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Readings - Year C
Year of Mercy



As Christ's disciples our mission is:

*to be inspired by Christ

*to actively live out Christ's message and the Gospel value:
respecting, celebrating and honouring our Catholic tradition

*to provide welcome and sanctuary for all

*to foster a sense of social justice and to protect, nurture and support our Catholic community and the wider community by respecting life, self, others and the environment.

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As we come to worship we remember the Bangerang & Yorta Yorta People, the original custodians of this land
We commit ourselves to actively working alongside
Aboriginal people for reconciliation and justice.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17th APRIL 2016

NO MERRIGUM MASS ON 24TH APRIL

Please note that due to the 50th anniversary celebrations of the school transfer there will be no Mass at Merrigum on the 24th April at 11.30am.

ANZAC Day Mass 9am 25th April

ANZAC Parade (assemble at Victory Hall at 10:30am to march)

All parishioners invited

PLANNED GIVING

Could people please collect their planned giving envelopes which are in alphabetical order in the Narthex.

**Please note there are receipts for all givers:
direct debit, credit card or cash.**

50th ANNIVERSARY SCHOOL TRANSFER

Next Sunday we celebrate this wonderful occasion – see page 3 for more details.

It would be greatly appreciated if parishioners would bring a plate of food to share for Morning Tea in the Mercy Centre after Mass.

Sacred Heart Parish Primary School – some interesting facts

The Sacred Heart Parish Primary School was founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1900. The Sisters of Mercy values which are: Mercy, Dignity, Quality, Commitment and Care are expressed both through the lives and work of the Sisters and through their ministries in our contemporary society. Since their earliest foundations many years ago, the Sisters of Mercy have been at the forefront of educational endeavours, particularly through the Catholic Education System in rural areas.

Being educated in the Mercy tradition today calls us to action in the same manner as it did 50 years ago when our new school was born. Maintaining our Mercy tradition requires us to think, act and live out the Mercy Values. It is a part of our being and is embedded in all that we say and all that we do. Although there are no longer any Sisters of Mercy at Sacred Heart School, our school continues with the Mercy tradition foremost in our minds.

All families, parishioners and community members are warmly invited to come along and join in with these very special celebrations. These three days will be a wonderful opportunity for our fantastic School and Parish communities to celebrate together.



Those who have died recently	Tatura:	Terri Fitzgerald, Shirley Chamberlain
	Kyabram:	Doris Comer
Those whose Anniversary occurs	Tatura:	Jack Smith, Maddalena Lagozzino, Pasquale Giorgio, Adolorata Corbo, Angelo Romano, Gary Basile, Kevin Webster, Kath Webster, Bill Corrigan
	Kyabram:	Sherryn Gawne, Frank Kennedy
Our sick and their carers	Tatura:	Anne Heathman, Denis Smith, Naomi Moon, Kevin Wood, Isabel Leddick (Sheila Gregg's grand niece)
	Kyabram:	Julie Shaw, Andrea Cocks, Jim O'Donovan, Jennifer Baker, Natasha Smith, Barry Carrodus, Joan Dullard

(Our practice is to leave the names on the sick list for a month. To extend the time, please contact the parish office.)

DATE	COMMENTATOR	READER	GOSPEL PROCESSION	PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	SPECIAL MINISTERS	COUNTERS
24 th April 2016 10am	SPECIAL ROSTER FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOOL TRANSFER					Trish Warnett

MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK:

DAY	DATE	TATURA	KYABRAM
Monday	18 Apr	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	19 Apr	9.15am LWWC	No Mass
Wednesday	20 Apr	9.15am Mass intention for Jack Smith	5pm Mass
Thursday	21 Apr	No Mass	9.15am Mass
Friday	22 Apr	9.15am Mercy Charism Mass Intention for Bill Corrigan	No Mass
Saturday	23 Apr	No Mass	6.30pm Mass
Sunday	24 Apr	10am Mass 50 th anniversary transfer to the new site	8am Mass
Sat 23 April	Reconciliation 11.30am		
ROSARY	15 mins before weekday Mass		

STRONGER RALLY

Our first Stronger Rally will be hosted by St Mary's Mooroopna!

Join us for a BBQ, Games, Praise and Worship and talks with Fr Rob and the Stronger Band

Location: Marian Centre, McLennan St Mooroopna;

Date: Friday 22nd April, 6-9pm

25th ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY FR BRIAN CAHILL

Fr Brian Cahill is celebrating his 25th Ordination Anniversary.

