



Readings for this week:

Isaiah 58:7-10  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Matthew 5:13-16



Readings for next week:

Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20  
1 Corinthians 2:6-10  
Matthew 5:17-37

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### YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR .....

**Sick List:** Jess Foyster (Griffin), Luke Holford, Robert Kelso, Jean and Bryan Mulcahy, Chris McIntyre, Graeme Weir, Gerard Hicks, Mary Hehir  
**Recently deceased:** Silvana Tognetti (mother of Fr Serafino)  
**Anniversary:** Peter Nixon, Chisholm Family

### ROSTERS

**BINGO ROSTER:** 11th Feb - L. Smith, B. Aitken, J. Christopher, T. Kennedy, J. Cortese, G. Loughran, K. Davkovski

**COUNTER ROSTER:** 5th Feb - E. De Fide, J. Ryan, J. Cortese; 12th Feb - A. & M. McGrath, A. Conti

4/5 Feb	READERS	OFFERTORY	SPECIAL MINISTERS	ALTAR HELPERS
6:30 pm	T. Tumua F. Dowling	Bernard Tumua & Family	A. McGrath A. Conti F. Smullen	K. Brett D. Morris
10 am	A. Butts B. Pye	Pye Family	N. Collins M. Williams (RP/G1) L. Pye (RP/G2)	K. Brett D. Morris
<b>11/12 February</b>				
6:30 pm	H. Betson I. Tumua Valoia	Betson Family	S. Richards F. Dowling T. Tumua	J. Cortese C. Fasano
10 am	AM. Carroll E. Macdonald	E. Macdonald & Family	M. Lee S. Griffin (RP/G1) R. O'Meara (RP/G2)	J. Cortese C. Fasano

### WELCOME TO

## St Mary's Parish

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### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 February 2017



### Liturgical Jottings

#### Votive Masses

Last two weeks Ritual Masses and Masses for various needs and occasions were featured. Another group of Masses, called Votive Masses, may also be celebrated on days without feasts and that celebrate the mystery of God, Christ, Mary, Angels and the Saints. They include Holy Trinity, Mercy of God, Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest, Mystery of the Holy Cross, Holy Eucharist, Holy Name of Jesus, Precious Blood, Sacred Heart of Jesus and Holy Spirit. The votive Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary include a general Mass and three under the titles of Mother of the Church, Holy Name and Queen of the Apostles. Votive Masses of angels and saints include Holy Angels, St John the Baptist, St Joseph, All Apostles, Sts Peter and Paul, One Holy Apostle and one for all the Saints

### Looking at the Readings

Today, when we describe a person as being the 'salt of the earth' it's generally meant in a way that says the person is hard working, straight talking and pretty down to earth. It's usually meant as a compliment but sometimes can come across as a bit condescending when used inappropriately. When Jesus tells the disciples that they are salt of the earth and the light of the world he is really saying 'You are to be the salt of the earth; you are to be the light of the world.' It is more of a directive than an affirmation of them.

Today's first reading from Isaiah helps to shed light on Jesus' meaning in the gospel passage: 'Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn.' It sounds a lot like the message from the last judgment in Matthew 25 when the king says 'whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' It's a message of justice and right relationship not only with God but with one another also.

To be salt of the earth and light of the world means to be the one who puts their hand up and steps forward to speak for, work for and act for those who are the least in this world. To have the potential and resources to be a force for good in the world and not act on it is to be like salt that's used for salting the streets or a lamp that's under a tub. © Greg Sunter

### Feast of the Week Our Lady of Lourdes (11 February)

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in a grotto near Lourdes on 11 February 1858 and so began a great devotion to Mary, a call for conversion from sin and a place of pilgrimage for Christians, especially the sick. This day is the 25<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick. The theme of the Pope Francis' 2017 Message is "Amazement at what God has accomplished."

### Quotable Quote

Gandhi, the great leader of the Indian independence movement, said, 'You must be the change you want to see in the world.' The charge to be the light of the world that shines in the sight of all and sets an example for all is echoed succinctly in Gandhi's words.



