

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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Tuesday 9:00am – 3.00pm

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St. Mary's School

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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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Habakkuk: 1:2-3, 2:2- 4.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

If today you hear God's voice,
harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy: 1:6-8, 13-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the good news.

GOSPEL: LUKE 17:5-9

And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." "Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded?"



Tuesday 7th October	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 8th October	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church. 7.00pm St Vincent de Paul Festival Mass at St Mary's
Thursday 9th October	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 10th October	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

There are many Jubilee celebrations throughout our world and there is another one this weekend throughout Australia as the **Church celebrates the World Day of Migrants and Refugees**. In a decade where several nations are encouraged to knock back their migrant and refugees' quotas, it is up to us to have the means and the ability to keep on offering a place of welcome and hospitality. The Church can and must continue to promote social justice and unity amongst its varying population.

HELPING OUR NEAR NEIGHBOUR – EAST TIMOR

Last Monday at St Mary's Church we held the **funeral of John Martinkus**. John lived in Cole Street only 30 metres away from the Steampacket hotel towards Nelson Place. His contribution as a Foreign Correspondent meant the world **was alerted to the severe atrocities being perpetrated by the Indonesian military** at a time when even several Australian journalists were never seen again. In great danger he stayed there in Timor Leste throughout 1998 to alert Australia and the world. His help meant that Timor Leste was given independence from Indonesia and from the President down they have never forgotten his enormous contribution. Journalist and lawyer Mark Davis stated only recently . "What was incredible, when I was in Timor with John (during Pope Francis visit) was this grounds well of love from the people there, he really was a big deal in East Timor." Last year, President Ramos Horta presented him with the Order of Timor-Leste for "his contribution to the benefit of the country, the Timorese, and humanity." Martinkus had managed to slip into Indonesian occupied East Timor in 1995 when the world wasn't interested and countries like Australia were still in denial about what happening in the former Portugese colony. He was the first to report on the Indonesian backed militia, which were determined to keep Timor as the subjugated 27th province in post Suharto Indonesia. It was stated that he took injustice, ignorance, and brutality towards the weak personally and so no doubt Jesus will reward him. May he rest in peace.

IN 2024, an estimated 673 million people (8.2% of the global population) faced hunger, while in 2022 the world wasted a staggering 1.05 billion tonnes of food (19% of all food available to consumers). As we approach World Food Day on 16th October, we are reminded of the urgent need for new ways of thinking about food – not a commodity to be wasted, but a gift to be shared.

For families in Timor- Leste, the crisis is felt acutely: nearly half of children under five are malnourished, and two- thirds of families face seasonal food shortages. With help from supporters like you, Francisco, a 40-year-old father of six living in Timor- Leste's countryside, is leading change. As team leader of 43 households in the Food Security program run by Jesuit Social Service, a project partner in Timor-Leste, Francisco has witnessed transformation – not only in farming practices but in the mindset of the community.

97% of Timor- Leste is Catholic which is quite incredible, so therefore it needs many more priests! You may remember last year Fr Michael Kalka as Altona Parish Priest led the charge to help sponsor poor seminarians to stay and finish their studies at the Major Seminary there. Three seminarians were sponsored by the contributions of parishioners here from St Mary's. Fr Michael Kalka is going back to that same seminary in January next year just for a short period. He will place the money contribution of his parish while two of our parishioners – the son and grandson of John and Mary O'Keefe will present our money contributions to help as well. Just see me beforehand if you are willing to help the same three seminarians as this year. They are Salomao Amaral, Bartolomeu dos Santos Lasi and Francisco Mendonca Pinheiro. They are all sons of poor farmers there in Timor Leste. They need our help (and encouragement!) It is good for all to know someone cares.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

