2ND SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR C
24th February 2013

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!


YEAR OF GRACE—PRAYER

Gracious God,
You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people.
We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ.
You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son, that we may experience a
new wave of grace, and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.
Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church
may be transformed, our relationship be healed, and our nation grow in
compassion and justice.
We make our prayer through the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who showed us
new ways of living the Gospel.
Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.
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MASS TIMES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

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Baptisms: Are arranged by appointment and are held on the first Sunday of the month.

Marriages: (6 months notice) Arranged by appointment. (Enquiries and information brochure available from Parish Office)

Reconciliation: Celebrated at 5.30pm on Saturday or by appointment with the Priest.
COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

This service is available to sick, elderly and housebound members of our parish community and there are many special ministers of the Eucharist who would deem it an honour to provide this service to such people. If you know of any parishioners who would like someone to call for this purpose contact the office on 5427 2690 and we will make the necessary arrangements.

WE PRAY FOR...

Please keep in your prayers all the members of this community who are sick, especially Vincent Kelly, Margaret Holgate, Shannon Hanah-Merit and Sam Barker and all the sick of the Parish. God bring them peace of mind and a recovery to good health and guide those who care for them. We pray today for all those who have died recently, especially Margaret Bartels, Sister Mary Vianney and Gabriel Murga and for all whose anniversaries are at this time and for all those who have gone before us from this world to the fullness of life with God. May God have mercy on them all and help us to be faithful to their memory.

CHURCH ROSTERS

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COLLECTIONS

Presbytery Collection (1st collection)
{This collection covers running costs of Presbytery and Priest’s stipend.} $339

Church (envelope) collection
{This collection covers the Church capital costs, and on going maintenance.} $714

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP QUOTES

These quotes explore the spirituality and personality of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. She had much wisdom and insight and her words will help us to live the Gospel in TODAY’S world.

I am so glad to get into the door of the church once more. There alone am I truly happy and at home. I come to Him, weary and distressed and He comforts me, my good and patient God. 1873

The Little brown book by Sue & Leo Kane

VOCATION VIEW

The world tempts us to grab all we can. Even food becomes more when it is given than when it is taken. Follow Jesus: be a giver.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we show our gratitude to God for the home He has given us? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind?

MONDAY AT THE MANOR

Call in at John & Judy Will's house at Lot 6, Adam Close, around midday each Monday for a sandwich and a chat. Everyone welcome. Anyone needing transport can call John & Judy on 54272827.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the wilderness the prayerful solitude of Jesus was disturbed by violent temptation. Here he is in deep communion with the Father; the mountain of ecstasy contrasts with the desert of darkness. Jesus will summarise the law and the prophets as love. Here the lawgiver Moses and the prophet Elijah affirm Jesus. Much more significantly, God confirms Jesus. He is the one to whom we must listen.
PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM
This weekend is the final weekend of our Stewardship Program. All parishioners are reminded to complete a brochure slip or pledge card at Mass as well as a Time and Talent sheet. By completing your card this weekend you will help us to keep our follow-up to a minimum. A dedicated group of parishioners will be visiting homes over this coming week to collect pledge slips and ‘Time & Talent’ sheets. Please keep these parishioners in your prayers and welcome them if they visit you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION.

DISTRIBUTION MEETING
All parishioners who have generously volunteered to help with home visiting this week are reminded of our meeting as follows: Distribution Meeting—Tuesday 26th February at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. If you have not volunteered and would like to help or to hear the results of our Giving Weekend please come along.

All welcome.

Lord, we thank You for calling us to be Your Church. Through our Baptism we are called to ministry and to witness. In the Eucharist we sustain and strengthen that call. By serving others we follow your example and proclaim our beliefs. By our Christian generosity we demonstrate our love and caring. Help us Lord to always worship You as you deserve, to grow in faith and service and to give without counting the cost. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
All are invited to an ecumenical service for the world day of prayer.

St Mary’s Anglican Church Woodend
Friday March 1st at 7.30 in the evening.

The service this year has been prepared by the WDP committee of France.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2013
Preparations are starting now for this years sacramental program. If you know anyone wishing to join our Reconciliation, Eucharistic or Confirmation groups this year then please make contact with the parish or school office.

WELCOME MASS
At the 10am Mass on Sunday March 3rd we will be welcoming all new families to the school and parish. Please come along and stay for a cuppa afterwards.

NEW SEMINARIANS
Fr Binh Le, Director of Vocations is happy to announce that on Sunday 17th February 2013, eight men entered the Seminary to study for the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. They are Nathan Rawlins, Nirmal Nanayakkara, Christopher Raj, Vincent Taouk, Trac Nguyen, Ravi Muvvala, Anil Mascarenhas, & George Felicious. In addition Alexander Chow will commence at the Beda College in Rome in the middle of the year to study. We ask all parishioners to remember them in their prayers.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA
Your donations to Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion support long-term partnerships for transformation around the world. This week we meet Raymundo who at just nine, was destined for a life of drugs and crime. Thanks to Caritas Australia’s partner, Centro Creativo Artístico “educar es fiesta” - an organisation that provides education and teaches circus skills to vulnerable children in Bolivia—Raymundo’s life changed. Please donate to Project Compassion today. With your ongoing support, we will continue to advocate for children’s rights to an education and a fun-filled childhood.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
Married couples, we encourage you to prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for each other. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around catholic values but you don’t need to be catholic to attend. There is no group sharing. Our next weekends in 2013 are on: 19–21 April, 14-16 June and 9-11 August in Melbourne.

Contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03) 97330997 or email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

FREE E-BOOK
Free e-book on the daily Gospel of this year 2013. The following free e-book, entitled Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year C-1 presents the Gospel of each day of this Liturgical Year C-1 (2013), together with a reflection on each Gospel passage.

The book carries comments from Bishop Anthony Fisher OP of Parramatta.

To download the book go to www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/