

Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10: 27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 6: 30-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD

Our readings for this Sunday call to mind our need for God across the ages. The daily news often depicts a world out of control, wracked by war, aggression, violence, sadness and fear. Yet we know God reaches out in every age with love.

In Jeremiah we hear that the Lord gathers up the remnant of the flock bringing them into the fold where they will be safe. God will not abandon them but will raise up David as king who will bring Judah and Israel to safety. Our psalm response is a mantra for all ages: 'the Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.' The Letter to the Ephesians speaks of Christ as 'the peace between us' and offers us the comfort that he 'came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.'

As we focus on the Gospel of Mark, we find Jesus calling his disciples together and inviting them to 'come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' Recognising their need for rest after being on mission, Jesus still has his eye to the crowds who are like 'sheep without a shepherd.' Today we can see the constancy of God's care for us in the midst of all that might overwhelm us. There is invitation both to find time for rest and reflection on the gift of the Lord as shepherd and Christ who is peace, as well as for sharing this gift with all in need.

FIRST READING

Jer 23: 1-6

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The remnant of my flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 22. R. v. 2

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**



2. He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. **R.**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord's own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**

SECOND READING

Eph 2: 13-18

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

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the



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MASS TIMES

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Sunday: Kilmore at 7.45 am, Wallan at 9.00 am & Kilmore at 10.30 am
Weekday Masses: Kilmore, Tuesday—Saturday Mass at 9 am (Except: Wednesday at 9am in Wallan)
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ROSTERS:

	<u>20/21 Jun</u>	<u>27/28 Jul</u>
<u>BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):</u>	20 Jul	27 Jul
Reader	Peter Kelly	Amy Leahy
Eucharist Minister	Amy Leahy	Brian O'Dwyer
<u>KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):</u>	20 Jul	27 Jul
Reader	Rianne Emmanuel	Assumption
Eucharist Minister	Paul Reed	Velia Barro
PowerPoint	Boyd Family	Pauline Duff
<u>KILMORE 7.45am (Sun):</u>	21 Jul	28 Jul
Reader	John O'Callaghan	Lance Phillips
Eucharist Minister	Lance Phillips	Justine Sapiano
PowerPoint	Carroll Family	Carroll Family
<u>WALLAN 9am (Sun):</u>	21 Jul	28 Jul
Reader	Carenza Quinn	Neomi Dsouza
Eucharist Minister	Patrick Hutchinson	Vivienne Lawrence
PowerPoint	Fetu Thompson	Marie Hoban
<u>KILMORE 10.30am (Sun):</u>	21 Jul	28 Jul
Reader	Anita Matthew	Sandra McCaughey
Eucharist Minister	Angela Liddle	Chandy Mathew
PowerPoint	Nadeesha Mendis	Kathy Curry
<u>FLOWERS:</u>	Carry Eid	Elisa Ferraresi
<u>HOME EUCHARIST:</u>	John Dixon	Leonie Dunlop
	Mary Donovan	Rose Rich
<u>CLEANERS KILMORE:</u>	TBA	TBA

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Sick List:

Gerard McCaughey, Sonia Savolokin, Shae Newey, Steven Campbell, Danny Prelac, Jim Ahearn, Robert Duncan, Pina D'agostino, Eva Aschberger, Ian & Sandy Domeyer, Richard Lloyd, Theo Aitchison, Lee Stewart, Tessa Borg, Kelly Borg, Peter Hanvin, Ronnie Johnson, Beth Murphy, Dot McIlroy, Susan Foster, Rita Devlin, Rosa Dahm, Guadalupe Agreda, Verka Tasic & all the sick of the parish.

Anniversaries:

Jodie Smith, Carmel Kelly, Janet Leishman, Mary Ray, Maria Montero, Eric Torres, Francis (Frank) Joseph Hart, Edith Florence Cameron, Alice Mary Scully, Nell Gough, Frank Buttigieg, Henricus Verbaken, Michael Delahunty, David Haine, Ricki Schwab, Bro. Thomas Maher, Robert Barr, Joseph Francis Coleiro, Bob Griffiths, Mary Dove, Maria Galea, Doreen May Cameron, Paolo Scollo and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time as well as all people who are in need of our prayers.