- A) **FIRST READING:** A little later Jeremiah, Habakkuk lived in the period when Assyrian power had waned and Egypt, after a brief ascendancy, declined before the might of Babylon. Habakkuk wrote just before Babylon overwhelmed Jerusalem. The reading contains, first, the prophet's complaint to God that he does nothing about the evil ways of his people. Then God tells Habakkuk to write down the prophetic message he is about to receive: their enemies are puffed up with pride, but the righteous man will live by his faithfulness.
- B) **SECOND READING:** In this second letter to Timothy, Paul continues to encourage his protege in the face of the difficulties that beset him. In the passage to be read, Paul would have Timothy stir into white heat the smouldering embers of what he received at ordination.
- C) **GOSPEL:** The reading is in two parts, the first dealing with the power of faith and the second with the insufficiency of works, the latter being found only in Luke. In the first part we note that the mustard seed was considered the smallest of all seeds and yet the source of a large tree. We note, too, the typical Semitic exaggeration in "be planted in the sea". The second part is a strong corrective to any feeling of superiority that might be occasioned by works of faith. We are servants, unpaid as of old; our service is our bounden duty.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS:

Half of the Columban Calendars were purchased last week – get in quick if you need one - \$10 each. If no cash on you take one and put money on plate next time you are here.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES:

On 10 October 2008 the Victorian Government passed the Abortion Law Reform ACT 2008 which effectively legalised abortion almost up to birth for any so called good reason! Since that time the laws have been responsible for the killing of many thousands of babies in Victoria. Consequently, please consider joining the 17th annual March for the Babies to be held on Saturday October 11th. The March starts at the Treasury Gardens, Corner of Spring St and Wellington Parade for a 1:00pm start.

Yours 'in Christ'

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ATTENTION: PARISH VOLUNTEERS

'SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS' on-line training

Many parish volunteers still need to complete the one-hour Safeguarding Essentials on-line training. Go to: <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org> to access the module.

To login, enter either your unique Working with Children Check ID or VIT ID number and email address. To register, **volunteers** will need to select our **parish** from the dropdown menu as their Primary Organisation of Service. Feel free to contact Frank Schobben at 0427 416 184 for any assistance.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE—STARTING TODAY

Are you looking for a meaningful way to live out your faith and serve others? Join our St Vincent de Paul Group here at St Mary's and become part of a mission rooted in compassion, dignity and hope.

Whether you can give a few hours a month or just want to learn more, there's a place for you.

Together, we visit neighbours in need, offer support during difficult times, and bring Christ's love into the lives of others - one small act of kindness at a time.

Step forward. Serve with heart. Grow in faith. Join us today - because no one should face hardship alone. For more information please contact Tim Lonergan, President, 0409 523 485.

Rosters for this Week 4th & 5th October 2025

Counting Team 3	Ian Veal, Frances Moloney, Toni Cutroni, Larry Rigoni, Susan Jamieson
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Eilin Taylor 10.30am Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Mareena Peter
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Mariza O'Keefe

Rosters for next Week 11th & 12th October 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Gerard Colla 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Chris Maine, Jan Maine 10.30am Eilin Taylor
Welcomers	6.00pm Volunteer Needed 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Herb Zimmer

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Finn Pennisi, Dominic Piccolo, Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, Charlie Galea

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Antonio Rigoni, Frank Guastalegname, Lido Fontanini, Anthony Zahra, Tagore Yenigenne, Nonie Ward, (Fr.) Bill O'Halloran, Michael Kennedy, Michael Darmanin, Joe Pinzone, Rosario De Bono, Brian Debenham, Mark Penfold, Sheila Maguire, Joan Hudson, Angela Teuma, Joseph Cogan, Maria Meloni, Mark Gerada, Michael Rogerson, Andrew Dory, Kathleen Anderson, Johanna Wilkinson, Andre Portelli, Mary Quinn, Ellen Maguire, Roger Dawson, Edna Gregory, Mary O'Keefe, Doris Gleeson, Florence Hamment, Luigi Vivone, Elizabeth Perram, Priscilla Dresser, Joseph Magdziara, John Meehan, Bernard Brown, Bianca Carwana, Rita Zahra, Paul and Lorenza Dimeck, Les Sharp, Franca Napoli, Willy Colton and Nicky Colton; whose anniversaries are at this time.

