

First Reading Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. **(R.)**
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. **(R.)**
3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. **(R.)**
4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! **(R.)**



Second Reading Hebrews 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Gospel of the Lord

St. Mary's Parish Cowes Three Churches—One Parish

St Mary's—Cowes

Our Lady Star of the Sea—San Remo

St. Joseph's—Bass

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Mass/Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Times

Star of the Sea—San Remo

Tuesday 9.15am Mercy Prayer followed by
the Rosary & Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion at 10am.

Mass Saturday 6pm

St Joseph's—Bass

Mass Sunday 11 am

Adoration & Prayer Wed 7-8pm

St Mary's—Cowes Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Mass 9am.

Mass Sunday 9am.

Anniversaries: We remember and pray Barbara Bick,
Kate Mc Laughlin.

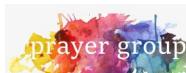
Memorial: St. Bernard, Wednesday 20th August, St. Pius X, Thursday
21st August, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Friday 22nd August.



Confirmation—We extend a warm welcome to Bishop
Greg to our Parish to celebrate the Sacraments of
Confirmation during the 9am Mass. We remember the
three candidates and their families in our prayer.



Bass Prayer Group on Monday 18th August at
7pm. Contact Wendy Power 56 782271. All
Welcome



Bible Studies on Wednesday, August 20 at 10:00 am. Any
newcomers are most welcome. Enquiries to Nicholas on
0409 582 012.



News from Our Lady Star of the Sea

This week, we met some of our 2026 preps, which
was lovely. Throughout the week, we celebrated
Science Week, where the students participated in a
variety of activities. On Wednesday, we held our
'Bullying No Way Day' when we all wore a touch of purple. The theme
this year is "Be Bold. Be Kind. Speak Up." It takes courage to spark
change. On Friday, we farewelled our Aerobics team as they head off
to represent us at the National competition in Hobart. We wish them
every success as they have been so dedicated to preparing for this
event.



Congratulations to Olivia, Zach and Oscar who are making the
sacrament of Confirmation this weekend celebrated by Bishop Greg.

*We are a child safe parish. Any children, young persons and adults at risk have a right to feel safe
and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant
risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Parish Safety Officer. He can be contacted*

REFLECTION

by Fr Michael Tate

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I have come to bring fire

A fierce fire in a eucalyptus forest bursts open the
seed pods, cleanses the soil of smothering under-
growth, and returns nutrients to the soil to germi-
nate the seeds. It is that sort of fire which Jesus brings to the earth.
So, at Pentecost, He sent His Holy Spirit '... like tongues of fire',
bursting the early disciples out of the protective shell of the 'Upper
Room', allowing them to be germinated as seeds of the early Church. It
is the same in every generation which has to ask: What personal, family
or social situations provide a hard casing which must be cracked open?
What is the smothering undergrowth which prevents our germination as
fearless disciples?

Jesus himself felt smothered by the small-minded people of Nazareth to
which He never returned. He warns that families and good friends can
try to smother the spark He wishes to ignite.

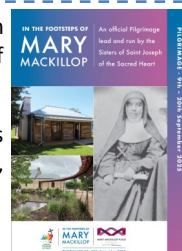
We might pause for a moment to pray that the fiery Holy Spirit might
enable us to become a stand of tall trees reaching for the Risen Son in
all His glory.



"In the Footsteps of Saint Mary MacKillop" is an
official Pilgrimage lead and run by the Sisters of
Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart.

In 2025 this national Pilgrimage, which journeys
from Melbourne to Adelaide and on to Sydney,
will take place from the 9th – 20th September.

Places are still available & further details can be
obtained & bookings made by contacting Sr Annie
Bond on 0406 195 861.



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