A Mass will be held at St Mel's Parish on Saturday 23rd July at 10.00am

All Welcome. For Inquiries phone Tonina Romeo, Parish Secretary 58312194

FETE MEETING

There will be a Fete meeting next Tuesday 19th April at 7pm in the Mercy Centre.

Could parishioners **make every effort** to attend as it is a combined parish and school event.

We look forward to seeing you there.

APRIL DIARY DATES

Mon	18 Apr	Crazy Whist 1.30pm Parish Hall
Tues	19 Apr	5.30pm Parish Pastoral Council 7pm Fete Meeting Mercy Centre Social Issues ICE meeting see page 3
Wed	20 Apr	9.15am intention for Jack Smith
Thurs	21 Apr	First Reconciliation Kyabram 7.30pm
Fri	22 Apr	9.15am Mass Mercy Charism Day
Sat	23 Apr	25 th Ordination Anniversary Fr Brian Cahill
Sun	24 Apr	10am Mass 50 th anniversary celebrations for school site
Mon	25 Apr	ANZAC Day Mass 9am ANZAC Parade (assemble at Victory Hall at 10:30am to march) All students invited
Tues	26 Apr	7pm School Board meeting St Mark, Evangelist
Wed	27 Apr	PAC's training in Shepparton
Thurs	28 Apr	
Fri	29 Apr	St Catherine of Siena
Sat	30 Apr	6pm Mass
Sun	1 May	8am Mass

PASTORAL CARE

- Trish Miller 5824 1841; Marli Kelly 0457 772 869
- Anne Hutchison 5824 3460 Debbie Worm 5824 1841

If you judge other people you have no time to love them – Mother Teresa



Sacred Heart Primary School Tatura celebrates 50 years at current site

Friday 22nd April 2016

9.15 am School Mass

Following Mass there will be a presentation in the Church accompanied by a rolling slide show.

10.30am approx

Morning Tea and continued story telling

11.45am

Continued Presentation with Year 5/6 Students - hopefully on the site of the First School (30 - 45 minutes). Weather permitting.

Saturday April 23rd 2016

4pm - 5.30pm

Anniversary Gathering Celebration - Function Room - Lagozzino's Hotel.

This will be open to anyone interested.

Those that wish can then stay on for dinner.

Sunday April 24th, 2016

10am Mass

Following Mass there will be a presentation in the Church for 15 minutes accompanied by a rolling slide show.

11.15am

Morning Tea and continued story telling in the Mercy Centre



It would be greatly appreciated if parishioners would bring a plate of food to share for Morning Tea in the Mercy Centre after Mass.

Top Ten Takeaways from “Amoris Laetitia”

[Synod on the Family](#)

Apr 8 2016 - 6:00am | [James Martin, S.J.](#)

Pope Francis’s groundbreaking new document “Amoris Laetitia” (“The Joy of Love”) asks the church to meet people where they are, to consider the complexities of people’s lives and to respect people’s consciences when it comes to moral decisions. The apostolic exhortation is mainly a document that reflects on family life and encourages families. But it is also the pope’s reminder that the church should avoid simply judging people and imposing rules on them without considering their struggles.

Using insights from the Synod of Bishops on the Family and from bishops’ conferences from around the world, Pope Francis affirms church teaching on family life and marriage, but strongly emphasizes the role of personal conscience and pastoral discernment. He urges the church to appreciate the context of people’s lives when helping them make good decisions. The goal is to help families—in fact, everyone—experience God’s love and know that they are welcome members of the church. All this may require what the pope calls “new pastoral methods” (199).

Here are ten things to know about the pope’s groundbreaking new document.

1. The church needs to understand families and individuals in all their complexity. The church needs to meet people where they are. So pastors are to “avoid judgements which do not take into account the complexity of various situations” (296). People should not be “pigeonholed or fit into overly rigid classifications leaving no room for personal and pastoral discernment” (298). In other words, one size does not fit all. People are encouraged to live by the Gospel, but should also be welcomed into a church that appreciates their particular struggles and treats them with mercy. “Thinking that everything is black and white” is to be avoided (305). And the church cannot apply moral laws as if they were “stones to throw at people’s lives” (305). Overall, he calls for an approach of understanding, compassion and accompaniment.

