

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

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Tuesday 8:30am – 4.00pm

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Friday 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.

Baptisms 12:30pm Sunday

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Sirach. 27:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 15:54-58

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

GOSPEL: LUKE 6:39-45

And he told them a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.



A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of the store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

Tuesday 4th March	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 5th March	9:15am Ash Wednesday Mass and distribution of Ashes at St Mary's. 7.00pm Ash Wednesday Mass and distribution of Ashes at St Mary's.
Thursday 6th March	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 6:30pm Parish Council at presbytery.
Friday 7th March	11:30am Seniors Mass at St Mary's Church. Followed by Luncheon at the Parish Centre. ALL WELCOME. 2.00pm World Day of Prayer at 118 Douglas Parade.

Dear Parishioners,

Those contributing to 'Stewardship' please note when you received your new envelopes or statements of payment during last week it will not include last weekend's counting of quarter, as our letters needed to be sent out a day or two beforehand ready for your next set of envelopes.

As per requested recently at the end of the year by a few parishioners I stated that I would try to keep you informed on the agendas and work of both the Parish Council and the Parish Finance Teams. On the agenda of the Parish Finance Team last Wednesday Feb 19th was the following:

- Another look from the financial side of the Parish First Program of Renewal held in October 2024. We were happy with the results.
- Looking at Staff changes for 2025 and need to appoint a new bookkeeper as the generous Anthony Vassallo is heading back to Brisbane Archdiocese. Bernard Negline has been appointed who does look after 40 parishes now in our Archdiocese. This is at a cost of \$160 per week for us.
- Discussion on the Church repairs and maintenance in general of our properties. We have budgeted for \$40,000 in this arena for 2025 and \$35,000 in 2026. It will be tight but hopefully we will achieve it.
- How budget went in 2024 – discussed and it was found we broke even over the year – much better than the previous two years losses.
- New budget for 2025 discussed in detail. We discussed how we could increase our income and lessen our expenditure somehow.
- 5 year cash flow budget and forecast was presented.
- My Stewardship Letter to everyone in Stewardship reviewed and agreed to as fine to send out. Maybe next time it was discussed that we give actual figures of what something cost whether it be new lawn mower or whatever.
- On going discussion on changing over from gas in church to electricity. We will receive a quote to see how this stacks up against our gas bills.
- When to plan on changing old boiler in presbytery (now 14 year old – normal span for hydronic one is 10-15 years) – hopefully this does not break down this year. It has been budgeted for around \$10,000 cost in 2026.
- Material from Archdiocese on viable parishes. This was handed out to all members of our Parish Finance Team.
- Which pest control company to have for next major yearly spraying for eradicating 'post powder beetle' from pews in Church! We are waiting on another company other than Dawsons for a quote. Dawson were quite dear and cost us around \$2,500 last year for their professional once only spray against "post powder beetle".

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY MARCH 7TH :

After our normal Seniors Mass + Luncheon we have been invited to the Williamstown/Newport World Day of Prayer service. The service will be held this year at 2pm at the Bridge Church, 118 Douglas Parade (formerly Williamstown Church of Christ). All welcome.

CHILDRENS LITURGY:

All our neighbouring parishes have expressed difficulties with numbers regarding Children's Liturgy as team sport on a Sunday does not help with numbers available. Accordingly, with us it was decided at Parish Council level that we will provide **Children's Liturgy at the 8:30am Mass on the first Sunday** of the month instead of every Sunday during school term.

COMBINED STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Again, this year Stations of the Cross will be offered by the four neighbouring parishes as it was so successful last year with greater numbers for all. Accordingly, you are welcome to any of the following:

- Friday 14th March at St Mary's Altona at 6pm
- Friday 21st March at Sacred Heart Newport at 6pm
- Friday 28th March at St Leo's Altona North at 6pm
- Friday 4th April at St Mary's Williamstown at 6pm

Such meetings and session are uplifting and assuring in our faith journey – personal and communitarian.

