

ST MARY'S PARISH, ROBINVALE

Incorporating St Patrick's Manangatang

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 29th & 30th August 2020

Please remember these people in our prayers

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: John B Pragt; Cristoforo Vespucci; Maria Rosa Mezzatesta; Mary Campagna; Mary Ryan; Betty VanBree; Eileen (Molly) Walsh; Teresa Lambert; William O'Connell; Leo Englefield; Maureen Taggart;

Sick: Sam Giampaolo; Therese Cummins; Rosa Santos; Kristin Sparto; Debbie Nolen; Jack Hayes; Basilio Alcodia; Gai Trainer; Serena Jenkins; Jeremy Dickson; Carmela Garreffa; Sister Basil; Graham (Ripper) Morris;



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Caring for our Parish

Parishioners wishing to contribute to the Presbytery/Parish finances during the COVID19 restrictions may by bank deposit to the Parish account - Westpac: BSB: 033250 Account number: 870747.

St Mary's Parish has joined with CDF (Catholic Development Fund-Ballararat) and CDF Pay where you can electronically make a one off payment or set up a regular payment. You receive an electronic receipt for any payments made. The link for St Mary's Parish, Robinvale is <https://bit.ly/CDFpayRobinvale>

Online Mass:

Please see the link for online Mass celebrated by Fr Anthony at St. Joseph's Church, Ouyen for 22nd Sunday:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRe9lm6DY1o>

Sacraments

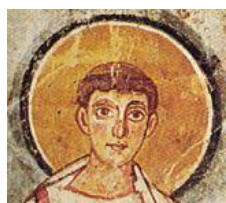
Due to Government restrictions around Covid-19, we won't be celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism until further notice. Preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation have also been suspended for the remainder of the year.

All public Masses have been cancelled until further notice.

Funerals will be at the grave side with a maximum of 10 people. Any queries or concerns, or for further information, please call the Parish Office.

Child Protection Sunday – 13th September 2020

The Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and vulnerable adults. You can find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention



**Saint
Felix**
August 30th

In the year 304 Felix was living piously and happily, doing the work of a Christian priest in Rome, when he was captured, along with many other Christians at the start of the persecutions under the Emperor Diocletian. First he was savagely tortured. Then he was sentenced to be beheaded, for no torture sufficed to make him give up his Christian beliefs.

Reflection on the Gospel

Paul and Jesus conspire together today to present us with tough teaching. Paul counsels the Romans “not to model yourselves on the behaviour of the world . . . but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind”. Jesus rebukes Peter “because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s”. The choice is put before us. Do we allow ourselves to take the easy path of conformity with “the way of the world”, or do we choose the way of Jesus which he warns is a way of the cross? Paul and Jesus make it clear that we do not accomplish this by our own efforts. It is by letting go of the life we imagine we have, Jesus says, that we will find true life. And Paul speaks of our minds being renewed and remodelled from within. The question is whether we will take the risk of “letting go and letting God”. Few of us are likely to experience the anguish that the prophet Jeremiah suffered for the sake of the word, but the testimony of his courage echoes down through the ages, even to us.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

20:7-9

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

62:2-6, 8-9

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.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

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.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

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.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

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.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING

12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL

16:21-27

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Thanksgiving Program

Thank you to the parishioners who support the work of the Church through their financial contribution. New envelopes, along with receipts, are available from the Parish Office. Please contact Parish Office/Pat Curran - 0427 269 211 or email: robinvale@ballarat.catholic.org.au



Pray at Home

At this time, we cannot receive you Lord Jesus sacramentally in the Eucharist. Help us to welcome you spiritually as we wait for the day when your saving Sacrifice will be offered and the divine Banquet will be spread in our churches once more. You are the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof. But only say the word and my soul shall be healed. My Jesus, come to me. I long for you; let me always be at one with you.