

St Mary's Parish

We proudly acknowledge the
Boonwurrung People of the
Kulin Nation as the Traditional
Owners and Custodians of
this land.

*A community where we bring
together our gifts and talents*

18th August, 2024



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Monday, Tuesday

Parish Staff

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Tuesday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Thursday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

Kylie Skinner-Wednesday

9.30am–1.30pm

St. Mary's School

Principal Anthony Hockey

Normal Mass Times

Consult bulletin inside for
any changes.

Saturday at 6:00pm

Sunday at 8:30am and

10:30am

Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

Reconciliation

Saturday 10:00am

Silent Adoration in Church

2:30pm – 3:30pm

Wednesday

Baptism Preparation Night

Third Thursday monthly

7.00pm at Parish Centre.

Baptism must be booked

prior to attending

Preparation Night.

Baptisms 12:30pm Sunday

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Proverbs.: 9:1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians. 5:15-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

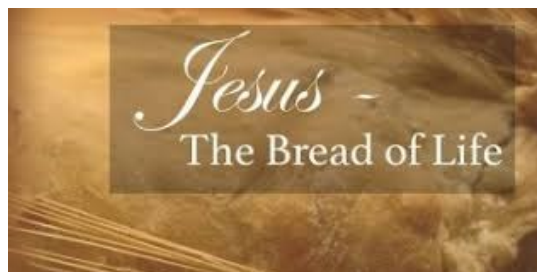
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me, and I in them, says the Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:51-58

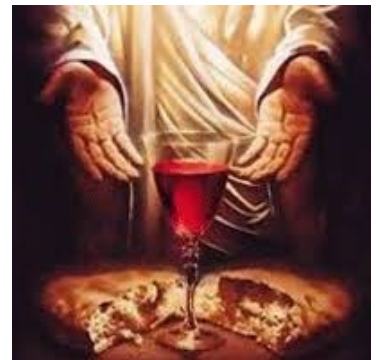
"I am the living bread that came down from
heaven; whoever eats this bread will live
forever; and the bread that I will give is my
flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews quarrelled among themselves,
saying, "How can this man give us his flesh
to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I
say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the
Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will
raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is
true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me
and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because
of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because
of me.



This is the bread that came down
from heaven. Unlike your
ancestors who ate and still died,
whoever eats this bread will live
forever."



Monday 19th August	6.00pm Confirmation Classes for non St Mary children from the parish (This class is fully booked)
Tuesday 20th August	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. (Fr Greg celebrating Mass at Port Philip Goal) 7.00pm Continuation of faith sessions for those interested in the Catholic faith at presbytery – Communion theme.
Wednesday 21st August	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 11:00am Funeral Mass for Mario Kalafatis at St Mary's Church
Thursday 22nd August	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church
Friday 23rd August	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

