

# 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

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

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

### SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of John. 4:7-10

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

### GOSPEL: JOHN 15:9-17

“As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.”



I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing.



I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It is not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”

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| <b>Tuesday 7th May</b>   | 9:15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church               |
| <b>Wednesday 8th May</b> | 9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.                           |
| <b>Thursday 9th May</b>  | 9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.                           |
| <b>Friday 10th May</b>   | 9.15am Mother's Day whole school Mass at St Mary's Church. |

Dear Parishioners,

We are told in the Scriptures especially of this weekend that God is love and that we should love one another. We are even told by moral psychologists that there's a staging to our growth in love. You have to start with self-love – respecting the self. If you don't respect yourself, you can't even know how to respect anyone else. Then the next step comes after self-love. In a sense God has to move you to what one could call group love, ie family love. This basically means to love people who are connected to you and like you, or who are like you. Some people don't even get that far. **The third level is universal love.** This is a step too far for some as they can only love those who like them- share the same race, nationality, religion, even maybe political party. If you stay at the second stage of group love, you don't create a great or healthy society. **This need to move on to the third stage** is magnificently highlighted in all our three readings chosen for us on this 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.

The first one from the Acts of the Apostles, is very significant because we have Peter, being taught by the Holy Spirit how to grow up because he (like many others) believes that God only loves the Jewish people. Christianity hasn't really emerged yet as they just think that what's happening is a reform of Judaism. And then this strange thing happens, where the Holy Spirit falls upon everybody. And Peter looks around and he says, "Oh my gosh! Well, God seems to be for everybody, and not just for the Jewish people. So, I guess it's ok to include them." And he does begin to include them in what we eventually call the Church. Peter proceeds to speak. And he says, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. He's the so-called conservative at the beginning, but little by little, God leads him to universal love.



Now in that second reading we have that wonderful first letter of John where he states so beautifully: "Love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love."

Then, we have the gospel, from the magnificent Gospel of John. There we have Jesus passing on this universal love to individual people:

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love." Jesus is more than serious when he states: "This I command you, love one another." It's an all ever expanding circle of love, and that is the task of any Christians life.

#### **MARY CARE:**

I am pleased to know that our Mary Care group is continuing it's wonderful work for our parishioners. Thanks to the members over the last year for your meeting regularly, for your bereavement calls, holy communion distributed to the sick or elderly, transport to Seniors Mass on first Friday of the month, and several other helps to different people who are sometimes grieving or struggling at this time in the parish. Thanks to those who also support the Mary Care group in various ways also, whether making of sandwiches or whatever.

#### **MASS COUNT:**

If someone is pointing to you during the Mass don't worry(!) as the person is counting you as a number for the annual Mass count that takes place throughout parishes in Australia over the next four weeks.

#### **SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN:**

In this parish we need to make sure we uphold appropriate behaviours in regard to children or teenagers who grow up or visit our parish. Indeed, in its policies the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne has zero tolerance to any form of child abuse, harm, racism or discrimination and like us is committed to protecting children and young people from harm. Accordingly, thanks again to the many of you this week who responded to signing our parish Code of Conduct and to provide a Working with Children Check. Please note in the latter it will cost volunteers in our parish nothing to undergo a Working with Children Check – you just have to mark that it is under St Mary's Parish Williamstown and that you are a volunteer.

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This CODE OF CONDUCT helps to create a positive, respectful and safe environment by setting expectations in relation to all of us in our interactions with children and young people. Every three years volunteers must sign our CODE OF CONDUCT which is the red and white document on the back table of the Church. All volunteers in a parish are also required to undertake a Working with Children Check. The Safeguarding Essentials Training can be found at: <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org> and the Code of Conduct can be found at <https://melbournecatholic.org/uploads/documents/Code-of-Conduct.pdf>

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 1/5/2024



## CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.



## Mary Care

Who are we and what do we do?

Our philosophy is taken from a quote from St Mary McKillop, Mary Cares patron saint

***'Never see a need without doing something about it'.***

We are a volunteer group of caring parishioners whose role is to reach out pastorally to those in need in our parish community. We support those who may be unwell, socially isolated, lonely or may have recently experienced a loss in their lives.

Mary Care also assists on the first Friday of each month with the seniors Mass and Lunch in the Parish Centre. At times we are asked to assist with catering for this monthly lunch.

Are you interested in volunteering and becoming an active member of this Committee? Do you have the time to occasionally visit someone in their home or bake a cake, or make some sandwiches for our seniors' lunch? Or do you know someone who could benefit from some pastoral support at this time?

Please feel free to contact Joe, Ivonne, or Mary through the Parish office 9397 6066.



*"Never see a need  
without trying  
to do something  
about it"*



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## Rosters for this week 4th & 5th May 2024

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| Counting Team No. 2        | David Jamieson, Marguerite Buckley, Bob Paz, Lauren Dittmar                                       |
| Ministers of the Eucharist | 6.00pm Gail Tull<br>8.30am Maryann Wenzel, John O'Keefe<br>10.30am Maria Laudato, Maylene Clayton |
| Mass Readers               | 6.00pm Josie Penna<br>8.30am Stephen Littleton<br>10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro                      |
| Welcomers                  | 6.00pm Michael Dillon<br>8.30am Teofila Hunt<br>10.30am Herb Zimmer                               |

## Rosters for next Week 11th & 12th May 2024

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| Ministers of the Eucharist | 6.00pm Larry Rigoni<br>8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Doreen Mitchell<br>10.30am Maria Laudato, Eugene Yii |
| Mass Readers               | 6.00pm Daniel Corcoran<br>8.30am Chris Maine<br>10.30am Mareena Peter                                 |
| Welcomers                  | 6.00pm Frank Schobben<br>8.30am Charles Hili<br>10.30am Joe Covelli                                   |



### IN OUR PRAYERS

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Kay Conlin, Philip Barclay, Ray Luttick, Eric Pinzone, Palmينو Regini, Anthony Hynes, Hattie Zammit, Maurie Kirwan, Margaret Jones, Christine House, Emma Amati, Les Wishart, Charlie Broadfoot, Kath Kelly, Mick Nolan, James Wright, Kevin Reilly, Maria Taliana, Les Sharp, Nora Bloedorn, Charlie Axelson, Carmel Featherston, Laurel Bennett, Felice Lanzon, Carmela Darmanin, Jack Bevis, Allan Absalom, Anne Rogerson, Geoff Dooley, Winifred Graham, Rolly Butterworth, Alma Jenkins, Joseph Pace, Panusz Piahoviak, Lina Sharp, Rita Zahra, Carmen Stocks and Tom Verhoef, whose anniversaries are at this time.



## GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY THIS WEEK:

"If you would like to write to any federal politician with concerns about Woodside, Australia's biggest coal and gas company and their planned Northwest Shelf project, go to [letition.org.au](https://letition.org.au) where you will find a pre-written letter you can modify and send."