### On the Lighter Side

*Grandpa, Did You Know Noah? Grandson (staring at his grandfather): "Grandpa, were you on the ark when the Flood came?" Grandpa: "No, certainly not." Grandson: "Well, then, why weren't you drowned?"*

## ST MARY'S PARISH MOTTO

"Reaching out to each other  
- growing together in love"

### MASS TIMES

**Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm at St Mary's**

**Sunday: 10am at St Mary's**

**Sunday: 8.30am at St Joseph's, Unera  
(Monthly Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month)**

### RECONCILIATION

**10.30—11am at St Mary's**

### WEEK-DAY MASS TIMES

- ♦ Tuesday 7 February - 6pm Mass
- ♦ **Wednesday 8 February - 8am Mass  
(NOTE: CHANGE IN MASS TIME)**
- ♦ Thursday 9 February - 6pm Mass
- ♦ **Friday 10 February - 9.15am School Mass  
(MASS HELD IN MARIAN CENTRE)**

### MASS AT ST JOSEPH'S UNDERA

**SUNDAY 12th February at 8.30am**

### PARISH NEWS

**Cuppa THIS SUNDAY:** Please stay for a cuppa and a chat after THIS SUNDAY'S 10am Mass. All welcome.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Enrolments are currently being taken for our **Reconciliation Program** starting in Term 1. Children in Grade Three, who have been baptized and any children above Grade Three who have not made their Reconciliation need to enroll in the program as soon as possible.

**The information meeting will take place on  
Wednesday 22nd February.**

Enrolment forms can be collected from the School or Parish Office. For further information please contact Di Teitzel at the Parish Office or Marg Lee.



**Powerpoint Operators Roster:** Firstly a BIG THANK YOU must be extended to Maree Pearce and Margaret Campbell who week in, week out, put together the Powerpoint presentations for our weekend Masses. It is hoped that in 2017 a Roster for **Powerpoint Operators** can be established to assist these ladies. If you would like to help out please contact either Maree or Margaret, or email the Parish Office on mooropna@cdos.org.au. Training and assistance in this will be provided. Thank you

## Opening School Mass

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February @ 9.15am  
in the Marian Centre



Presentation of Leadership Badges following Mass

### St Mary's Bingo Report

We would like to advise that the Bingo Committee of St Mary's recently forwarded a total of \$5,074 to the Parish. The Bingo Committee's quarterly cheque of \$3,000 was also forwarded onto St Mary's School for their use.



**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPS OUT ON  
THE BINGO ROSTERS - BINGO WOULD NOT BE  
SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT YOU.**

### MEETING DATES FOR FEBRUARY 2017

- ⇒ Liturgy Meeting - Thurs 9th Feb at 7pm in Parish House
- ⇒ PPC Meeting - Wed 15th Feb at 6.45pm at Parish House
- ⇒ Finance Meeting - Mon 20th Feb at 5.30pm at Parish House

### SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR LENT

It would be a great opportunity for faith formation to participate in a **Lenten Discussion Group**. We are ordering a scripture based programme entitled 'Hope'. The meetings will start in the last week of February (*Ash Wednesday is March 1st*).



Please give consideration to availing of this opportunity. Groups will meet once a week. Please put your name on the sheet provided in the porch area. Booklets are \$7 each.



### BISHOPS LETTER

In anticipation of the final report from the Royal Commission into sexual abuse, the Bishop has written a letter that is in the Narthex for all to read.

It acknowledges the harm done and offers serious apology to all who have been affected. Having learnt from the mistakes of the past, steps have been taken to ensure that these serious abuses will not take place in the future.

### World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking

Pope Francis has designated 8<sup>th</sup> February, the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, as the World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking following a request from Talitha Kum, the worldwide Network of Consecrated Life Against Human Trafficking.

Josephine Bakhita was born in Southern Sudan in 1869, and during her life experienced kidnapping and slavery in both Sudan and Italy. After gaining her freedom Josephine Bakhita dedicated her life to sharing her story and to supporting the poor and suffering. She eventually became a Canossian Sister and was canonised in 2000.