Although this weekend in front of Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club I celebrate swimming 1500 consecutive Sundays when on the Australian mainland, I would have laughed at anyone years ago who would have predicted in my latter years of life I would engage in both long distance walking or even swimming every week in the Ocean. From school days my main interest by far were ball sports, such as Australian rules football, cricket, squash, and then after being ordained golf. Somehow in celebrating 47 years of priesthood this Tuesday I can only thank God for his Spirit opening the door to me of long-distance walking and the chance somehow to be recently in two of the better parishes of the Melbourne Archdiocese for swimming possibilities, as well as lovely parishes to be apart of. As I psychologically knew I needed a break in 2010, I became interested through the rave reports of another Melbourne Archdiocesan priest in the 800 km pilgrimage walk from the town of Le Puy en Velay to the Spanish border and was luckily able to do it in 2010 as I soon learned that I could easily manage the 30 km a day required at the time. I will never forget the beauty of that particular French countryside, the ancient beautiful towns and most of all how many of those towns were enhanced by their wonderful churches and great river system flowing through the middle of their towns. Luckily around 2019 I was blessed with beating the pandemic and going on the second of the four famous pilgrimage routes through France that end always at the French/Spanish border town of St Jean Pied de Port, where many people continue on from there to the even more famous these days Santiago de Compostella. I started at a place called Vezelay in the middle of France in 2019. A small town yet this has been the start of a walking track or path for 1000 years of pilgrimage and hundreds of thousands of people particularly from up north, Belgium, Germany, Poland and Northern France have walked passed through there. I would love to know their stories and experiences. Although Vezelay is now at the back of nowhere and most French people would probably not even know of its existence, it is yet another UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE. I became a priest on August 20th 1977 and August 20th happens to be the Feast Day of St Bernard of Clairvaux – one of the most charismatic personalities the world have ever known. In 1146 he came to Vezelay to preach the 2nd crusade to the Holy Land which was hopefully aimed at taking back the Holy Land for the followers of Christ. Then a few years later the third crusade was an attempt by the three dominant European powers to take back again the Holy Land around 1200 AD. It was also in Vezelay that King Richard the Lionheart of England and King Phillip of France met to leave together with their armies for the 3rd crusade. As you might understand and imagine walks in France are full of history and art. However, even though my experiences of the two pilgrimage routes led me to a far better appreciation of history, art and the beautiful towns of our world, I think the animals on the way, such as the donkeys, sheep, cows, geese, goats, dogs, and so forth made me even more appreciative of the God who made these creatures possible in the first place.

If I had not kept up the swimming I would not have been capable of having my body in good enough shape to walk the 30 kilometres I felt I needed to average again every day in 2019. Although I wish I could go back to those days of playing football, cricket and squash as it is my blood, I am more than thankful that I turned to walking as walking is the best way of seeing all this: enjoying nature and animals in all their beauty. Accordingly, as swimming is only meant for a certain group of people, I encourage all of you to walk more. You might even walk down at 4pm this Sunday afternoon to see a very ordinary priest and a very poor swimmer do the 300 metre swim out and back to the Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club. I started 30 years ago on a new program of swimming Sunday, Wednesday and Friday and I made it my mission to at least not miss one day a week and that was the Sunday – yet even for me it is extremely hard to believe starting with 10 Sundays in a row that I have somehow achieved 1500 and more importantly I have achieved as I desired in the first place “enthusiasm” for my calling as a priest of the only one who matters, God the Father, his Son Jesus and their Holy Spirit. Full of humility and thanks at this time for God's grace and graciousness to me.

SOME HELPFUL BACKGROUND TO THE BIBLE READINGS:

1. FIRST READING:

In one of the Wisdom books of the Old Testament we are brought to understand that wisdom is very much more than the quality of being wise. She is the first of God's creation, a flowing forth from Him. In the reading, Wisdom is presented as a lady with a luxurious house where she has prepared a banquet for her guests. The foolish are especially invited so that they can become wise.

2. SECOND READING:

St Paul continues his practical application of the earlier teaching on unity and here deals with matters of conduct vital to Christians

3: GOSPEL:

The use of "flesh" rather than "body" is seen as being due to a desire to emphasize Our Lord's humanity.

CHILDRENS LITURGY:

We will recommence our Children's Liturgy during the 8:30am Mass this Sunday.

REFUGEE and ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT: Thanks for the 'Toiletries' this week – please put it with the other food on the far left side of the Church near the school side door. Next week we are hoping to finish our campaign with

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN:

'SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS' TRAINING MODULE

The importance of training volunteers has been articulated in the Victorian Child Safe Standards, National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, on which the Archdiocese's Safeguarding and Wellbeing Policy for Children and Young People is based. The Safeguarding Children and Young people Code of Conduct that many parish volunteers have already signed also states that all parish volunteers are required to undertake training every three years.

If you haven't done so already, please complete the 30 minute '**SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS**' training module found at <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org> To log in, input either your WWCC or VIT Card Number. This module will provide you with foundational knowledge in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons from abuse and harm.

