

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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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 14:21-27

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God

SECOND READING:

A reading from the book of Revelation. 21:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

JOHN 13:31-35

When he had left, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and he will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer.



You will look for me, and as I told the Jews, ‘Where I go you cannot come,’ so now I say to you. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Tuesday 20th May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 21st May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church
Thursday 22nd May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 23rd May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PARISH:

We will work to a tight schedule on our **Sunday June 1st Annual General Meeting**. So, please be there when we start at **11:15am in the Church itself**. Besides presenting the potential strategy for moving forward with a 5 year plan for our parish, there will a short report and presentation on the Parish finances which I think you will find worth the knowledge; there will be a short report on just data pertaining to our parish such as number of recent baptisms, marriages and funerals in the last calendar year. We will investigate how to be a vibrant, vital and viable parish as we work with at least one other parish in the area to present certain focus ways of going about things. These plans are presented to you so that you can challenge a better way for us or agree to go along with these plans as practical and wise for our parish's future. For instance, in regards to being a Vibrant Parish we will present a list for you of things we believe we do well and then have some Focus Areas for our 2030 Strategy such as: Formalising an evangelisation plan, how to encourage more active fellowship between parishioners at Masses, seek and support ways to improve existing parish masses and worship opportunities, and so forth.

CHANGE OF PULPITS:

It seems a while since we have changed a pulpit with Newport/Spotswood called St Joseph's parish which comprises Sacred Heart Newport and St Margaret Mary's Spotswood. **Next weekend will be the change of pulpits** in which their Parish Priest Fr Sam Kapani will be here and I will be at Spotswood Saturday night and Sunday at Newport. They have always given me a friendly welcome at both churches in the past.

PAPAL NAME: *Leo the Great*

Although only my personal belief I have maintained for many years that the greatest Popes in history were Gregory the Great (590-604) and Leo the Great (440-461). At a critical time in the Church's history, when the Western Empire was disintegrating and the Eastern Church was profoundly disturbed by dogmatic controversies, God raised to the throne of St Peter in 440 a farsighted and wise Pontiff, Leo 1; he was to become one of the four saintly Popes whom we honour with the title of "the Great", Gregory 1 in the 6th century, Nicholas I in the 9th century, John Paul 11 in the 21st century. In Leo the first famous dogmatic letter "Tome to Flavian ", to Archbishop of Constantinople (Istanbul today), he clearly sets forth the Church's doctrine that Christ is one person but possesses two distinct natures, the divine and the human; an early example of an infallible Papal pronouncement. At the 4th Ecumenical council of Chalcedon in 461, some 600 Eastern bishops, assembled under the presidency of the papal representatives, officially acclaimed this great document as the Church's true teaching thus: "Peter has spoken by Leo."

Into Leo's reign fell the calamitous barbarian incursions of Attila, the "Scourge of God", from the north in 452, and of Genseric from Africa in 455. The Pope, by his great moral integrity, was able to dissuade the former from marching upon Rome in consideration of an annual tribute – a great massacre and the complete destruction of the city was averted. Likewise, 3 years later Leo did obtain a promise from Genseric, leader of the Vandals that Rome would not be burnt when they also came and occupied the city. Just before he was appointed Pope he was called to act as a peacemaker between Aetius and Albinus, quarrelling generals whose enmity was laying Gaul (France) open to barbarian attacks, and it was while he was still in Gaul that Leo learned that he had been appointed Pope. After his consecration on 29th September 440, he began his pontificate by giving a series of 76 sermons which still survive, dealing with faith and charity and opposing various prevalent heresies. In a time of political upheaval, with as many failures as successors, Leo's insistence on the centrality of Rome, combined with an exemplary personal holiness provided a model for the papacy throughout the coming centuries. I Hope some of the above helps parishioners appreciate that Leo X1V is a very apt name for our present Pope.

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME:

At a minimum we have a new parishioner welcome and luncheon straight after 10:30am Mass at least once during year. By putting your name on clipboard on back table you are welcome to join myself and our Parish Council members on Sunday June 15th.

