

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*

17th November, 2024



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Tuesday 8:30am – 4.00pm

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9.30am–1.30pm

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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.

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Daniel. 12:1-3

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. 10:11-14, 18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before
the Son of Man.

GOSPEL: MARK 13:24-32

“But in those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and
the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great
power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his
elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the
sky.

Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and
sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when
you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates.

Amen, I say to you, this generation
will not pass away until all these
things have taken place. Heaven
and earth will pass away, but my
words will not pass away.

But of that day or hour, no one
knows, neither the angels in
heaven, nor the Son, but only the
Father.”



Wednesday 20th November	9:15am Fr. Barry celebrating Mass at St Mary's Church.
Thursday 21st November	9:15am Fr. Barry celebrating Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 22nd November	9:15am Fr. Barry celebrating Mass at St Mary's Church.

OUR 2024 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM

NEW STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS

Thank you for your generous response to our Parish Renewal Program. As a result, we are on track for a very pleasing result. You are reminded that the **new commitments will take effect on Sunday 1 December 2024**. Letters of acknowledgement and confirmation of your new pledge details, and where appropriate, new sets of envelopes will be available at all Masses next weekend, Sunday 24 November 2024.

DIRECT TRANSFER & DIRECT DEBIT COMMITMENTS

Those who have elected to contribute by Direct Debit for the first time, or who have changed their current Direct Debit pledge, will have a special Direct Debit form emailed to them or enclosed with their acknowledgement letter. Please complete and return the form to the Parish Office. For those electing to make their contributions by Direct Transfer (online) – your letter will have the Parish account details and your Stewardship ID number, which are to be used with each transfer.

RE-ALLOCATION OF ENVELOPE NUMBERS – CASH PLEDGES

Many parishioners have now elected to make their contributions by way of Credit Card, Direct Debit or Direct Transfer. As a result, we will be able to reduce the number of envelopes for our next order from the printers – resulting in a significant saving for the parish.

RENEWAL PROGRAM FOLLOW UP

Our Program Coordinator, Stephen Littleton is in the process of following up with those parishioners who have not yet returned their new pledge commitments. To minimize this contact, it would be appreciated if you could return your completed pledges at Mass this weekend. Stephen is currently following-up by email, SMS or phone – so please assist with this essential process when Stephen makes contact. Alternatively, you may contact Stephen directly on 0458 358116 or by email to stephen@parishfirst.com.au



"It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions."

MEMORIAL MASS FOR RECENTLY DECEASED

Annual Memorial Mass for recently deceased parishioners and family will be held on
Sunday 8th December at 6:00pm at St Mary's Church.

All welcome and light refreshments in the Parish Centre to follow.

Members of ACRATH thank all those who supported our recent drive for weatherproof jackets for distribution amongst Pacific Islander agricultural workers who find Victoria's weather very cold after living under conditions of daily 30 degrees. Your generosity is much appreciated. Marguerite Buckley



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People are NOT for sale

A few reminders from Fr Greg.

VISITING CLERGY:

The Columban Fathers of North Essendon/Strathmore have allocated Fr Tony Cox to celebrate all Masses this weekend and the following weekend of 23rd and 24th November.

DON'T FORGET: CHANGE OF MASS TIME

On Saturday **November 30th** Mass will be held half an hour early at **5:30pm** in order to set up beforehand for **"IT'S A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING."**

"It's a Grand Night for Singing"

Our very popular 'Opera Night' returns to St Mary's Church on **Saturday 30 November**. It's a special night on our parish calendar and will be a grand night indeed!

Following the wonderful feedback received from last year, along with the acclaimed **Michael Lapina** (Tenor), we will also welcome back **Eleanor Blythman** (Soprano), **Karen Van Spall** (Mezzo Soprano) and **Adam Miller** (Baritone). These gifted artists will again provide wonderful entertainment with classics and favourites from the world of Opera and Musical Theatre. Also make sure you enjoy a pre event drink and catch-up in the Parish Centre!

Ticket sales have been strong and with just 2 weeks to the big night, make sure you don't miss out on what promises to be another magical night. To secure your tickets go the parish website melbcatholic.org/s/williamstown and download the booking form, or contact Event Organiser Stephen on 0458 358 116 or stephen@parishfirst.com.au

St. Mary's Church Williamstown

Annual Parish BBQ - All Welcome

1st December 2024, 11.30am in the Parish Centre.

Meat, bread and drinks will be provided.

We would ask that attendees with surnames beginning with the letters A-M bring a salad to share and attendees with surname's beginning with N-Z bring a dessert to share.

Thank You From Channa!

Dear Williamstown parish family,

I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone at the parish in Williamstown for the warmth and kindness I experienced during my placement. A special thank you to Fr. Greg for his exceptional leadership and unwavering support. Your dedication to fostering a vibrant parish community is truly inspiring.

Throughout my time here, I have been touched by the love, care and friendship shown by both Fr. Greg and all the parishioners. Your prayers and encouragement have made my experience enriching and fulfilling. I have learned so much about parish life and the importance of collaboration within the community. It has been wonderful to witness how Fr. Greg has organized the parish mission, engaging with the laity in a way that reflects the spirit of synodality that Pope Francis advocates for.

I particularly enjoyed the opportunity to gather with parishioners for coffee after Mass. These moments allowed us to connect more deeply as we shared our stories. I appreciated listening to my experiences and sharing yours with me, fostering a sense of community and understanding.

I also want to express my gratitude to the Sri Lankan young people who come to your parish for Mass. Their enthusiastic participation in the liturgy fills me with pride and joy as a Sri Lankan. I wish all the best for the Sri Lankan youngsters in your community and I hope they continue to flourish in their faith.

As I continue my journey toward the priesthood alongside my twin brother, I kindly ask for your prayers for both of us. Please know that I also remember you all in my prayers as we walk this path together.

Throughout my mission, I noticed that Fr. Greg is not only a dedicated priest but also a friendly and approachable person. His sense of humor and lifestyle bring life to your parish community, making it a welcoming place for all.

Thank you once again for the incredible experience. I look forward to carrying the lessons I have learned during my time with you as I continue my journey.

With blessings,

Channa Thilakarathna

(A Seminarian for the Diocese of Ballarat)

Rosters for this Week 16th & 17th November 2024

Counting Team 4	Leanne Spiteri, Greg Morgan, Herb Zimmer, Steven Sagona
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Maylene Clayton, Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Maylene Clayton

Rosters for next Week 23rd & 24th November 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Gerard Colla, Stephen Littleton 10.30am Eugene Yi, Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Chris Maine 10.30am Mareena Peter
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Joe Covelli

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Sarah Rodgers, Assunta Delgrosso, Yemme Reddy, Anne-Marie Pelikinakis, Tita Lopres, Lazarus Wilson, Danuta Kurkowski

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Rosa Palandro who recently passed away and 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 and Ignazio Amore ; whose anniversaries are at this time.