

Rosters for This Week 27th & 28th June 2020

Mass Readers	5.30pm Josie Penna 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Jane McLaughlin
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Rosters for Next Week 4th & 5th July 2020

Mass Readers	5.30pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Olga Reginato
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IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for, Leo O'Brien, Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Kevin Murphy, Kevin Featherstone, Bridget Walsh, Cathryn Walsh.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Sr. Anne Cahir, Vivona Giuseppe, Frank Fenwick, Lina Duckworth, Fr. Michael Fitzpatrick, Alan Clark, Henrietta Augustin, Eileen Buckley, Leanne Barclay, Gulia Kucich, Matino Costanzo, Victoria Satalich, John Triboldi, John O'Meara, Sheila Hoctor, Antionette Azzopardi, Rose Cini, Angelo Messina, Vincenzo Timpano, Noel Dykes, Olive Baker, Bon Smith, Francis Bloink, John Gillman, Mona Ellis, Pat Minogue, Maria Melone, Vittorio, Adele & Mario Rigoni, Salvatore & Antonio Sagona, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Rita, Pietro, Francesca, Benedetto & Ignazio Saragozza, Patrizia McBride Sagona, Antonio & Natalina Costa, Romeo, Rosaria & Joe Camilleri, Giuseppe & Concetta Camilleri, Clemente & Georgina, Natalino & Maria Mifsud, Alberto, Celestina, Ersilia, Giuseppe, Natalino, Margherita, Carmelo, George & Emmanuele Mangion whose anniversaries are at this time.



Prophet Elisha (1st Reading) and the Shunem woman.

St Mary's Parish

A community where we bring together our gifts and talents



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28th June, 2020

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Thursday 8:30am – 4pm
Friday 8:30am – 4pm

Wednesday Secretary
Kylie Skinner
8.30am–3.30pm

St. Mary's School
Principal
Anthony Hockey

Normal Mass Times
Consult bulletin inside for any changes.
Saturday at 5:30pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday to Thursday 9:15am

Reconciliation
Saturday 10:00am

Silent Adoration in Church
2:30pm – 3:30pm
Wednesday

Baptism Preparation Night
Third Thursday monthly
7.00pm at Parish Centre.
Baptism must be booked prior to attending Preparation Night.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the second book of Kings. 4:8-11, 14-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING:

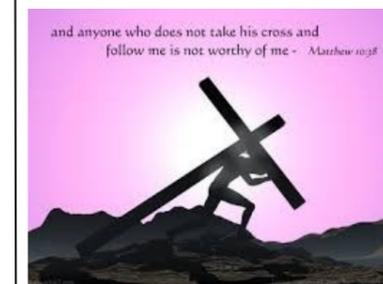
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. 6:3-4, 8-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

You are not a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvelous light.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW: 10:37-42

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and who ever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Who ever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Who ever receives you receives me, and who ever receives me receives the one who sent me. Who ever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and who ever receives a righteous man



because he is righteous will receive a righteous man’s reward. And who ever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”



A Big Happy Birthday Fr Greg for the 29th June

We hope you have a great day!!

Tuesday 30th June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Wednesday 1st July	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 2nd July	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