SPONSORED SEMINARIANS:

Many of you were probably there when there was a change of pulpits back earlier in the year. I had given the opportunity for former parishioner **Fr Michael Kalka to talk about his wonderful connection with East Timor and its seminary for the training of priests.** By the way one of the orphans he met in an orphanage in East Timor about 20 years ago was ordained a priest two weeks ago at Middle Park. I believe there is another orphan in the same orphanage being ordained soon too. How the Holy Spirit works in incredible ways! You as **parishioners responded very generously to Fr Michael's appeal for funds earlier in the year.** It has meant that our parish this year has been able to sponsor three seminarians to help pay for their food, their lodging and their education in East Timor. Fr Michael has sent me a profile on those three seminarians and I gladly summarise some important facts about them, remembering that English is their fourth language after East Timorese, Portuguese, Indonesian :

BARTOLOMEU DOS SANTOS LASI:

"My name is Bartolomeu. I was born in Cutete on May 22nd 1996. My father name is Cazamiro Noni Lasi, he is a farmer and mother name is Celeste Bobo she is a housewife. I have five siblings. I attended my philosophy (philosophy) course in Instituto Superior de Filosofia, Dili). In this year I continue my Theology course for four years. I just add a few words he wrote to Fr Michael Kalka:

Dear Father Michel

First of all, I would like to say thank you for you (Father Michel) because your donation has a big meaning in my academic field and my financial field. I am writing to express my deepest gratitude for your generous donation.....I am deeply touched by your commitment to my cause...

Fatumeta, May 03, 2025. Bartolomeu Dos Santos Lasi

SALOMAO MAGNO AMARAL

"My name is Salomao Magno Amaral, I was born in 12 setptember (September) 1997 in Atsabe. My father is a farmer and my mother she was a domestic. I have three (three) brothers an a sister. I started my philosophical percussion(!) in 2020 until 2023, and the same time I did my formation in Maior (Major) seminary in Dili. In 2024 I continued my study in theology until now. I just add words he wrote to Fr Michael Kalka:

"Peace in Christ! With humble hearth(!) I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Father Michel for all the financial to support and help me in this way. Thank you for your misery (mercy) support, and for your kindness to help me.....I have nothing more special to offer, but I am still remember your kindness in my spiritual activity, both in personal and community. GOD BLESS YOU! Thank you.

Fatumeta 03/05/2025 Salomao Magno Amaral

FRANCISCO MENDONCA PINHHEIRO

Also his father is a farmer and nothing was stated about his mother.

He is in his last few years of study for the priesthood having started the theology part in 2024. I also add some words of his own this year:

"I want to say thank and grateful to father Michael for your generous supported and helped me to slove my problem about the financial, your kindness and generosity have not only relived(relieved) a significant burden but have also open doors of opportunity for me to continue my study. I want to write your help in my story, and I still pray to God to give you many blessings."

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg Trythall – greg.trythall@cam.org.au -0400524363

WORKING BEE AROUND CHURCH GARDENS

SATURDAY 7th June, 2025—9.00AM—11.00AM

Come along and help clean up our beautiful church gardens, even if it is only for an hour or two. If you could bring your own equipment, it would be greatly appreciated.

Rosters for this Week 17th & 18th May 2025

Counting Team 1	Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones, Paul Francis
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Joe Covelli
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Mariza O'Keffe

Rosters for next Week 24th & 25th May 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Peter Kirwan 10.30am Di Collins, Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Himali Peter 10.30am Eilin Taylor
Welcomers	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Joe Covelli

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, Assunta Delgrosso,
Anne-Marie Pelikinakis, Danuta Kurkowski

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Audrey Doherty, Susan Minton, Noreen Bagnell Mariese Kalka, Sebastian Gashi, Rosalia Bendistinto, Franca Cuomo, Ivanka Ostrugnaj, Ronald Gilmartin, Jacky Butler, Fr. Paddy Fitzpatrick, Brian O'Brien, Mark Thorn, Michael Hynes, Tom Johnson, Rowland Hassall, Ellen Williamson, Rodney Lloyd, Onorina Pomazan, Gladys Starr, Ken Elder, Lucia Gelcrisio, Stefania Jaslan, Eileen Haywood, Mary Lewer, Charlie Axelson, Dorrie O'Neill, Len Bevis, Shane Ryland, George Lewis, Michael Evans, Andrew Carrick, Tony Nuzzo, June Ellis, Frank Templeton, Rose De Battista, Eddy Berry, John Foord, Rodolfo Ruggieri, Charles Broadfoot, Alberto, Celestina, Ersilia, Giuseppe, Benedetto, Natalino, Margherita, Carmelo, George and Emmanuele Mangion, Maria Meloni, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Rita, Pietro, Francesa, Benedetto and Ignazio Saragozza, whose anniversaries are at this time.

Prayer and reflection walk

Last Saturday ten parishioners joined leader Peter Hay (spiritual director, Heart of Life Spirituality Centre) for a walk of prayer and reflection along the Williamstown foreshore. We focussed on the life sustaining elements of water, air, earth, and the sun as gifts from God for our lives. We were blessed with excellent weather.