

Please remember these people in our prayers

**Recent Deaths:**

Pala Luka (father of Malia Felise); Marion Rowe; Tony Lazzara; June Higgins



**Anniversaries**

Kevin Dillon; Bob Morgan; Fr Declan Duggan; Kevin O'Connell; Ray Hill; Nella Arbace (Gallo); Phillip Templeton

**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

**School News**

This week St Mary's held their Parent/Teacher Conversations over the phone. This was a new experience for all of us. The feedback so far appears that it seemed to still be a positive experience for the parents and teachers.



Prep classes are learning how to add two groups together to find the total. They seem to have quickly grasped this concept. Our Year 1-2 students have started learning about how to write make-believe stories. So far they have explored characters in a story and how their personality and physical traits can be different.

In Science, Year 3-4's will continue with their experiments on day and night.

Our Year 5-6 classes have had many interesting conversations around Australia's democracy, with questions relating to voting and decision making.

Secondary students have started to research a modern-day hero and are quickly discovering that these heroes seem to have very similar attributes.

**ROBINVALE MASS TIMES THIS WEEK**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July @ 6:00pm

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July @ 6:00pm

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July @ 9:30am

**MANANGATANG MASS TIMES THIS WEEK**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July @ 11:00am**

Reader ~ T.Sebi

Prayers of the Faithful ~ K.Templeton

Offertory ~ R.Sebi

***Our Parish Bulletin***

Our Parish Bulletin is online  
[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

Select Robinvale Parish, click on the yellow magnifying glass symbol, open Robinvale page.

**Anointing of the Sick, and Sacramental Communion**

Fr Anthony is available to administer these sacraments to those who are ill. Please call the parish office 50263068 to arrange a visit.

**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

**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](mailto:robinvale@ballarat.catholic.org.au)

### **Is there something else I can give to the Church in Thanksgiving?**

On our return to Sunday Eucharist our experience will be somewhat different, but we will still need parishioners as Lectors, Eucharist Ministers, IT operators (to play hymns), sacristans, bringing up the Gifts, flower arranging, cleaning etc. These ministries allow us to pray, reflect and open our hearts to hear the Word of God. Please consider these options .... Giving your Time. Please contact Mary Knight 0438 6279 20 for more information and to volunteer.

### **Baptisms:**



Father Anthony has been busy catching up on Baptisms which were cancelled during the recent lockdown. A Parish Baptism Team was formed to assist Father with preparation of these families. Two information meetings have been facilitated and were very well received by parents.

Attendance at a parent information session is a requirement prior to the celebration of the first sacrament of initiation (Baptism) into our church family.

No future meetings have been scheduled as yet.

Please contact Fr Anthony on 50263068 or Clare Jury 0409530489 for more details.

## ***Reflections on the Gospel***

### **GLIMPSING THE KINGDOM**

The two little parables, that of the Treasure Discovered in the Field and the Pearl of Great Price, both depict a situation where a person finds something that they dearly want to possess. In one, a poor day-laborer comes across treasure buried in a field – an unimaginable windfall! In the other, a merchant recognises something he has been searching for all his business life: the perfect pearl!

Neither, however, is able to get hold of what they have discovered immediately. There is a gap between finding and possessing. But already the mere sight of what each have found frees them to 'sell all' so that they can finally possess it. Jesus told the twin parables to illustrate a key feature of the Kingdom of Heaven. It is not something we possess right now; only in the future will it be fully realised in the world and in human lives. But those who have caught a glimpse of it from Jesus know that they have come upon a treasure that will fulfil their deepest desires. The joy of the discovery puts all other attractions in second place. They gain the freedom to 'sell all' in order, one day, to obtain what they have seen. Taken together, the parables contain a whole Christian spirituality – perhaps best illustrated in the life of St Francis of Assisi. His commitment to radical poverty was not something imposed on him. It flowed in complete freedom from the 'treasure' of God's love that he, in supreme degree, had glimpsed.

### **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](mailto:mary.knight20@outlook.com)

A Newsletter delivery can be organised by calling 0438 6279 20

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Kings 3:5, 7-12

### A reading from the first book of the Kings

*You have asked for wisdom.*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this', the Lord said, 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

**This is the word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God**

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130. R. v. 97**

### Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, / is to obey your word. / The law from your mouth means more to me / than silver and gold.

### Lord, I love your commands

Let your love be ready to console me / by your promise to your servant. / Let your love come to me and I shall live / for your law is my delight.

### Lord, I love your commands

That is why I love your commands / more than finest gold. / That is why I rule my life by your precepts: / I hate false ways.

### Lord, I love your commands

Your will is wonderful indeed; / therefore I obey it. / The unfolding of your word gives light / and teaches the simple.

### Lord, I love your commands

## SECOND READING

Rom 8:28-30

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

*He predestined us to become true images of his Son.*

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

**This is the word of the Lord.**

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Alleluia, alleluia!

Mt 11:25

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 13:44-52

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

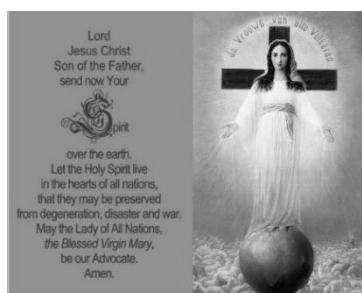
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

# ST MARY'S PARISH, ROBINVALE



INCORPORATING ST. PATRICK'S MANANGATANG

*Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020 ~ 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A*



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St Patrick's  
Manangatang**

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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.