



# St Mary's Parish

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## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

10 September 2017

### First Reading Ez 33:7-9

#### A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

**(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!**

**Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

### Second Reading Rom 13:8-10

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

*Love is the fulfilment of the Law.*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not

kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

### Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.**  
**Alleluia!**

### Gospel Mt 18:15-20

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between you two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

### Reflection

by Greg Sunter

*This week's gospel provides us with a lesson that could be well heeded in our contemporary world. Matthew relates a discourse on dealing with a grievance or sin between two 'brothers' - community members; fellow disciples. Matthew advises his audience that the first step is to try to resolve the matter privately between the offender and the one offended. This is a*



*practice that seems to have almost disappeared today. When one person feels offended or hurt by another, it seems the last thing they do is to go and speak to the person, confront them with the hurt and try to resolve it. Soap operas and TV sitcoms promote avoidance of issues. The sub-text of so many TV shows is about lying to cover up a mistake; seeking revenge for some perceived (usually incorrect) insult; or working through others to try to deal with some hurt. If characters on these TV shows were to confront one another with a perceived hurt and seek to resolve the difference between them, then there would be no 'drama' to play out in the show. Admittedly, it doesn't make for great television, but it does make for much better relationships!*

*Matthew advises his community that only after a failed attempt to address an issue face to face should other members of the community become involved to further confront the offender through witnessing to their fault. The third step is to bring the person before the church community to be confronted with their actions and only after these three attempts to challenge the person fail should they be shunned. There is a very strong message of reconciliation that comes through this process. The person is given every chance to face their error and to seek amends with the one they have hurt. The whole process works towards bringing the community back together in harmony, not to seek revenge and punishment.*

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

## Country Mass Schedule

	1 <sup>st</sup> Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun	4 <sup>th</sup> Sun	5 <sup>th</sup> Sun
<b>Penshurst</b> 8:30am	No Service (To Ham)	Mass	SAWC	Mass	Mass
<b>Dunkeld</b> 8:30am	Mass	No Service (To Glen)	Mass	SAWC	SAWC
<b>Glenthompson</b> 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	No Service (To Dunkeld)	Mass	SAWC
<b>Macarthur</b> 8:30am	No Service (To Ham)	SAWC	Mass	SAWC	Mass

## St Joseph's Penshurst

Sun. 10 Sept. First Communion Mass  
Cuppa after Mass

17th September 2017

Lector	Catherine Loria
Prayers	Paula Cook
Gifts	
Special Minister	Margie Eales
Leader	Brendan Kelly
Communion to Hospital	Terry Pezzutti

## Our Parish Collections

**1st Collection: Priest Support: \$651** (Last 2 Week)  
**2nd Collection: Stewardship \$1,036** (2017-2018 FY)  
Pledged: \$118,820 Given: \$15,959

## 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

	9 & 10 September Ministers of Communion	16 & 17 September Ministers of Communion
<b>6 pm</b>	J Ryan, P Murphy & K Stevens.	J Gustus, P Kelly, R Roache.
<b>10.30am</b>	J O'Donnell, A Campbell, Charlotte, S Fitzgerald & G Howell.	Necola J, G McDonald, Priya, J Bond & F Soulsby

Date	Welcome	Computer	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Commentator	Gifts	Cuppa	Count Team
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	Charlotte	Maree Bell	Rohan	Noreen Doherty	G Mather M Bell	
16/09	Helen Watt J Schurmann	Pauline Murphy	Maureen Dunn	Ian Ferguson	John Duyvestyn	Brian & Trish Shanahan	Brian & Trish	I Ferguson & L Stevens
17/09	A Slattery Richard & Ursula	Carolyn S	First Communion	First Communion	First Communion	First Communion	John & Sherrie	

### First Communion (HAMILTON)



All parishioners are especially invited to attend the 10.30am Mass next weekend to show your support for the children and families of those making their First Communion!

This is an occasion for our Parish to celebrate. Stay afterwards for a cuppa with the families!