2. The role of conscience is paramount in moral decision making. “Individual conscience needs to be better incorporated into the church’s practice in certain situations which do not objectively embody our understanding of marriage” (303). That is, the traditional belief that individual conscience is the final arbiter of the moral life has been forgotten here. The church has been “called to form consciences, not to replace them” (37). Yes, it is true, the Pope says, that a conscience needs to be formed by church teaching. But conscience does more than to judge what does or does not agree with church teaching. Conscience can also recognize with “a certain moral security” what God is asking (303). Pastors, therefore, need to help people not simply follow rules, but to practice “discernment,” a word that implies prayerful decision making (304).

3. Divorced and remarried Catholics need to be more fully integrated into the church. How? By looking at the specifics of their situation, by remembering “mitigating factors,” by counseling them in the “internal forum,” (that is, in private conversations between the priest and person or couple), and by respecting that the final decision about the degree of participation in the church is left to a person’s conscience (305, 300). (The reception of Communion is not spelled out here, but that is a traditional aspect of “participation” in church life.) Divorced and remarried couples should be made to feel part of the church. “They are not excommunicated and should not be treated as such, since they remain part” of the church (243).

4. All members of the family need to be encouraged to live good Christian lives. Much of “Amoris Laetitia” consists of reflections on the Gospels and church teaching on love, the family and children. But it also includes a great deal of practical advice from the pope, sometimes gleaned from exhortations and homilies regarding the family. Pope Francis reminds married couples that a good marriage is a “dynamic process” and that each side has to put up with imperfections. “Love does not have to be perfect for us to value it” (122, 113). The pope, speaking as a pastor, encourages not only married couples, but also engaged couples, expectant mothers, adoptive parents, widows, as well as aunts, uncles and grandparents. He is especially attentive that no one feels unimportant or excluded from God’s love.

5. We should no longer talk about people “living in sin.” In a sentence that reflects a new approach, the pope says clearly, “It can no longer simply be said that all those living in any ‘irregular situation’ are living in a state of mortal sin” (301). Other people in “irregular situations,” or non-traditional families, like single mothers, need to be offered “understanding, comfort and acceptance” (49). When it comes to these people, indeed everyone, the church need to stop applying moral laws, as if they were, in the pope’s vivid phrase, “stones to throw at a person’s life” (305).

6. What might work in one place may not work in another. The pope is not only speaking in terms of individuals, but geographically as well. “Each country or region...can seek solutions better suited to its culture and sensitive to its traditions and local needs” (3). What makes sense pastorally in one country may even seem out of place in another. For this reason and others, as the pope says at the beginning of the document that for this reason, not every question can be settled by the *magisterium*, that is, the church’s teaching office (3).

7. Traditional teachings on marriage are affirmed, but the church should not burden people with unrealistic expectations. Marriage is between one man and one woman and is indissoluble; and same-sex marriage is not considered marriage. The church continues to hold out an invitation to healthy marriages. At the same time, the church has often foisted upon people an “artificial theological ideal of marriage” removed from people’s everyday lives (36). At times these ideals have been a “tremendous burden” (122). To that end, seminarians and priests need to be better trained to understand the complexities of people’s married lives. “Ordained ministers often lack the training needed to deal with the complex problems currently facing families” (202).

8. Children must be educated in sex and sexuality. In a culture that often commodifies and cheapens sexual expression, children need to understand sex within the “broader framework of an education for love and mutual self-giving” (280). Sadly, the body is often seen as simply “an object to be used” (153). Sex always has to be understood as being open to the gift of new life.

9. Gay men and women should be respected. While same-sex marriage is not permitted, the pope says that he wants to reaffirm “before all else” that the homosexual person needs to be “respected in his or her dignity and treated with consideration, and ‘every sign of unjust discrimination’ is to be carefully avoided, particularly any form of aggression or violence.” Families with LGBT members need “respectful pastoral guidance” from the church and its pastors so that gays and lesbians can fully carry out God’s will in their lives (250).

10. All are welcome. The church must help families of every sort, and people in every state of life, know that, even in their imperfections, they are loved by God and can help others experience that love. Likewise, pastors must work to make people feel welcome in the church. “Amoris Laetitia” offers the vision of a pastoral and merciful church that encourages people to experience the “joy of love.” The family is an absolutely essential part of the church, because after all, the church is a “family of families” (80).

Amoris Laetitia Opens the Way to Holy Communion for Divorced and Remarrieds

By Sean Smith, The Tablet 8 April 2016

Language of apostolic exhortation should allow priests to make judgments on a case by case basis

Pope Francis has opened the way for divorced and remarried Catholics to receive holy communion in the long-awaited publication on his comments on the two Synods of Bishops On the Family today (Friday).

