

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

16th November, 2025



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Tuesday 9:00am – 3.00pm

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Wednesday Parish Secretary

Kylie Skinner

9:30am–1:30pm

Safeguarding Officer

Frank Schobben

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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

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi. 3:19-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

SECOND READING:

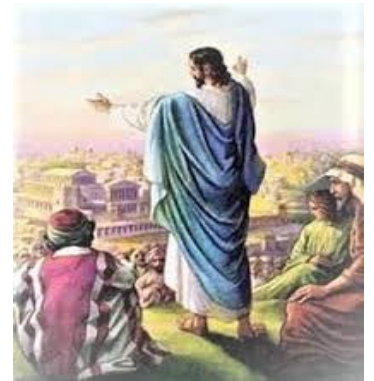
A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians. 3:7-12

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

GOSPEL: LUKE 21:5-19

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, he said, "All that you see here—the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the sky." "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors, because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defence beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."



Tuesday 18th November	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 19th November	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
Thursday 20th November	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.
Friday 21st November	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.
Saturday 22nd November	6.00pm Mass at St Mary's Church. Fr Kelvin Barrett as the main celebrant.
Sunday 23rd November	8.30am Mass at St Mary's Church. Fr Brian Glasheen as the main celebrant 10.30am Mass at St Mary's Church. Fr Brian Glasheen as the main celebrant

Dear Parishioners

While I am on my annual holidays, I am very grateful for the Columban Fathers, based in Strathmore as well as for the help the last two weeks of retired diocesan priest, Fr Barry Hughes. The Columban Fathers have done considerable and much needed work in places such as Korea, the Phillipines and Peru where some of their number have come across the present Pope, Leo XIV . Fr Trevor Trotter has held some considerable leadership positions within the Columban Fathers and I am pleased that he will celebrate the Masses this weekend. He like I would be aware of some of the finest retired priests of our Archdiocese, and scripture scholars and academics who have died the last few days and weeks such as Fr Frank Moloney, Fr Barry Moran and Fr James Staunton - all between 85 - 94 years of age. All fine disciples of Jesus. May they rest in peace and enjoy the welcome to the Father's house.

Last week I received a comprehensive report from the regional bishop of our area, Bishop Martin Ashe, who spent a full three days here in the middle of October. His report is very positive of the work of both our committees and volunteers within our St Mary's Parish. He also offers some suggestions for the short and long term future. When I return from leave I will make this report of his available to both the Parish Council and parishioners generally.

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg

SAVE THE DATE OPERA NIGHT

St Mary's Church Williamstown—Saturday 29th November 2025

For further information please contact: Stephen 0458 358 116 (m)

Email: stephen@parishfirst.com.au

****EARLY NOTICE MASS CHANGE: OPERA NIGHT MASS 5.30PM****

Mass will be at **5:30pm** for that **night only**. It will be the First Sunday of Advent weekend and a new year of bible readings – back to Year A .

MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED LOVED ONES

Sunday 7th December at 6:00pm

Annual Memorial Mass for deceased loved ones of parishioners will be held on **Sunday 7th December at 6:00pm** at St Mary's Church - all welcome and light refreshments in the Parish Centre to follow. You may like to bring a photo or small memento of your loved one to place in front of the altar during the Mass.

St. Mary's Annual BBQ

St Mary's parishioners are warmly invited to join us for our annual BBQ on
Sunday, 30th November, following 10.30am Mass.

Join us as we come together to celebrate another wonderful year
of faith, friendship, and community at St Mary's.

To help with catering:

Families with surnames A — L: please bring a salad

Families with surnames M — Z: please bring a dessert



RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS



December 6th and 7th at All Masses

If any couple would like a blessing and to renew their wedding vows, especially if celebrating a significant anniversary, you will be able to do this at all Masses on this weekend. Please leave your name on the form at the back of the church or contact Monique (monique.julian@cam.org.au) or Fr Greg

JUBILEE PRAYER:

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us
In your son, Jesus, our brother,
And the flame of charity enkindled
In our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
Reawaken in us the blessed hope
For the coming of your Kingdom.
May the grace of the Jubilee
Reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
A Yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
Throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed.
Be glory and praise for ever.*



Rosters for this Week 15th & 16th November 2025

Counting Team 2	David Jamieson, Marguerite Buckley, Bob Paz, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Ivonne Cram 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Cecilia Balson
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Volunteer Needed 10.30am Joe Covelli

Rosters for next Week 22nd & 23rd November 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Gerard Colla, Stephen Littleton 10.30am Eugene Yi, Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Mareena Peter
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Herb Zimmer

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Finn Pennisi, Dominic Piccolo, Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, Charlie Galea, Trish Hart

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Ignazio Amore, Rosa Palandro, Maria Pungitore, Paul Buttigieg,, Nat Bugeja, Annie Taliana, Ersilia Portelli, Hugh and Barbara McCutcheon, Angelina and Natalino Meilak, Joan Spiteri, Frances Andrews, Michael Meilak, Joseph Sammut, Richard Sammut, Blondina and Lawrence Sammut, ,Anthony Sammut, Carmella Pisano, Nunzio Ficcaro, Jimmy Farrow, Mary Beha, Mollie Maine, Fr. Bill Donegan, Bill Moss, Lourencinha and Agostinho Fernandes, Antonio Nardo, Don Dosser, Emanuele and Rosaria Raffaele, Michael Cafagna, William Hanson, Joyce Sullivan, Janos Garai, Maria Napoli, John Sedgeway, Marianne Polzella, Luici Vivona whose anniversaries are at this time.

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS Reflection Books

This year's Advent and Christmas reflection books will be available on the back table of the church on the 1st Sunday of Advent, 30th November 2025, for \$10 each.