



St Mary's Parish

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

22 October 2017

First Reading Is 45:1.4-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed,
to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not
know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to
the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

- O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all
the peoples. *(R.)*
- The Lord is great and worthy
of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made
the heavens. *(R.)*
- Give the Lord, you families
of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter
his courts. *(R.)*
- Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples
in fairness. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:1-5

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy,
to the Church in Thessalonika which is in
God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ;
wishing you grace and peace from God
the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers
and thank God for you all, and constantly
remember before God our Father how you
have shown your faith in action, worked
for love and persevered through hope,
in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you
and that you have been chosen, because
when we brought the Good News to you,
it came to you not only as words, but as
power and as the Holy Spirit and as
utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.**

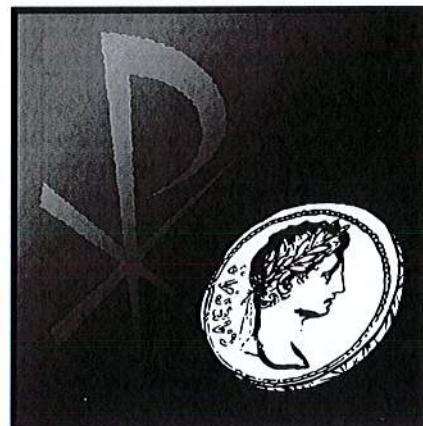
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and
to God the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out
between them how to trap Jesus in what
he said. And they sent their disciples to
him, together with the Herodians, to say,
'Master, we know that you are an honest
man and teach the way of God in an
honest way, and that you are not afraid
of anyone, because a man's rank means
nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then.
Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or
not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice
and replied, 'You hypocrites!
Why do you set this trap for me?
Let me see the money you pay the tax
with.' They handed him a denarius, and
he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose
name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then
said to them, 'Very well, give back to
Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to
God what belongs to God.'



Reflection by Greg Sunter

The gospel writer presents this episode as a deliberate attempt by the Pharisees to trap Jesus and turn the people against him. Their plan was a good one, with no apparent 'safe' answer: is it permissible (within Jewish tradition) to pay taxes to Caesar or not? If Jesus were to answer that it is not permissible to pay taxes then he would be identified as a rebel and a threat to Roman authority – leaving himself open to severe punishment. If he were to answer that it was permissible to pay the taxes he would have alienated a lot of his audience who resented the taxes imposed by Rome.

Instead of falling into the trap set by the Pharisees, Jesus approaches the question in a completely different way. He asks them to show him the money with which they pay the tax. Immediately, he has turned the tables on them. He doesn't appear to carry any of the coin in question and yet the Pharisees' disciples carry them as a matter of habit. They are asking if it is permissible to pay the tax and yet freely carry the coin with which the tax is paid. Jesus shows up the hypocrisy of their question by forcing them to reveal their own position in the simple action of producing one of the Roman coins. Jesus then closes the dispute by instructing them to render (give) to Caesar what belongs to Caesar but, more importantly, render to God what belongs to God. In a very simple way Jesus has shown up the Pharisees' disciples as being collaborators with the Roman authority and placing that authority above the authority of God. He reminds the listeners that regardless of earthly authority, the first duty is owed to God.

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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 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

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29th October 2017	
Lector	Brendan Kelly
Prayers	Paula Cook
Gifts	Cook Family
Special Minister	Catherine Loria
Leader	
Communion to Hospital	Coleen Page

Our Parish Collections

1st Collection: Priest Support: \$ 729
2nd Collection: Stewardship (2017-2018 FY)
Pledged: \$118,820 Given: \$24,463

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

	21 & 22 October Ministers of Communion	28 & 29 October Ministers of Communion
6 pm	K Brewis, P Kelly & K Stevens	P & M Dunn & Z Celewych
10.30am	Priya, A Campbell, Charlotte, S Fitzgerald, G Howell	T Hurley, K Barker. J Hockey, V Lovell, Nola Joseph.

Date	Welcome	Computer	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	Commentator	Gifts	Cuppa	Count Team
21/10	S McCaskill J Schurmann	Pauline Murphy	Jacinta Ryan	Chris Jansen	Kerry Stevens	M Walter J Gustus	Chris Jansen	R Corbett B Shanahan & T Oliver
22/10	N McLeish F & D Soulsby	Felicity Shaw	Richard Beks	John Houlihan	Ursula Murphy	Noreen Doherty	K & R Fitzgerald	
28/10	G Healy & J Schurmann	Chris Jansen	Margaret Meagher	Ray Corbett	John Duyvestyn	M McGrath & P Murphy	Kylie-Anne Shanahan	I Ferguson & L Stevens
29/10	A & D Slattery Campbell Family	O'Brien Family	Geraldine McDonald	Helen Tripovich	Felicity Shaw	J Daffey & N McLeish	Anne & Des Slattery	

Mass of Thanksgiving for all our Pastoral Carers.

Open Invitation to all those who provide pastoral care to the sick and homebound in our parish.
Friday 27th October @ 10am
Morning tea to follow.