Recently Deceased: Luningning Pinpin

Sun 21st Jul: Pray for the intentions of Mary McLaughlin (67th Wedding Anniversary) and Pray for the soul of Kevin McLaughlin.

Mon 22nd Jul: **9am Communion Service, no Mass.**

Tue 23rd Jul: Pray for the soul of Miriam Crespo.

Wed 24th Jul: Pray for the good health of Pina D'agostino.

Thu 25th Jul: Pray for the good health of Agnes.

Fri 26th Jul: Pray for the soul of Les Jones.

Sat 27th Jul: Pray for the soul of Charles Rowland.



Paintings by Maureen Kurzman

You may have noticed a series of paintings displayed at the Wallan Church and also at the 175th Anniversary morning tea. Here is an explanation behind these paintings, through the eyes of the artist, Maureen Kurzman.

Mary at the Cross

A single tear!

Mary is looking up at her son, seeing his brutalized and tortured body. She, and those with her, realize that Jesus Christ is close to death. Her face conveys the story of what her eyes are seeing and her heart and mind feels.

As he draws his last breath and realizing that he has died, a single tear escapes Mary's eye. She draws her shawl to her face to slowly wipe at the tear she has shed.

Mary's eyes and face portray the story of the love, admiration and devotion she had for her son, Jesus Christ

Christ with his Mother Mary, at his side!

Christ's face says it all!

Christ's face says it all! It conveys his love, admiration, respect and appreciation of this woman - his mother, Mary!

Mary's inner strength, gentleness, generosity of heart and mind are conveyed in her eyes, heart and touch. Like Christ, Mary reached out to all, doing things quietly, always in the background, yet present to all! Her quiet and loving compassion enabled her to be Christ's constant companion and never far from his side. A woman with a 'Love' that has no boundaries and embraces everyone!

A woman 'Who did things quietly and with Love in heart and mind'. The Gospels portray Mary as a woman of devotion, a companion to Christ and a constant support to his disciples.

Mother and Child

The painting of 'Mother and Child' portrays the love Mary had for her son, Jesus Christ.

Her smile and tilt of her head towards Jesus' face, as she cradles him in her warm embrace. portrays the commencement of a journey that continues and deepens throughout their lives.

The bond between Mother and Child is seen in their faces ...

'a love that is shared will last a lifetime and beyond'.

Mary is Christ's first disciple, who was **always** at his side from his birth to his death!

Madonna and Child

(This painting depicts the true colour tones of the inhabitants of this region)

A loved male child born in stable in Bethlehem.

This painting depicts 'A mother and child' who are the traditional inhabitants of this region.

The love and bond between Mary and her son, Jesus, is striking. One only needs to look at their eyes - their connection and the deep love they have for one another. The strength of their bond is obvious – **'it is seen in their eyes and on their faces'!**

Mary as a young Woman

This painting is of a young Mary, possibly in her middle teens, unaware of what the future holds. She is quiet, shy, waiting for her life to unfold. Yet, there is an innocence about her, an openness to her future. The tilt of her head signifies conviction and a strong commitment to her beliefs.

Her face and body language depict her youth, yet her eyes and face display an openness and a strength of character.

Mary is waiting for her life to unfold!

Mother and Child

The painting of "Mother and Child" depicts the love Mary has for her son Jesus.

Her smile and the tilt of her head towards Jesus' face, as she cradles him in her warm embrace, is the commencement of a journey that continues and deepens throughout their lifetime.

The bond between Mother and child is seen in their faces

'a love that is shared and will last a lifetime'.

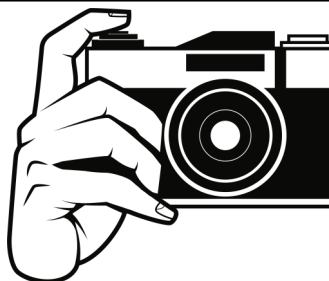
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New Vinnies Shop

New St. Vincent De Paul, "Vinnies" shop opens in Wallan on Monday 22nd July at 9.30am, location 61 High St, next to Bendigo Bank.

Special Collection

Next weekend we will have a special annual collection for "Peters Pence: for the Intentions of the Holy Father".



Do you have any photos from the 175th Anniversary Celebration?

If you have any photos, could you please email them through to the parish office email: kilmore@cam.org.au as we would like to collect them for our parish records. Thanks Fr. Prakash