Like Josephine Bakhita, millions of children are trafficked into domestic servitude every year. They are also trafficked for sexual exploitation, pornography production, forced marriage, illegal adoption, forced labour, and to become child soldiers.

Talitha Kum has declared the theme of this year's feast day celebrations: **They are children! Not slaves!**

### Stronger Rally



Our first Stronger Rally for 2017 will be held on February 24<sup>th</sup> at Catholic College Wodonga. Join us for a BBQ, Games, Praise and Worship with Tim and Imy from Bendigo, and guest speaker Sam Clear.

**Location:** Catholic College Wodonga

**Date:** Friday February 24<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6-9pm

**Contact:** Danii at Sandhurst@strongeryouth.com

### STUDENT ACCOMMODATION 5 MIN. WALKING DISTANCE TO Deakin Uni. Burwood

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Contact Paul 9894 8788; Mobile 04140558 944

### St Vincent College Re-Union 18/19 Feb 2017

All past students, partners and friends of St Vincents College Bendigo are invited to attend the Marong Cup Bendigo Racecourse Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup> 2017. A designated hospitality area will be provided followed by a get together at the Bendigo Club. Peter Sweeny's 1967 group will be celebrating their 50 year get together. Contact your old St Vincent buddies and join in for a great day out. Contact; Tim Cootes 5443 9129 or 0407 403 574; Jim Brennan 5448 3645; Kevin McGrath 0408 124 829; Barb Lomas CCB blommasccb.vic.edu.au

### The LIBRARY LEARNING CENTRE is MOVING.

We are moving to a more accessible premises at 181 McCrae Street – one park at the door and ground floor level. To allow time for us to set up we will officially open on FEB 13th.

From the 23rd of Jan – 10th of Feb we can be contacted via email library@cesosand.catholic.edu.au or by phone 54426108 for special requests as we will be working between the two buildings. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

### CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE (CWL) MEETING

**THURSDAY 9th FEBRUARY @ 1PM  
MONS JEFFREY CENTRE, SHEPPARTON  
(behind St Brendan's Church, Knight Street, Shepparton)**

**'Beginning Theology'** starting March 2017. Explore your faith with a course for adults who would like to understand Catholic faith traditions and explore questions of faith at a deeper level: \*Complete readings and activities in your own time and meet with a local small group once a month for discussion and to share learning. \*Focus is Catholic faith and belief. \*Topics broken into bite-size units. \*Reflection questions help you apply learning to life. \* 15-18 months. \*An Institute of Faith Education (Brisbane Archdiocese) course offered in the Sandhurst Diocese in collaboration with Adult Faith Education, Sandhurst. Cost \$200. Expressions of interest email: Lyn Breen, Adult Faith Education Sandhurst, [Lyn.Breen@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:Lyn.Breen@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)



### BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING

**14th FEBRUARY 2017  
at St MARY'S CHURCH  
7pm - 8.30pm**

To register for a baptism at St Mary's Parish please contact the Parish Office on 5825 2034 or email Di at mooropna@cdos.org.au

### ASSISI AID PROJECTS

*On behalf of Assisi Aid projects and Sr Stella I would like to thank St Mary's Parish and parishioners for their generous donation of \$500 from the Christmas Mass. This money will help the women and children in south India, where we have worked for over 30 years with great results.*

*Thanks from Tom Dumaresq*

It has been a blessed year and your support helped us to initiate various sustainable development projects supporting Indian rural women and children. We have been able to reach more than 2000 rural families. We supported women to build up their skills to ensure regular family income and much more empowered 850 women through various trainings, motivational programs and empowered them financially with low interest loans.

I am happy to say that your kind support directly helped 850 single women families to regain their respectful life in society. They are widows, divorced and spinsters. In India these women are still battling to get basic rights. Our projects brought many changes among them.

*Sr Stella and Sr Deepthi*

**FEEL FREE TO TAKE HOME A BROCHURE ON THE  
ASSISI AID PROJECTS FROM THE PORCH AREA**