Mary MacKillop Chapel

Dedication of Mary MacKillop Chapel will take place after Mass on **Sunday 29th October.**

Sr Mary Fermio rsj will enrol our newest Josephite Associates:

Trish Irving, Marie Cook & Maree Bell during Mass.

Thank-you to all those who have assisted in creating a beautiful space where all can pray in comfort and safety.

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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Deaths:

Margaret McKinnon (Sister of Fr. John McKinnon).

Anniversary:

Frank Monaghan, Leon Storer, Fr Frank McKenzie, Maureen Borrodell, Eileen McGrath.

Anniversary omitted last weekend Archie McIntyre.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Graeme Sewell, Andrea Andre, Carissa Watt, Mary Guy, Jan Merrett, Kate Kuiper, Margaret McKinnon, Peter McCluskey, Edna Scullion, Anne Gurry, Margaret Hardingham, Gladys Ryan.



CWL Dunkeld Victoria

Dunkeld Catholic Women's League

Invites catholic ladies to

"A Retreat"

with Fr. Peter Wood MSC

Wed.25th OCT, St Patrick's meeting room

Commencing 9.30am with the Rosary

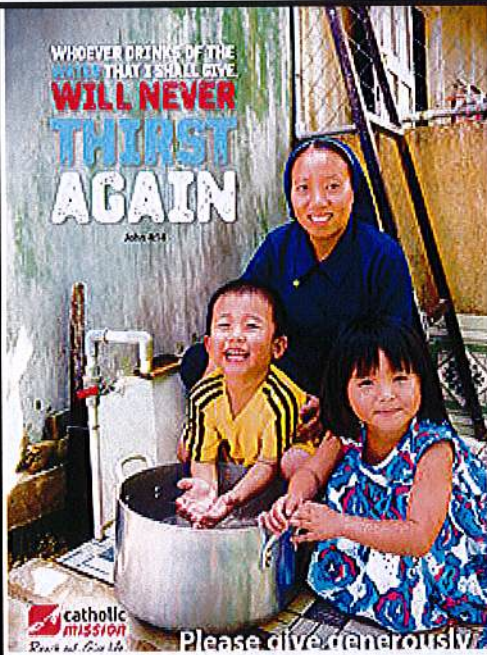
Concluding with Mass @3pm

Luncheon: Please bring a plate to share

RSVP Monday 23rd October

Helen Lyon 55772375

Or Elizabeth Hinchey 55772460



**Mission
Sunday
22nd**

Leaving
collection

or envelopes
are available
Thank you for
your generous
donations.
Thank You!

Our Parish Community includes everyone.

If you know of any parishioners who are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive communion in their homes, please let the Parish staff know.

PRAYER

Father of life,

To all who are hungry

Give daily bread.

To all who are thirsty

Send fresh water.

To all who are homeless

Provide shelter.

And in all who are comfortable

Stir up a compassion that cannot be ignored.

Until there is no more poverty

and injustice left to feel uncomfortable about.

Amen

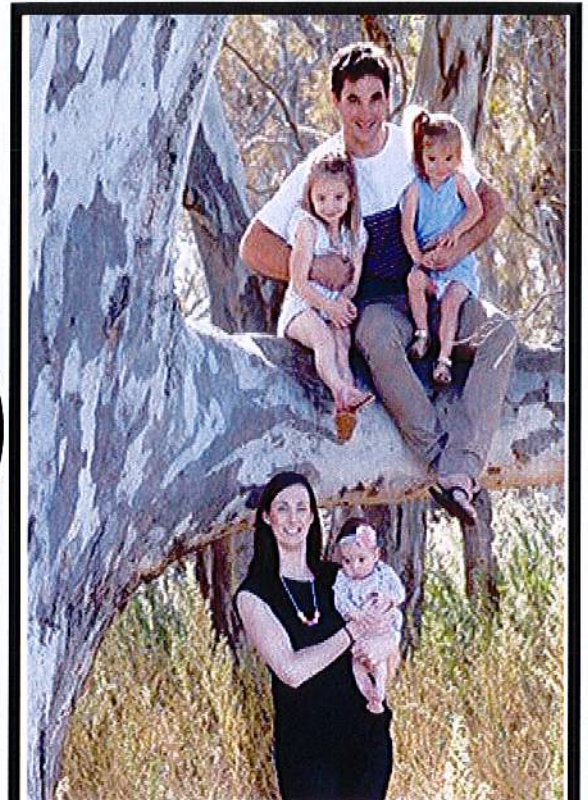
EVENTIDE VILLAGE - SENIORS DAY
SUNDAY 22ND OCTOBER
12(noon) - 4pm, Ballarat Road Hamilton
Don, Colin & Des have a beautiful
range of plants For Sale.

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Grace Sherlock
Daughter of
Jenna & Joseph Sherlock

We welcome
into the family of God
through Baptism at
St Mary's Parish,
Hamilton.



Denni Mae
Daughter of
Hayley & Patrick Sherlock



Tyler John Sherlock
Son of
Aaron & Marnie

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!