

Please remember these people in our prayers

Recent Deaths: Ivan Storer



Anniversaries Rudolf Moodoo; Kenneth Junge; Fr Max Jongebloed; Mary Starrett; Bill Reynolds; Ilonda Nikolich; Bertie Wells; Kevin Dillon; Bob Morgan; Fr Declan Duggan; Antonio Gervasi;

Sick:

Sam Giampaolo; Therese Cummins; Rosa Santos; Kristin Sparto; Debbie Nolen; Jack Hayes; Basilio Alcodia; Gai Trainer; Serena Jenkins; Jeremy Dickson; Carmela Garreffa

School News

St Mary's welcomes back to school all our students and families. We hope that you all had a nice relaxing break!



At St Mary's we promote, encourage and role model positive behaviours. Students and staff follow a matrix of positive behaviours around being safe, respectful and being a good learner. Last term we welcomed two sponsors to this initiative. Thank you to Irribiz and Elders Insurance who will sponsor awards that will be given to students who display these values each week.

Continuing with our positive approach to behaviour we congratulate the following students who were selected to have morning tea with our Principal, Mrs Welsh. Congratulations to *Caitlin Smith, Yamilla Albanese, Rafele Gallace and Charlotte Chirchiglia.*

Please note that our school gate will be unlocked at 8:30am. Students who either walk home or are collected by parents finish school at 3pm.

ROBINVALE MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Tuesday 21st July @ 6:00pm

Wednesday 22nd July @ 6:00pm

Thursday 23rd July @ 9:30am

MANANGATANG MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

Sunday 19th July @ 11:00am

Reader ~ G MacKay

Prayers of the Faithful ~ J Ryan

Offertory ~ N Morris

Our Parish Bulletin

Our Parish Bulletin is online www.ballarat.catholic.org.au select Robinvale Parish, click on the yellow magnifying glass symbol, open Robinvale page.

Baptisms:

We have started bookings for Baptism. There was a successful Baptism preparation meeting on 16th July, 6pm, in the Narthex. A second meeting is being held Monday 20th July at 6:00pm. If you are requiring your child to be baptised Please contact Fr Anthony on 50263068 or Clare Jury 0409530489. These meetings are an expectation and prerequisite to the actual sacrament.

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 Account number: 870747

Plenary Council Update

The journey to the Plenary Council 2020 continues. While it's in a context more different than we could have ever expected, the need to pray, discern and listen to the Holy Spirit and each other is more important than ever.

~ New Assembly Dates announced: Have you heard the news? We've locked in our new dates for the Plenary Council Assembly 1 and 2! Read the full media release here:

<https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/dates-locked-in-for-plenary-council-assemblies/#more-8501>

~ Discernment Papers: The six discernment papers have been released and are available to be read. The National Plenary Facilitation Team will soon release resources to assist parishes and communities to explore each of the papers. Here in the diocese, we will endeavour to look at one paper for a month. For the month of July we will look at HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS Missionary & Evangelising? 'Mission' is God's initiative and proceeds from the Trinity, whose love overflows in creation and redemption. The Word and Spirit are present and active in the unfolding of the universe and in all human history, as evidenced in the goodness and truth found in all cultures and societies. The incarnate Son of God through his life, ministry, death and resurrection revealed God to us and redeemed us in a unique and unsurpassable way through his paschal sacrifice. His evangelising activity gave birth to the Church which is the visible manifestation of the Gospel command to "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations" (Mt 28:19). Have a read of the discernment paper, think about your parish and the diocese in general. We welcome any comments. Please send through to jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au. Read the discernment paper Visit the Missionary and Evangelising theme's page.

Reflections on the Gospel

PATIENCE IS BETTER THAN MISPLACED ZEAL

Today's Gospel presents a further image from agriculture in Palestine. A poisonous weed called darnel affects wheat crops. In the early stages it looks very like the young shoots of wheat. By the time both plants can be distinguished their roots are so entwined as to make tearing out the darnel very injurious to the wheat. The parable addresses the disciples' dismay at the continuing prevalence of evil in the world. If, as Jesus teaches, the Kingdom of God has dawned, why has God not intervened to root out evil once and for all? Like the wheat and darnel in the field, good and evil are at present so inextricably co-existent as to make too ruthless an attempt to eradicate the one fatal to a successful harvest of the other. In the harvest time to come, however, God will deal once and for all with evil, before gathering in the 'wheat' of the kingdom. The parable also challenges the kind of religious zeal that, filled with moral outrage, wants to go in and root out from the community of believers any considered unworthy to be there. It can even apply on an individual level. So often a person's good qualities spring from the same source as their less desirable ones. An irascible person may struggle vigorously for justice; a laid-back character may be a good listener – and so on. Christianity's long history of intolerance – the Inquisition, etc. – shows the tragedy and folly of being more zealous to root out evil than to encourage good. The final judgement belongs to God.

St Mary's Parish / St. Patrick's Manangatang News:

Arrangements can be made with Father Anthony on 50 263 068 for groups of 20 to use our church for prayers groups, saying the rosary etc.

A Parish Newsletter is published each week.

It can be emailed out to you if you forward your email address to:

mary.knight20@outlook.com

A Newsletter delivery can be organised by calling 0438 6279 20.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Wis 12:13, 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16. R. v. 5

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, / full of love to all who call. / Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer / and attend to the sound of my voice.

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations shall come to adore you / and glorify your name, O Lord: / for you are great and do marvellous deeds, / you who alone are God.

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

But you, God of mercy and compassion, / slow to anger, O Lord, / abounding in love and truth, / turn and take pity on me.

SECOND READING Rom 8:26-27

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

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our heart knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; / you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL MT 13:24-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this," he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn. He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!

The Gospel of the Lord

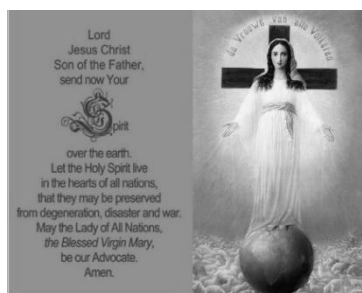
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

ST MARY'S PARISH, ROBINVALE



INCORPORATING ST. PATRICK'S MANANGATANG

Sunday 19th July 2020 ~ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A



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**Baptisms and
Marriages by
Appointment**

**ROBINVALE
WEEKDAY
MASS TIMES**

Tuesday 6:00pm
Wednesday 6:00pm
Thursday 9:30am

**No more than 20
people practising
social distances in the
church at one time.**



Vision & Mission Statement:

At St. Mary's Parishes of Robinvale & St. Patrick's Manangatang, we, as brothers and sisters in Christ, accept as our mission: to know our faith; to live by truth, and love to serve the needs of others to teach by example and thereby strengthen and inspire the Parish family. It is here – in our places of worship – that the faithful gather to worship God, give honour to Mary, and are sent to spread God's word wherever they go!

We are 'Child-Safe and Child-friendly:'

At St. Mary's Catholic Church Robinvale and St. Patrick's Manangatang, we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parishes. Our commitment is drawn from and inherent in the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the gospel.

Our parishes 'Safeguarding Officer' is Mr. Arthur Cassidy. Arthur is responsible for handling any queries; complaints and concerns which may arise. He is contactable at the Robinvale police Station. Our parish communities sincerely thank Arthur in his commitment and service in this fundamentally important area of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of children and young adults.