The 260-page apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia* - authored by Pope Francis - was published at 11am (BST) and the carefully chosen language is expected to allow enough leeway to parish priests to make a judgment call on what has been a widely contentious issue throughout Pope Francis' reign.

"It can no longer simply be said that all those in any 'irregular' situation are living in a state of mortal sin and are deprived of sanctifying grace," Francis writes in chapter 8.

"It is necessary to recognise that responsibility with respect to certain actions or decisions is not the same in all cases," he says, arguing that "general rules set forth a good which can never be disregarded or neglected, but in their formulation they cannot provide absolutely for all particular situations".

Accepting that an "objective situation of sin" may not be "subjectively culpable, or fully such" he says the Church has a responsibility regarding someone in a situation to which this description applies. A person may need to "love and ... also grow in the life of grace and charity, while receiving the Church's help to this end." Then, in what will be seen by many as an explosive footnote (351) he says that: "In certain cases, this can include the help of the sacraments." He mentions both confession and Eucharist, which "is not a prize for the perfect, but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak."

In what many will read as departures from positions taken by Benedict XVI when he was Pope, and beforehand when he was Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Francis remarks in footnote 329, on how "faithfulness is endangered and the good of children suffers" if "certain expressions of intimacy" are lacking when divorced and remarried Catholics live together "as brothers and sisters". It was Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger who stipulated this requirement. As Pope Benedict XVI, he also emphasised the importance of "spiritual communion" (that is, non-sacramental) for divorced and remarried Catholics. Francis makes no mention of this either.

But there was no wriggle room for same-sex marriage as the apostolic exhortation, which is the Pope's response to the two Synods of Bishops on the Family at the Vatican in October 2014 and October 2015, was very clear that there was no path to same-sex unions being blessed by the Roman Catholic church.

"We need to acknowledge the great variety of family situations that can offer a certain stability, but de facto or same-sex unions may not simply be equated with marriage. No union that is temporarily closed to the transmission of life can ensure the future of society," the Pope wrote.

And he echoed the words of the bishops who wrote that there are "absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual unions to be in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God's plan for marriage and family".

While the vast majority of the document ratifies the final document produced by the bishops and handed to the Pope at the end of October, Francis did find space to criticise the Catholic Church's performance so far on the family. "The way we present our Christian beliefs and treat other people has helped contribute to today's problematic situation [on the family]. We need a healthy dose of self-criticism," Francis writes.

Amoris Laetitia is Pope Francis' second apostolic exhortation, after *Evangelii Gaudium* in November 2013, a document widely seen as a blueprint for Francis' papacy.

This will be the second papal exhortation on the theme of the family, following *Familiaris Consortio* by St. John Paul II in 1981.

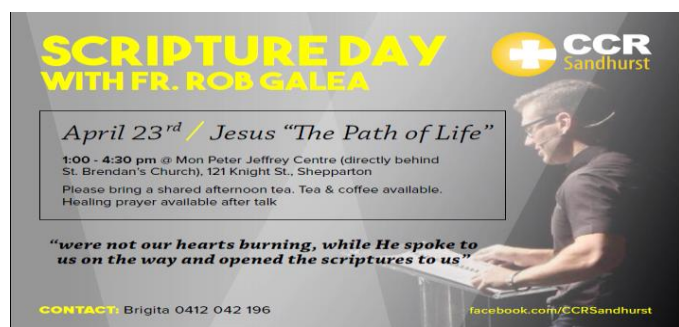
CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS COVER ALMOST ONE-THIRD OF EDUCATION COSTS

Did you know that parents of students in Catholic schools continue to pay almost 30 per cent of the cost of educating their child, on average, despite increases in government funding to meet the changing educational needs of students in Catholic schools.

School funding data shows that the share of recurrent funding that Catholic school parents pay has been consistent in recent years at 29 per cent.

On average, a student in a Catholic school receives \$2,000 less in government funding than a government school student.

Copies of the full media release on this issue are available at the back of the church.



SCRIPTURE DAY
WITH FR. ROB GALEA

April 23rd / Jesus "The Path of Life"

1:00 - 4:30 pm @ Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre (directly behind St. Brendan's Church), 121 Knight St., Shepparton
Please bring a shared afternoon tea. Tea & coffee available.
Healing prayer available after talk.

"were not our hearts burning, while He spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us"

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Jesus "The Path of Life" at Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre St Brendan's 121 Knight Street Shepparton.

1.00pm – 4.30pm.

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Contact Brigita 0411 042 196.

