

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

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Monday, Tuesday

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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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah. 23:1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians. 2:13-18.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL: MARK 6:30-34

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in a boat by themselves to a deserted place.



People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Tuesday 23rd July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7pm Continuation of faith sessions for those interested in the Catholic faith at St Mary's Presbytery.
Wednesday 24th July	9:15am Communion Service. (Fr Greg at Emmanuel College for 8:25am Mass at St Paul's campus)
Thursday 25th July	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7pm School Board Meeting at St Mary's School.
Friday 26th July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY THIS WEEK:

Next Sunday is National Tree Planting Day – you can get involved locally at the Altona/Seaholme foreshore 10:00am – 1pm. Help replace invasive weed species with indigenous plants which will help provide protection from weeds and increase biodiversity and habitat for local species. Contact Andrew Webster on 0419 750 923.

Dear Parishioners,

SOME HELPFUL BACKGROUND TO THE BIBLE READINGS:

1. FIRST READING: The Jewish nation (or the southern part Judah which was all that left of it) was increasingly being lured into intrigue with Egypt, whereas in fact the country was vassal to Babylon. The setting is about 600B.C. Moreover, the social and moral fibre of the country was rotten. The reading looks out over this scene; the leaders who are called shepherds will be removed; God will regather his people under a real king in place of the weak rulers of Jeremiah's day. The latter part of the reading is predicting the eventual coming of Jesus.

2. SECOND READING: With unity as the theme of the letter to the Ephesians in Turkey, St Paul deals with the reconciliation of Jew and pagan in Christ to form a single new person.

3: GOSPEL: Jesus was more concerned about the tiredness of the apostles and exhorts them to take a break. Nevertheless, neither Jesus or the disciples get much of a breather as the crowds impinge on both their space and time.

FAITH FORMATION SERIES:

The rather large and growing parish of Hoppers North will be sponsoring the following at St James the Apostle Church 330 Derrimut Road Hoppers Crossing 7 – 9pm:

Wed July 24 – speaker Dr Cecilia Francisco-Tan will tackle “Women in the Church: Insights from the Syrophoenician Woman.”

MARY MacKILLOP TODAY:

There is a fundraising event to be held on Friday August 23rd at Mt Joseph's Girls College in Altona West. 'Mary MacKillop Today' is a national not for profit organisation that provides community grants to organisations that support vulnerable people in Australia. These grants give individuals and organisations an opportunity to change lives through projects that build dignity as well as educate, enlighten and empower. Also assistance is being asked to contribute to the Fundraising Dinner, through provision of items for their major and silent auctions and raffles. Dinner will be on Friday August 23rd 6:30pm at 133 Maidstone Street

NEW PARISHIONERS LUNCHEON:

We already have 5 relatively new families who have put their names down for our new parishioners lunch in August. If you are new to St Mary's Parish over the last year or so, you are welcome to attend our Welcome Luncheon. Please fill out your contact details on one of the back tables and join us for lunch in the Parish Centre on Sunday, August 11th after the 10:30am Mass. Usually, half of our Parish Council join us. If you want to find out who is on the Parish Council then look up on the back pin board for the photos and names.

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN:

Frank Schobben was endorsed two weeks ago by the St Mary's Parish Council as the Safeguarding Officer for St Mary's Parish.

In this volunteer role, Frank will provide support, advice and information on all matters concerning the safeguarding of children and vulnerable people within our parish community and will liaise with volunteers.

He will contribute significantly to support the implementation of policies and procedures to promote and strengthen our compliance to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, the Victorian Child Safety Standards, and the National Principles for Child Safe Organizations.

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg 17/7/2024

MARY MACKILLOP FOR TODAY

Join us on Thursday, August 15, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm, for an inspiring session centered around the spirit of Mary MacKillop.

Our presenters include:

- Sr Moya Unthank: Sharing insights about Mary MacKillop
- Sr Colleen O'Dwyer: Discussing Flora MacKillop (Mary's Mother)
- Mr Eamon Pollard: Exploring Josephite Ministries Today

The session will be followed by a delightful supper.

Entry by donation: Suggested amount \$20



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Rosters for next Week 20th & 21st July 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel, Ivonne Cram 10.30am Di Collins, Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Olga Reginato
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Teofila Hunt 10.30am Chantel Castelfino

Rosters for next Week 27th & 28th July 2024

Counting Team No. 4	Leanne Spiteri, Greg Morgan, Steven Sagona, Francesca Moloney
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Gerard Colla, Eilin Taylor 10.30am Maylene Clayton, Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Evol Farrelly 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Volunteer Needed 10.30am Di Collins

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, Silvana and Emma Ursini.

A PRAYER OF
HEALING FOR SICK
FAMILY & FRIENDS

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES



We pray for Stephen Martin, Ida Luciano Rigoni, Sebastiana Succuzzo, Marianna Covelli, Meran Edwards, James Lynn, Gabriella Pazzi; Anthony Pace, Lino Lechich, Kevin Broadfoot, Charles Broadfoot, Mary Elaine Hyland, Elio DeCleva, Graeme Tweedly, Aurelia Jones, Elizabeth Kenwery, Denise O'Connell, June Durdin, Michael McClelland, Frank Mulholland, John Arnold, Raymond Russell, Grace Kritikides, Pauline Farley, Margaret Harris, Judy Travers, Joe Saidy, Agnes Bugden-Maguire, Julianna Emmerson, Charles Buttigieg, Frank Jamieson, Norma Dooley, Javid Yilmaz, Santina Pecora, Iris McFarlane, Carmelo Farrugia, Joseph Mifsud, Albert Haddad, Antonia, Adriano, Michele and Rosa Azzopardi, Rosa, Cini and Maria Falzon, whose anniversaries are at this time.

NEWSLETTERS BY E-MAIL

If you would like to receive the St Mary's newsletter in your InBox each week, please register at our website www.melbcatholic.org/s/williamstown or use the QR code.

