

Ordinariate Parish of the Most Holy Family



HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Gen 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7

Gradual:

**Reader: He shall give his angels charge**  
over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways

**R: They shall bear thee in their hands:**  
**That thou hurt not thy foot against a stone**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** Rom 5: 12-19

Tract:

**Reader: Whoso dwelleth under the defence of the Most High: shall abide under**  
the shadow of the Almighty

**V: I will say unto the Lord, thou art my hope and my stronghold:**  
**My God in him will I trust**

**V. For he shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter: and from the**  
**noisome pestilence**

**Reader: He shall defend thee under his wings: and thou shalt be safe under his**  
feathers

**V. His faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler: thou shalt not be**  
**afraid for any terror by night**

**V. Not for the arrow that flieth by day: for the pestilence that walketh in**  
**darkness; nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day**

**Reader: A thousand shall fall beside thee: and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it**  
shall not come nigh thee

**V. For he shall give his angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways**

**V. I will deliver him, and bring him to honour: with long life will I satisfy hi**  
**m: and show him my salvation**

**Gospel:** Matt 4: 1-11

**Lent I**

5<sup>th</sup> March 2017



**Masses/Events this week:**

**Wednesday: 8<sup>th</sup> March: Cowwarr**

- 10.00am Mass/Adoration
- 6.30pm Mass

**Friday: 10<sup>th</sup> March: Heyfield**

- 6.30pm Stations of the Cross

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**LENT**

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**Stations of the Cross:**

**Fridays during Lent: Heyfield**

- 6.30pm St Michael's:

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**HOLY WEEK**

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**Maundy Thursday: 13<sup>th</sup> April:**

**Cowwarr**

- 7.30pm Mass of the Last Supper
- Adoration till midnight/Vigil till 10am Good Friday

**Good Friday: 14<sup>th</sup> April: Cowwarr**

- 10.00am Stations of the Cross
- 1.00pm Good Friday Liturgy

**Easter: 16<sup>th</sup> April**

- 5.00am Lighting of new fire/Mass of the Resurrection: Cowwarr
- 10.00am: Mass: Heyfield



**Divine Mercy Sunday**

- 10.00am: Mass
- 2.30 – 3.30: Adoration: Chaplet: Benediction

**Heyfield:**

**Sundays:**

Holy Mass: 10.00am

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

Evensong Benediction

4pm (cancelled until we move to Cowwarr)

**Cowwarr:**

**Wednesday:**

Holy Mass & Adoration,  
10.00am – 11 am

1<sup>st</sup> Friday Devotions in honour of the Sacred Heart: 7.00pm except during Lent (7.30pm)

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month: Five First Saturday Devotions: Cowwarr  
9.30am: Confession:  
10.00am: Mass

**Mass for Major Feast Days:  
as announced.**

**Giving:**

26<sup>th</sup> February:



\$152.45

**Prayer please:**

- Growth for our parish
- For support of our mission
- That the Motel sells, and the move to Cowwarr be without any great difficulty

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### **Prayers of the People:**

- For a return to Magisterial teaching, reverence for the sacraments, and a return to traditional catholic values;
- Growth for the Ordinariate in Gippsland; for Msgr Harry; for all who worship with us, that we may continue in our love for Christ
- For those who have asked our prayers, the Lear family and for the sick and suffering that they may be made whole in Christ: Bill, Louis & Nina Evans and family, Sr Barbara, Yvonne, George, Barney, Lyn, Gordon, and very ill children with DIPG (a rare terminal brain cancer) MacKenzie, Emily, Mason, Shawn, Aiden, Ray, Alicia, Faith
- The faithful; especially our family members, friends, and benefactors of this parish; and for those for whom this is their last day.

**Pope: Don't put off conversion, give up a double life:** 2017-02-23 Vatican Radio  
Don't scandalize "the little ones" with a double life, because scandal destroys. That was the message of Pope Francis in his homily at the morning Mass at the Casa Santa Marta. And so, the Pope said, we should not put off conversion.

"Cut off your hand," "Pluck out your eye," but "don't scandalize the little ones," that is, the just, those who confide in the Lord, who believe simply in the Lord. That was the Pope's exhortation in the homily, based on the day's Gospel. For the Lord, he said, scandal is destruction:

*"But what is scandal? Scandal is saying one thing and doing another; it is a double life, a double life. A totally double life: 'I am very Catholic, I always go to Mass, I belong to this association and that one; but my life is not Christian, I don't pay my workers a just wage, I exploit people, I am dirty in my business, I launder money...' A double life. And so many Christians are like this, and these people scandalize others. How many times have we heard – all of us, around the neighbourhood and elsewhere – 'but to be a Catholic like that, it's better to be an atheist.' It is that, scandal. You destroy. You beat down. And this happens every day, it's enough to see the news on TV, or to read the papers. In the papers there are so many scandals, and there is also the great publicity of the scandals. And with the scandals there is destruction."*

The Pope gave the example of a company that was on the brink of failure. The leaders wanted to avoid a just strike, but the company had not done well, and they wanted to talk with the authorities of the company. The people didn't have money for their daily needs because they had not received their wages. And the head of the company, a Catholic, was taking his winter vacation on a beach in the Middle East, and the people knew it, even if it hadn't made the papers. "These are scandals," Pope Francis said:

*"Jesus talks, in the Gospel, about those who commit scandal, without saying the word 'scandal,' but it's understood: But you will arrive in heaven and you will knock at the gate: 'Here I am, Lord!' – 'But don't you remember? I went to Church, I was close to you, I belong to this association, I did this... Don't you remember all the offerings I made?' 'Yes, I remember. The offerings, I remember them: All dirty. All stolen from the poor. I don't know you.' That will be Jesus' response to these scandalous people who live a double life.*

"The double life comes from following the passions of the heart, the capital sins that are the wounds of original sin," hiding the passions, but following them, the Pope explained. The first Reading, in fact, tells us that they do not satisfy, and not to trust in riches, to not say, "There's enough for myself." And so Pope Francis calls us to not put off conversion:

*"It would be good for all of us, each one of us, today, to consider if there is something of a double life within us, of appearing just, of seeming to be good believers, good Catholics, but underneath doing something else; if there is something of a double life, if there is an excessive confidence: 'But, sure, the Lord will eventually forgive everything, but I'll keep going as I have been...' If there is something saying, 'Sure, this is not going well, I will convert, but not today: tomorrow.' Let's think about that. And let us profit from the Word of the Lord and consider the fact that on this point, the Lord is very strict. Scandal destroys."*



How is Lent going? Have you started well? Or did you start with a whimper rather than a bang. Today is the day that God calls us to be holy, not tomorrow, not in a week's time, but today. Never give up the process started at our baptism.