

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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel. 17:22-24

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 5:6-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live forever.

GOSPEL: MARK 4:26-34

He said, "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.



Tuesday 18th June	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 11:00am "The Village Williamstown" – Fr Greg on duty for communion service. 7.00pm Parish Collaboration Meeting with parish priests and reps of local 4 parishes at Newport School Staff Room.
Wednesday 19th June	9:15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. 11:00 am Funeral Mass for Emmanuel Zhara.
Thursday 20th June	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 21st June	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Saturday 22nd June	9.00am–11.00am Working Bee around the Parish gardens.

Dear Parishioners,

In Mark's gospel (ch 4:1-34) we have a collection of parables most of which deal with the growth of seed. They serve as a commentary on what has been happening in Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom. The parables of the seed that grows by itself and the mustard seed were meant to encourage the early Church, which was worried about the slow growth of the kingdom.

CATHOLIC MISSION:

There is an annual collection this weekend.

BIG CHANGES IN ARCHDIOCESE:

A/: The Vicar General is the one who runs the archdiocese on behalf of the Archbishop in order to let the Archbishop be free on his many engagements with parishes, schools and other organisations within the Archdiocese. Before our present vicar general, Greg Bennet was our Vicar General, then appointed as bishop of Sale. Now his holiness Pope Francis has appointed our present capable Vicar General, Joe Caddy, bishop of Cairns in northern Queensland.

B/: Due to various circumstances, mainly retirements, there are several vacant parishes within our Archdiocese – more than ever before. On our side of the archdiocese, four parishes are waiting for the appointment of a parish priest: Queenscliff, Hoppers Crossing, Laverton/Altona Meadows, Grovedale. Grovedale which has Torquay and Anglesea in its boundaries, has now 5 primary catholic schools, plus a secondary one. Exactly the same number of schools is within the Laverton/Altona Meadows/Point Cook parish. Big jobs for someone who needs our prayers.

CHANGE OF PULPITS:

Latest off the mark of our nearby parishes to change pulpits is Fr Paul Tru of Altona North. Only change this time on 22nd June is us two swapping our Saturday nights. He will be here for 6pm Mass and I will be there for his 5pm Saturday evening Mass. Otherwise everything as normal.

An Invitation to serve your Parish! Come and be an Altar Server

All students in grades 3- 5, whether boys or girls are welcome to join the altar server team. Parents do not hesitate to ring myself on 0400524363 or email me on greg.trythall@cam.org.au for any further clarification if your child is interested in joining our altar serving team. I am hoping that in a month or two these new recruits can be given the right training in the Church one Saturday or afternoon with proper notice given.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

At St Mary's we welcome people who are searching for spiritual meaning in their lives or for a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. The RCIA is a process of reflection and learning for those who are not baptised and wanting to find out more about the Catholic faith and for those already baptised in another Christian tradition who now desire to further their faith journey with the Catholic Church. A new group is starting again on Tuesday June 25th at 7 – 8pm. You are welcome to join us as well as others who want to deepen their Catholic faith.

Please contact Fr Greg if you are interested in further details or email greg.trythall@cam.org.au or call Fr Greg on 0400524363.

GREAT CONVERSION STORIES

I often in my reading find stories of people (sometimes the most unlikely who turn eventually to Catholicism). Let's start with Alfred Doblin. Although little known among English language readers, Alfred Doblin is often ranked among the most important novelists of the 20th century. His masterpiece 'Berlin Alexanderplatz' (1929) is widely regarded as a classic of German literary modernism. Born in 1878 in a secularized German Jewish family, Alfred's father abandoned them when Alfred was ten, leaving him and his four siblings to be raised by his mother. Growing up in Berlin he was influenced by 19th century German poets as well as Nietzsche and Dostoevski, and was struck by questions of whether God's existence could be known and what it would mean in a world of inescapable human suffering. Alfred became a neurologist and psychiatrist. While he practised medicine, Alfred continued to ponder the why? of human existence through prolific literary explorations. In his writings Doblin's characters wrestle with the questions whether they have a "self" that endures the crushing burdens of inevitable material decay and the manipulations of human violence. His novels are slowly being translated, revealing to non-German readers something of his greatness as a writer. Apparently they are meticulously (often beautifully) descriptive, with vivid imagery and masterful prose. They are also strongly descriptive of human suffering and the desperate cry for something more, reflecting the author's own fascination, even his desire to find signs that there is a God who cares for the world. His novel in 1929 Berlin Alexanderplatz brought him fame in Germany but it also forced Alfred and his wife and four sons to flee following the Nazi take over in 1933. In Paris Alfred spent long hours in Church pondering the crucifix. Could God take our sufferings upon himself? Alfred wished that he could see the truth of it. After the family immigrated to America, Alfred found himself approaching a local Jesuit parish and soon found through the Jesuits priests there, the answers he had long sought in life. Alfred, his wife Ema and youngest son Stefan were baptised on November 30th, 1941. Alfred Doblin's profound and deeply moving memoir of exile and conversion is translated into English as 'Destiny's Journey'.

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN:

Thanks again those who have responded to signing our parish Code of Conduct and to provide a Working with Children Check. Please continue to hand them in at Mass or at the Parish Office in the presbytery or put in presbytery slit in door.

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg 13/6/2024



WORKING BEE-CHURCH GARDENS

SATURDAY 22nd June, 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.

GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY THIS WEEK:

***Drive smoothly – stop/start driving is much less efficient and
more polluting than driving at a constant speed.***



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

SCAN ME



Rosters for this week 15th & 16th June 2024

Counting Team No. 1	Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones, Paul Francis
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am John O'Keefe, Stephen Littleton 10.30am Maylene Clayton, Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Joe Covelli
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Herb Zimmer

Rosters for next Week 22nd & 23rd June 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel, Ivonne Cram 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Mary Frisby 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, Lazarus Wilson, Colin Dundon, Michael Dillon

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Emmanuel Zahra and Luka Huddle who passed away recently and Natalie Borg, Valma Tweedly, Nellia Corva, Charlie Gatt, Kathleen Canavan, Mateja Gashi, Gerry Miller, Silvatrice Pecora, Marie Pinzone, Brendan O'Grady, Maria Djopa, Fr. John Cunningham, Vittorio, Adele & Mario Rigoni, Dorrie O'Neill, Mary Bell, Stewart Fisher, John Morris, Lyn Trojkovic, Brian Deagan, Mary Allsopp, Bruce Calman, Vin Hogan, Peter Page, Lawrence Kennedy, Martin Mahy, Jessie Pace, Bernie Kelly, Ernie Jackson, Eric Hudson, Carlo Misley, John Thompson, Peter McDonald, Noel Bean, Lino Lechich, Herbert Richardson, Lino Tominovi, Marcel McKay, Josephine O'Driscoll, Gordon Alexander, Nicholas Cassar, Emilio Cini, Angelina & Natalino Meilak, Maria Falzon, Michael Meilak, Joan Spiteri, Blondina and Lawrence Sammut, Carmela Pisano, Vincent Mifsud, Rosalba Failla, Antonio Basilone, Rosaria, Albert, Maria Meloni, Celestina, Ersilia, Guiseppe, Natalino, Margherita, Carmelo, George and Emanuele Mangion, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Rita, Pietro, Francesca, Benedetto, Ignazio, Angeolina Saragozza, Mario Camilleri and Giuseppe Azzaro, whose anniversaries are at this time.