YEAR OF MERCY

For Others

...every person is worthy of our giving ... they are God's handiwork, his creation. God created that person in his image, and he or she reflects something of God's glory. Every human being is the object of God's infinite tenderness, and he himself is present in their lives. Jesus offered his precious blood on the cross for that person. EG 274

We need to help others...accept and esteem them as companions along the way... find Jesus in the faces of others, in their voices, in their pleas. EG 91

In the Narthex there are 20 copies of the booklet *I will Never Forget You* free to take.

SOCIAL ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS: A COMMUNITY FORUM TO TACKLE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH 'ICE' IN OUR COMMUNITY

Organised by St Mary's Parish & School, Mooroopna.
Tuesday 19 April, 7.30 – 9.30 pm. Speakers: Jenny O'Connell, Geoff Long, Detective Snr Sgt Paul Maher. Sir Ian McLennan Centre, Mooroopna. More information: St Mary's Parish (03) 5825 2034 or St Mary's Primary School (03) 5825 2858.

"PARISH RESPONSE TO URGENT SOCIAL ISSUE

The Goulburn Valley has a huge issue with the abuse of drugs and ICE. The levels of domestic violence as a result are well above the State average. The Parish Pastoral Council at Mooroopna sees an urgent need to raise awareness and seek to address this critical issue. Families especially with children at our schools need to be aware of the prevalence of this social scourge.

The public Forum that has been arranged will address the issue. Jenny O'Connell is an experienced and well known counsellor. She will speak about a new method of counselling which seeks to assist people affected by this scourge. A parent will tell the story of a family coping with the issue. Then a senior police officer will speak about the extent of the problem in the Goulburn Valley and the North East of Victoria.

The hope is that service clubs, sports clubs and the local aboriginal community will take advantage of this opportunity. An invitation is extended to parents from our schools and the broader community to attend."

Mons Peter Jeffrey, Parish Priest, St Mary's Parish Mooroopna.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Goulburn Valley Regional Council

Invites You

Join us in offering a hand of friendship

Help us to create a more just and compassionate Australia by joining or supporting the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Do you want to find out more about the St Vincent de Paul Society? Would you like to make a difference in your community? The Society aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering a 'hand up' to people in need. We do this by respecting their dignity, sharing our hope and encouraging them to take control of their destiny.

Date: Tuesday 26th April 2016

Time: 6.30pm for light refreshments
7.15pm Start

Venue: Mons Peter Jeffrey Rooms
(rear of St Brendan's Church, Knight Street, Shepparton)

RSVP by: Friday 22nd April to: Denise Crawford
0432 054 003 or Bryan Miller 0419 900 062



Readings for
this week:

Acts 13:14,43-52
Apocalypse 7:9,14-17
John 10:27-30



Readings for
next Sunday

Acts 14:21-27
Apocalypse 21:1-5
John 13:31-35



Liturgical Jottings

The Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgical celebrations called for by the very nature of the liturgy. Such participation by the Christian people as “A chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people” (1Pt 2:9) is their right and duty by reason of their baptism. Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #14

From Today’s Readings

Jesus said: “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.” Jn 10:27

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Looking at the Readings

Jesus says that “I am the good shepherd”~ what he is really saying is “I am a good leader”.

We have witnessed some interesting ways of leadership lately. I think some of the people in leadership, both political and religious, are not demonstrating great leadership skills.

According to Jesus a good leader is one who

- Puts their heart into their job
- Is in for the long haul ~ even when times are tough
- Cares for those they lead
- Has faith in their followers
- Listens to others
- Gives sound advice
- Knows their limitations
- Recognises the gifts and talents of others

But perhaps being a leader is more than just a job. Being a leader is a way of life, a gift given by God to a few. Some people are born leaders and others have it thrust upon them. Some people grow as leaders and assist others to grow with them. Some listen to the Spirit and some just don’t.

Jesus was a great leader. He put his heart into the role unto death. He cared, listened and spoke with wisdom. He is the leader we, as Christians, follow. He is our shepherd and I for one am very happy to be one of his sheep.

Memorable Memorial of the Week

St Anslem – Thursday 21 April

Saint Anselm of Canterbury also called Anselm of Aosta after his birthplace and Anselm of Bec after his monastery, was a Benedictine monk, abbot, philosopher and theologian, who held the office of Archbishop of Canterbury from 1093 to 1109. After his death, he was canonised as a saint.

Quotable Quote

“People give the orders, but God alone gives the discernment.”
Ignatius of Loyola

Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people, a heart that forgives the worst,
a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God.