

ST MARY'S PARISH, ROBINVALE

Incorporating St Patrick's Manangatang

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22nd & 23rd August 2020

Please remember these people in our prayers

Recent Deaths:

Adele Curran; Kenny Rogers

Anniversaries:

Francesco Costantino; Maud Ryan; Geraldine Gorman; Vincent Morris; Carol Muratore; Jim White; Peter Mason; Frank Puleio

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;



MASSES CANCELLED UNTIL 13TH SEPTEMBER

Stage three restrictions are in place in regional Victoria. The regulations require that “religious ceremonies and private worship” be “broadcast only”. This means that our church will be closed to the general public until 13th September. Let's do what we can to pray for and assist each other during this time and trust in prayer to empower our otherwise risk of succumbing into helplessness. We pray for those elsewhere who are affected much more than us either by the virus itself and/or even severer restrictions. May God bless us throughout this time of more uncharted territory and bring us safely through to what lies on the other side.

CDF PAY

CDF (Catholic Development Fund – Ballarat) together with CDF Pay have developed an online thanksgiving portal known as CDF Pay for Parishes. During this period of time where Masses in the diocese are suspended or reduced, parishes need the financial support of parishioners more than ever. We are encouraging all parishioners to use our new electronic parish thanksgiving program. You can now use this portal to support our parish in both/either the first and second collections. Electronic thanksgiving offerings can be made as one off payments or you can set up a regular payment.

You will receive an electronic receipt for any payments made.

Payment link can be found by scrolling down on our webpage or using the below link.

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayRobinvale>

Please see the link for online Mass celebrated by Fr Anthony at St. Joseph's Church, Ouyen for 21st Sunday:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iRe9Im6DY1o>

St Rose of Lima Virgin

Rose of Lima was a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic in Lima, Peru, who became known for both her life of severe asceticism and her care of the needy of the city through her own private efforts.



Cancellation of Chrism Mass for 2020

Bishop Paul has advised parishes that the Chrism Mass has been cancelled for 2020 due to the coronavirus restrictions which do not allow for large gatherings. We look forward to celebrating this mass on the Monday of Holy Week in 2021

Reflection on the Gospel

The innocent question Jesus puts to his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” quickly becomes personal: “But you, who do you say I am?” It's a question that has haunted every generation, and it bothers us still. It's a question that we want to shy away from and yet find alluring; it both threatens and promises. Our lesser self is threatened by the decision it demands of us. We sense that we are being asked for a commitment. Our settled ways are in jeopardy. We might have to re-evaluate our beliefs and behaviours. We suspect that we may be called to let go of familiar things and venture into unknown territory. For all that, the question attracts us. It has an air of adventure about it, the promise of discovery. That promise centres on the person of Jesus. We are drawn to him. We find him endlessly fascinating. Our better selves know that we will find his company exhilarating. With him we discover the depths of our humanity, in him we see the face of God.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you, I will adore before your holy temple.

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING Romans 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

How rich are the depths of God –how deep his wisdom and knowledge –and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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

Pray at Home

At this time, we cannot receive you Lord Jesus sacramentally in the Eucharist. Help us to welcome you spiritually as we wait for the day when your saving Sacrifice will be offered and the divine Banquet will be spread in our churches once more. You are the Lamb of God who take away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof. But only say the word and my soul shall be healed. My Jesus, come to me. I long for you; let me always be at one with you.