by the fund.

This collection has raised nearly 1.8 million dollars since it began in 1991, including nearly \$60,000 last year. Along with the priests' own contribution of approximately \$37,000 per year, this annual collection has allowed the Fund to continue to support our sick and retired clergy. Please give as generously as you can, and help us continue 'caring for those who cared for us'. Special envelopes are available for this collection, which will be taken up today . or You may also return your envelope next week.

CARING FOR THOSE WHO CARED FOR US – THE CHURCH COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY

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!

Full Year Financial Performance 2017

I am pleased to present the full year financial performance report for St Mary's Parish Hamilton for the 2017 financial year! Over the last few years, the focus of the finance committee has been on developing income streams, which complement the contribution made by parishioners towards our Stewardship program. This has been achieved, by developing our surplus buildings to income generating assets. Regular income is now generated from St Joseph's presbytery Peshurst, The old presbytery in Clarendon St, the parish house flat and the Maryknoll building. Opportunities to develop further income streams will be developed during the coming year. This income allows the parish to continue the good works that it does. This includes our commitment of 10% of stewardship to go to charitable causes.

We thank you for your ongoing financial contribution to our parish!

Kind Regards, John Hockey on behalf of Fr Paddy Mugavin and the St Mary's Parish Finance Committee members.
(Kevin Porter, Paul Bast, Bryan Roberts and Des Slattery)

St Marys Catholic Church Hamilton			
Profit and Loss			
July 2016 - June 2017			
	16/17 Actual	16 / 17 Budget	Diff.
Income			
Interest Income	13,188	15,000	(1,812)
Property Income	144,835	93,000	51,835
Share Portfolio	82,821	65,000	17,821
Stewardship	102,615	110,000	(7,385)
Sundry Income	27,461	18,500	8,961
Total Income	370,919	301,500	69,419
Expenses			
Accounting	3,500	3,600	(100)
Capital Purchases	71,059	51,500	19,559
Church Requisites/Liturgical	11,554	10,000	1,554
Diocesan Levies	23,398	23,500	(104)
Donations - Missions	9,000	11,000	(2,000)
General Expenses	12,848	10,740	2,106
Insurance	24,154	29,500	(5,346)
Office Expenses	16,856	13,064	3,792
Pastoral Ministries	18,895	12,100	6,795
Planned Giving Expenses	987	600	387
Power & Gas	9,968	15,200	(5,232)
Rates & Water	3,920	6,500	(2,580)
Maryknoll - Fixed Operating Costs	7,092	0	7,092
Maryknoll - Tenancy Outgoings	17,990	0	17,990
Repairs & Maintenance - Church Properties	26,044	24,500	1,544
Wages, Super & Workcover	120,025	103,706	16,320
Rental Property Expenses	11,353	0	11,353
Share Portfolio Brokerage & Management	4,602	0	4,602
Total Expenses	393,240	315,510	77,730
Net Earnings	(22,321)	(14,010)	(8,311)

Full Year Financial Performance 2017

Commentary

Income

Total Income - Total income was much higher than projected due mostly to the opening of the Maryknoll Centre.

Property Income - This was up on projected due to the accelerated occupation by tenants in the Maryknoll Centre. Property income includes the Peshurst presbytery, 5 clarendon St, 19 Clarendon St (Parish House Flat and the Maryknoll Centre).

Share Portfolio - The share portfolio, which was originally donated by Joe and Peg Colley Estate, continues to produce strong dividend yields as well as grow in value.

Stewardship – Stewardship income continues to be a challenge due mostly to a declining number of givers. We continue to encourage new parishioners to consider making an ongoing financial contribution to the running of our parish.

Expenses

Capital Purchases - The following capital purchases were made in 2017FY;

Dunkeld A/C System	\$9,194
Dunkeld Audio Visual	\$1,407
Glenthompson Audio Visual	\$1,143
Hamilton - Sub-Division	\$8,043
Hamilton - Chapel & Kitchen	\$42,356
Hamilton - TV Parish Office	\$488
Peshurst - Audio Visual	\$8,428
Total	\$71,059

Pastoral Ministries - This line was above budget however, it includes items that also had received income attached including donations. (Shown in Sundry Income)

Wages – Wages were higher than budgeted, due to direct employment of workers relating to the Maryknoll landscaping project.

Total Expenses - Expenses were considerably higher than projected, however this was mostly countered by additional income. Most expense lines that were higher than budget came from Maryknoll operating expenses.

Net Earnings - A net loss of \$22.3k was recorded compared to a budgeted net loss of \$14k. It was always going to be difficult to accurately project the 2017FY due to the uncertain timing of the Maryknoll project.

John Hockey



Parish Manager - St Mary's Parish Hamilton