

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

Parish Staff

Sharon Vassallo

Tuesday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Thursday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

Kylie Skinner-Wednesday

8.30am–3.30pm

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 4:32-35

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Give thanks, for the Lord is good, God's love is everlasting.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of John. 5:1-6.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



Tuesday 9th April	9:15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church (Fr Greg at Port Phillip Gaol for two Masses: one normal prison population and other Protective custody one)
Wednesday 10th April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Thursday 11th April	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.
Friday 12th April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we recall the ancient words of St Augustine: **"mercy is heartfelt sympathy for another's distress, impelling us to succor him if we can."** We see this transpire concretely in the early life of the Church. The community of believers "was of one heart and mind" and "they owned everything in common." They dedicated themselves to the good of the other, they were selfless and generous.

I am a little apologetic about Masses during this week in the Parish but Tuesday it is my turn on the seven-weekly roster of priests for the Port Phillip Maximum Security Gaol and on Thursday the Archbishop has requested priests of his Archdiocese to attend one of two Clergy Workshops for the year. This first one will be run by the Offices of the Vicar General, Safeguarding Unit, Human Resources and Clergy, Life and Ministry. It will be exploring ***'Integrity in Our Common Mission and the National Code of Conduct'***. The agenda starts at 10am – so it is impossible for me to celebrate 9:15am Mass and get out to Malvern on time.

Good Friday Collection for Holy Places:

Parishioners were very generous in putting \$1,657.85 on the plate for those Christians needing real help in the Holy Land for not only the upkeep of important shrines but so many other urgent needs at this most difficult time in a land unfortunately of holy unrest.

Appreciated this result of generosity on your part – thanks.

PROJECT COMPASSION:

Please bring your project compassion boxes or envelopes back by next week at latest . Thanks for your generosity in this important matter for keeping the important projects of project compassion continuing for the poorer members of our world on behalf of Caritas Australia

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg 3/4/2024

GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY TIPS THIS WEEK:

While you wait for hot water, collect the running water and use it to water plants.

If you would like to write to federal members of parliament about climate change and the Duty of Care Bill regarding the effects of climate change on the next generation, please go to **Letition.org** where you will find a sample letter you can use or modify.

Being with God in Nature: Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality in Kew conducts contemplative walks and quiet times in nature retreats. Go to jisa.org.au and look under retreats.





CATHOLIC FAITH

INQUIRY INTO CATHOLIC FAITH:

St Mary's Parish is now entering a new period of sessions for those wanting to look more into the Catholic faith. This is an opportunity for at least furthering your knowledge, asking questions, being open to new insights or even in the end

becoming a Catholic Christian. There is no obligation to proceed to become a Catholic as one can drop out of the sessions at any time. Accordingly, new sessions on the Catholic Faith will be commencing the last Tuesday of this month at 7pm – 8pm at the presbytery. Usually, sessions occur two out of every three Tuesdays in the month. If you wish to find out more, please ring Fr Greg on 0400524363 or email: ggreg.trythall@cam.org.au

Sacramental Program 2024

For children who do not attend St Mary's school and are in the Parish area who would like to be part of St Mary's Sacramental Program in 2024 please contact Monique Julian:

monique.julian@cam.org.au to request an enrolment form.

The dates for the Sacrament Programs are:

Sacrament	Sacrament Program Dates	Sacrament Dates
First Eucharist	29/4, 6/5, 13/5 (6-7pm)	18th, 25th May and 1st June
Confirmation	12/8, 19/8, 26/8 (6-7pm)	27th, 28th and 29th August



SACRAMENTAL
PREPARATION

Reconciliation
First Eucharist
and Confirmation



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www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/ offer, scan the QR code, or speak to us after the 8:30am Mass on 21 April.

*Interest rates subject to change. View current rates on the CDF website.



ST MARY'S
WILLIAMSTOWN



2025 PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS

March 26th
9:30 am or 7:00pm

About the School

All Children Welcome
Established 1842
Calm Classrooms
Academic Excellence
Faith Community



Use the QR Code to register
for one of the sessions



Call the school to book an
individual tour



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Rosters for this week 6th & 7th April 2024

Counting Team No. 4	Leanne Spiteri, Greg Morgan, Herb Zimmer, Steven Sagona
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Peter Kirwan, Stephen Littleton 10.30am Maylene Clayton, Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Rosemarie Smith 8.30am Himali Peter 10.30am Eilin Taylor
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Di Collins

Rosters for next Week 13th & 14th April 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Gerard Colla, Doreen Mitchell 10.30am Eugene Yi, Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Olga Reginato
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Volunteer Needed 10.30am Maylene Clayton



IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Sarah Rodgers, Cathy Reid, Assunta Delgrosso, Yemme Reddy, Anne-Marie Pelikinakis, Tita Lopres, Adrian Loprestti.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Gisela Maria Reeves, Spiro Zahra, Nella Siragusa, Isa Frances Mannes, Innocenza Pecora, Angelina Pace, Marie Ann Richardson, John Clarke, Tony Falzon, Kurt Goetz, Rosaria Laudato, Jeff Cockerell, Emily McVeigh, Gordon O'Keefe, Frederick Hernan, Chris McKenzie, Thomas Mullens, Vera Newbury, Adrian Van Osta, John Galvin, Regis Hynes, Mary Sexton, Paul Vaisanen, Philip Hoban, Vincenzo Taliana, Benito Cilea, George Jones, Mary Bennett, Michael McGrath, Norah Maher, Hack Geoghegan, Calogero Durante, Giuseppina Petar, Francesco Antonio Mesiti and Frank Hynes; whose anniversaries are at this time.



"He's not in there! Oh, wait - he's changed his status to 'risen' "