LAST WEEK'S WORKING BEE:

What a splendid job on the gardens last week. The numbers of helpers with 17 willing hands were a testament to the many who wish to be proud and remain proud in our parish properties. A special thanks always to John O'Keefe our main supervisor, Gerald McCutcheon our Mary Grotto supervisor, Tony Cutroni our tip manager, plus the many others including Doreen, Jenny, Irene, Jess, Jacintha, Chris, Serg, Gerard, Brian, Aldo, Adrian, Eugene, Daniel etc (as one or two slip my memory).

LAUNDRY ROSTER

If you are able to help for two months of the year on an altar linen roster that would be great. All it means is taking on a Sunday the small linen from the sacristy such as used on the altar – they are only small items eg linen for washing of the fingers or purifier for purifying the chalice. If able to help then ring the parish office please.

GREEN TEAM:

Over Sundays coming, prior to Sunday Masses excerpts from Pope Francis' 2015 Encyclical *Laudato Si* will be projected on to audiovisual screens, inviting parishioners to consider how they might act on various ecological issues.

Recycling: On the First (March 2nd) and Second Sundays of Lent, there will be a tub at the back of the Church in which parishioners can place small recyclable items which cannot be disposed of in **the yellow household bin collection**. Eg outdated mobile phones, batteries, packaging for medication (must be empty). No large items please. **The Green Team** will arrange for immediate removal and recycling.

Save the date: Saturday 10th May 10:30am to midday : Walk of prayer and reflection along Williamstown foreshore for St Mary's parishioners but all others welcome. Facilitator Peter Hay, Heart of Life Spirituality Centre Croydon. **More information to come.**

US BISHOPS SUE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION:

It is good and praiseworthy that the US Bishops have taken this stand. It is a Jesus stand and what sometime although regrettable must be necessary if we are to truly say we are followers of Jesus Christ. Accordingly, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has sued the Trump Administration over the suspension of funding of refugee resettlement assistance. In the lawsuit, filed in the US District Court for the District of Columbia last Tuesday week, the bishops called this suspension "unlawful and harmful to newly arrived refugees." A USCCB spokesperson said the lawsuit urges the Government "to uphold its legal and moral obligations "to refugees and to restore the funding needed to ensure that faith-based and community organisations can continue their work with refugees. So be it – alleluia !

Yours 'in Christ'

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Rosters for this Week 1st & 2nd March 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Marry Soppitt 8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Ivonne Cram 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Cathy Pagano 8.30am Teofila Hunt 10.30am Chantel Castelino

Rosters for next Week 8th & 9th March 2025

Counting Team 4	Leanne Spiteri, Greg Morgan, Herb Zimmer, Steven Sagona, Eugene Yii
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Evol Farrelly, Gerard Colla 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Cindy Kotevski, Charlize Kotevski
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Jenny O'Sullivan 10.30am Mariza O'Keefe

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, Assunta Delgrosso,
Anne-Marie Pelikinakis, Anne Falzon, Evol Farrelly.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Marijan Peros and Jo-Anne Pearson who passed away recently and for John Keohoe Cathy Kelly, Thelma Luft, Gilbert Augustin, Fr. Joe Micallef, Giovanni Trifilo, Roger Dawson, Herbert Augustin, Frederick Lazarus, Kevin Hynes, Maria Guastalegname, Mary Lewis, Joyce Rudd, Sheila Webster, Silvana Rossi, Blaze Phillips,-Mitchell, Carmel Harrison, Brian Mitchell, Dennis Vanstone, Chiara Lubich, Mike Linehan, Anthony Kennedy, Vittoria Paone, Gwen Sturrock, Sue King, Maria Scabelloni, Hilda Wood, Tanya Pickergill, Margaret Dooley, Daniel Rudd, Mary McLinden, Muriel Bowes, Marjory Cuthbert, Giovanni Raunik, Peter Wentworth, Cynthia Frawley, Nance McRae, Carmelo Pisano, Giuseppina De Bono, Roger Wilson, Cath Wickham, Doris Dean, Serafina Basilone, Eileen Storey, John Day, Vincenzo Timpano, Agnes Lynch, Giuseppe Nardo, Francesco Galle and Immacolata Laudato; whose anniversaries are at this time.