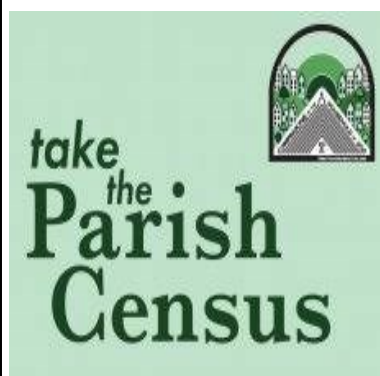
Please forward your certificate of completion to the parish office.

ARCHBISHOPS CAMPAIGN:

In 2024, the Archdiocesan Development Office is introducing a streamlined approach to fundraising. This approach, called the Archbishop's Campaign, is a single annual campaign and will reduce the number of separate special Sunday plate collections in parishes each year. Who will the monies go to! The focus of the 2024 campaign is support for the formation of new priests and for the care of retired priests – those who have served the community of faith in the past and those who will do so in the future. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund, which supports Corpus Christi College Building Fund, Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre for the hearing impaired. Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund and other deductible gift recipient entities such as Catholic community agencies and service organisations. Archbishops Campaign envelopes will be on the end of the seats this weekend for those who wish to help the Archdiocese in this way.

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg 16/8/2024



PARISH CENSUS

A parish census will be conducted following the Homily at all Masses this weekend and next weekend. This will enable us to update our parish records – adding new members of our community and noting changes with addresses, emails and phone numbers. Census Cards, Privacy Envelopes and pencils will be placed in the pews prior to each Mass, and you are requested to return your envelope in one of the collection baskets. Your assistance with this important process is very much appreciated.

Rosters for this Week 17th & 11th August 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Eilin Taylor, Karen Colla 10.30am Alisoon Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Chris Maine 10.30am Mareena Peter
Welcomers	6.00pm Claudia Hall 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Chantel Castelino
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Doreen Mitchell, James McCutcheon

Rosters for next Week 24th & 25th August 2024

Counting Team 2	David Jamieson, Marguerite Buckley, Bob Paz, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Evol Farrelly, Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Maria Laudato, Maylene Clayton
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Mareena Peter
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Teofila Hunt 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Ros Jacklin, Rachelle Pantelleresco

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Sarah Rodgers, Assunta Delgrosso, Yemme Reddy, Anne-Marie Pelikinakis, Tita Lopres, Lazarus Wilson, Michael Dillon, Danuta Kurkowski, Silvana & Emma Ursini.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Mario Kalafatis who passed away recently and Nell Morley, Helen Nicholson, Antonia Kucich, Prisca Reddy, Augustinho Fernandes, Bev Curtis, Dalia Lucia, Angiolina Saragozza, Stella De Luca, Anna Dubiel, Vito Massaro, Pat Brannick, Edith Lovell, Marjory Renton, Gerry Franken, Len Roper, Norm Quale, Ron Grima, Dean Ballantyne, Catrina McInney, Clare Oliver, Kay Hollo, Dorothea Albinson, Lillian Connors, Joan English, Aileen Sandri, Victor Pezzani, Neddy Dawson, Ray Bryan, Anna Spence, Pasquale Fabbro, Herbie Cole, Leo Rogan, Anna Matson, Nellie Heaps, Kath Jones, Kath Dowling, Fay Forbes, Bill Brydon, Patrick Wilkinson, Michael Tuck, Lawrence Meehan, Edna Ross, Anne Smith, Rose Ashkar, David Templeton, Wilma Ulmer, Albert Kennedy, Kerrie Knot, Mary Emilie Meerwald, Aurelio Sagona, Warwick Smith, Paolo Pecora, Salvatrice Pecora, Aristeia Sagona, Antonio Sagona, Salvatore Sagona, Berta Geremia, Patricia McBride, Annie Costa, Natalino Mifsud, Anthony Sammut, Joseph Sammut, Elena and Anthony Banavage, Maria and Lucio Falzon, Teresa and Giuseppe Sciciereff, Lawrence Galea, Olga Cutajar, Joseph Cutajar, Cristina Santucci, Blondina and Lorenzo Sammut; whose anniversaries are at this time.

GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY THIS WEEK:

Turn off lights in rooms you are not using