### 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:** Fr Peter Taffe

**Anniversary:** Hugh Munro, Ursula Carmody,  
Bob Strachan, Keith Parker.

### 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.

### 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.

**Thursday:** *Anointing Mass* 10am St Mary's Parish

### Feast Days

Wed. 13 Sept. - St John Chrysostom

Thur. 14 Sept. - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Frid. 15th Sept. - Our Lady of Sorrows

Sat. 16th Sept. - Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

### *Fatima Statue will be at*

Zina Celewych 40 Kitchener St.

Rosary 2.00pm. **All Welcome**

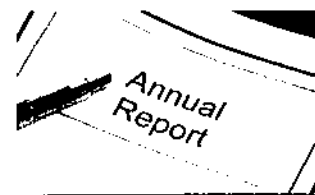
## 2017 Financial

### Information Presentation

Sunday, 10th of September

St Mary's Parish Day Chapel

11:45am to 12:30pm



### PRAYER

Gracious God, provide us with a listening heart that we see and hear the voice of each of our children.

We ask that you strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities.

Grant us the ability and time to listen carefully

when children come to us seeking help.

May our institution and families respect, listen, and do what is required to help all children feel safe.

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded initially by abuse,

then again through the failure to be heard.

We stand in constant need of your healing and help.

We ask through Christ our Lord.

Amen



### St Mary's Orana Ladies Group

Join us for Dinner & a Movie

Bring along husband/partner/ friends

Friday 15th Sept.

Dinner- 6pm Grand Central Hotel

Movie – 7.30pm "Victoria & Abdul"

*To avoid the rush and ensure a seat we suggest you purchase your movie tickets before dinner.* Dinner

bookings required as soon as possible

Anne Slattery: 0418 370 539

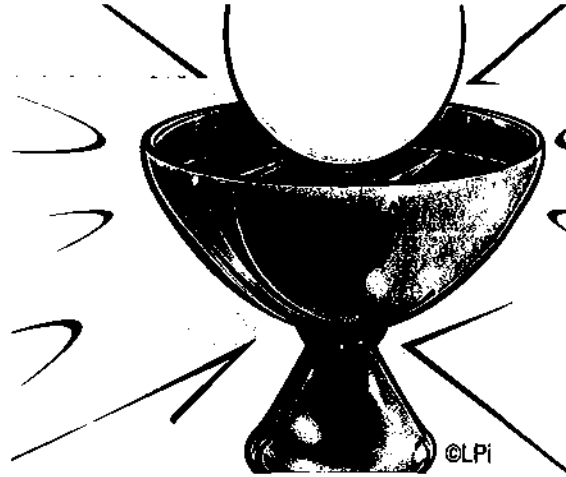
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## First Eucharist 2016

*We congratulate the following children, celebrating their  
First Communion*

*this weekend  
at  
St Joseph's  
Penshurst.*



Adele Cook  
Loralie Gibbs  
Adam Page  
Olivia Page  
Nellie Mullins



## NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2017 3rd – 9th September

PROTECTING CHILDREN IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

Even small acts can help build a safer community for children. For instance:

- Be kind to children and parents
- Rather than blame parents, think of ways to support them
- Learn about what resources and services are available and share these with those who need them
- Listen to the needs of children and spend time with them
- Be a good role model around children
- Get involved in your local community
- Look out for signs of abuse or neglect; if you suspect something is wrong talk to an expert
- Always take reports of abuse seriously
- Avoid blame; instead, ask yourself what you can do to help
- Learn more about child abuse and neglect
- Don't be afraid to ask for help or to ask someone if they need help

"Don't wait until a child  
has been abused  
or neglected  
before you do something.  
We need to work together  
as a community  
to STOP  
this from happening  
in the first place." -  
Leesa Waters,  
Deputy CEO, NAPCAN

*Having even one positive adult in a child's life can help  
them overcome negative experiences  
and build healthy brain foundations.*

***You can, and might already be, that one person!***

# NAPCAN

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