Late last week I was writing our parish newsletter with some greater optimism as it had been announced by the Victorian Government that 50 people would be allowed in a public space, such as for Church worship if appropriate social distancing was maintained. Indeed, **I was really looking forward to see a number of people who had not able to be present** for our usual weekend Mass, and had stated that they wanted to join the wider group when allowed. Alas, around the days beforehand, due to some mindless activity by a minority percentage of Victorians, the Government had to change its mind and last Saturday pull the rug from under our feet! Accordingly, instead of 50 x 4 Masses = 200 people only 20 x 4 = 80 have been allowed into the public worship arena. With over 300 normally coming to Mass of a weekend previously, it has felt somewhat like a juggling act, but I thank the vast majority of you for being both flexible and patient. Also, on the financial side as there are no plate collections, somehow with jobkeeper for our parish staff (except for myself) and your generosity with stewardship envelopes into the locked letter box/ putting through the slit in the presbytery door, or keeping up your credit or debit payments we have been doing better than most parishes! Thanks for that because it gives me less of a headache on one side of my ministry, and I can therefore mainly concentrate on the more important matters of faith and pastoral responsibilities. For those who I have not been able to see at this time of the corona virus please know you are not an unimportant member of our parish and it will be good if Victorians do the right thing over the next month, and then we will be able to see each other again in less than a month's time. In the meantime, if you wish to call me on any matter whatsoever don't hesitate to ring me on 0400 524 363 as I leave it on most of the day (except for my day off) between 8am - 10:00pm but at other hours the normal parish number on front of bulletin can be used, especially if urgent.



EXTRA SERMON/REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY 13A.

The modern traveller has become accustomed to the easy availability of roadside service stations, an enormous variety of take aways, and to add to creature comforts many well-appointed caravan parks or for those who can afford it, a motel with all mod cons. Whereas over 2,800 years ago in the days of the great prophet Elisha, the chief disciple of Elijah, there was naturally no caravan parks or fast food outlets!!

In those Elisha days those who travelled beyond the territory of their own family had to depend on the hospitality of strangers to survive. In chapter 4 of the second Book of Kings (12th book of the Bible) and our first reading on this 13th Sunday Year A, Elisha is seen to be very lucky in his travels. He meets a relatively wealthy woman who invites him to break his journey and eat at her house as she sees him pass by often and tired from his ministry of reaching out in her wider neighbourhood.

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The hospitality must have been very satisfying because Elisha makes a habit of stopping there on his travels. In the fullness of time she recognises that Elisha is a holy man. Accordingly, she asks her husband's permission to build an upstairs attic on to their house so that the prophet can have his own room when he passes by. Her husband must have agreed with her because the next we hear about Elisha is that he is resting in that upper attic room.



Naturally the prophet wants to repay the hospitality of his hostess and so he asks his servant at the time for some ideas. His servant tells Elisha: "Well, she has no son and her husband is old." The servant is astute. He knows that the woman is entertaining this holy man because she at least hopes subconsciously that she may receive the special blessing of a child, and her hope is fulfilled. The next guest will be a child. Soon the attic of the prophet will become the nursery of the newborn!

As Elisha is a very holy man, and is extra sensitive to the needs of others, **it is worthwhile for all of us to identify with holiness: who is holy - what is holy.** In looking at what or who is holy it should not be too hard for us to take another big step 800 years later and see that Jesus is the epitome of holiness. Also in a sense like Elisha in his travels, Jesus in his travels on the road realises that he cannot depend just on his friends and relations as an itinerant preacher. As the ultimate 'holy man' Jesus joins a travelling group of people, in particular the apostles (all holy except for Judas) who depend on the hospitality of many various strangers in the villages along the way. Then, when a wide variety of village people see Jesus as a 'holy messenger of God', in their turn like the wealthy woman friend of Elisha, they receive a holy man's reward. Thus, the poor hear the good news, the sick are healed, some have their sight restored and sinners in particular like the little man Zacchaeus, the tax collector, come to know the forgiveness of God. This is through the very act of opening their hearts to the very person of Jesus. His presence rubs off on them. They even catch something of his goodness and values.

Now in our day and age if we look closer we will find those holy men and women!

I could name them in our congregation and many of you could also as well name them in our wider community. The good will always be around us - only if we have eyes to see and hearts to listen. They are the ones who lift the sties from our eyes and help the clouds lift so that we can still witness blue skies and not just dark clouds on our horizons.

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 26/6/2020

NEXT WORKING BEE

SATURDAY 4TH JULY

9.00AM-11.00AM

All are welcome at our next working bee. Any help at all would be greatly appreciated and it would also be wonderful if you could bring your own equipment to use.

