

ST MARY'S PARISH, ROBINVALE

Incorporating St Patrick's Manangatang

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8th & 9th August 2020

Please remember these people in our prayers

Recent Deaths: Jean Follett; Sister Cathy Dean (Ouyen); Margaret Elliot (Nandaly);



Anniversaries: Jan Martinussen; Frank Nolen; Kevin Nolen; Cosimo Pisconeri; Fr Bernard Duffy; Bryan Johnston; David Mecca; Kathleen Franklin; Margaret Ryan; Raffaele Bulzomi; Myra Leahy

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;

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

Please note the Church is closed until 13th September.

Funerals will be restricted to 10 mourners only. For weddings to make an appointment, please call the parish office.

The Parish Collections

Parishioners wishing to contribute to the Presbytery/Parish finances during the COVID19 restrictions may by bank deposit to the Parish account Westpac:

BSB: 033250 A/C: 870747

Happy Feast Day - Saturday 8th August
St Mary of the Cross, St Mary MacKillop
This is the 10 year Anniversary of Mary MacKillop becoming a Saint.

Message from Bishop Paul – Stage 3 Restrictions in place

As you would be aware, the Victorian government has introduced further restrictions to counter the renewed spread of COVID-19. In regional Victoria, including our Diocese of Ballarat, Stage 3 restrictions will apply from midnight tomorrow (August 5). The restrictions will apply until September 13.

The regulations require that “religious ceremonies and private worship” be “broadcast only”. This means that our churches and chapels will be closed to the general public. It will still be possible to live stream Masses or other services from churches or chapels, although this would only involve those necessary to conduct the services and enable the live streaming. For information about Masses online, you could go to our diocesan website at www.ballarat.catholic.org.au In regional Victoria, there are exceptions for weddings and funerals, though with limited numbers. For weddings, there may only be 5 people (the couple, two witnesses and the celebrant). For funerals, there may be up to 10 people, plus those conducting the funeral.

It is very sad that we will not be able to gather for Mass in the coming weeks. However, medical advice indicates that the restrictions are necessary for the health of the community. I hope and pray that these steps will be effective in reducing the impact of the pandemic and that we will be able to come together again soon to give thanks to God. In the meantime, we can pray anywhere and anytime in our own heart. Families can pray together at home. We might also pray with others online or simply with a phone call. Christ promised to be with us always. May we know his presence in the weeks ahead. Peace be with you. God bless you all. - Bishop Paul

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

84:9-14. R. v.8

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

SECOND READING Rom 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could

help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mt 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Command me to come to you over the water. Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Online Mass:

Mildura Parish is in the midst of setting up live streaming of Parish weekend Mass, which will be uploaded to YouTube on Saturday 5.30pm commencing **Saturday 15th August 2020**