

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

Sharon Vassallo

Tuesday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Thursday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

Kylie Skinner-Wednesday

9.30am–1.30pm

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Amos 7:12-15

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

GOSPEL: MARK 6:7-13

He summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits.

He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic.

He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave from there. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to

you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." So they went off and preached repentance. They drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.



Tuesday 16th July	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church (Fr Greg at breakfast fundraiser for Mary McKillop Family Services) 7pm Meeting for reps of the four surrounding parishes at St Mary's Presbytery dining room than other previous location advertised in past.
Wednesday 17th July	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Thursday 18th July	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7pm Baptism preparation at the Parish Centre.
Friday 19th July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

It was good to have a number of our teenage members be involved last Saturday night with the music, the readings, taking up the gifts and doing the collection. Make sure this is not a once off as you are as big a part of this parish as anyone of any age group!

It was good to have our recently retired Albion Parish Priest be available to celebrate the 10:30am Mass last weekend as he has moved into the Williamstown area. His contribution helped me greatly to be able to concelebrate with Fr Binh Le at Newport at 10:00am for a great send off from the Newport/ Spotswood parishioners. It was good to see a packed church on the day and for them to be able to kick on at the Sacred Heart Newport school for speeches and refreshments. We wish Fr Binh luck at his new big parish Laverton/ Altona Meadows/Point Cook – big challenges ahead with so many schools.

SOME HELPFUL BACKGROUND TO THE BIBLE READINGS:

1. *FIRST READING:* Amos who lived in the middle of the 8th century B.C; was the first of the canonical prophets and came from the land, with no prophetic training or experience. His voice was loud in condemnation of social evils.

2. *SECOND READING:* This I gather was probably a circular letter written to churches in what was known as Asia Minor (Turkey). In the section before us the apostle Paul sets out God's plan for us in Christ.

3: *GOSPEL:* The Apostles have already responded to the Lord's first call, "Come". Now they must "Go", as the second phase of their ministry

FAITH FORMATION SERIES:

The rather large and growing parish of Hoppers North will be sponsoring the following at St James the Apostle Church 330 Derrimut Road Hoppers Crossing 7 – 9pm:

1. Wed July 17 – another experienced operator Dr Kevin Lenehan, a priest will be addressing the topic: "Synodality and Mission in a Secular Society".
2. Wed July 24 – another speaker Dr Cecilia Francisco-Tan will tackle "Women in the Church: Insights from the Syrophoenician Woman."

MARY MacKILLOP TODAY:

There is a fundraising event to be held on Friday August 23rd at Mt Joseph's Girls College in Altona West. 'Mary MacKillop Today' is a national not for profit organisation that provides community grants to organisations that support vulnerable people in Australia. These grants give individuals and organisations an opportunity to change lives through projects that build dignity as well as educate, enlighten and empower. Also assistance is being asked to contribute to the Fundraising Dinner, through provision of items for their major and silent auctions and raffles. Dinner will be on Friday August 23rd 6:30pm at 133 Maidstone Street Altona. 2 course meals, BYO drinks, tea + coffee provided. Cost \$50. Contact is through 99269300.

REFUGEE and ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT:

Next week we will hand out a precise calendar of what is needed but in the meantime most of you would know we have a 'food and living essentials collection for refugee and asylum seeker families throughout August. As in past our first week will start with dried foods, then move on following week to tinned foods, finishing the last two weeks with toiletries & personal care, and then other household items. You might start raiding the local supermarkets if it is financially within your means!

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. The training day will be 1 – 2pm on Saturday July 20th in St Mary's Church.

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 has started and is in progress most Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8pm. Not this Tuesday though. Please contact myself, Fr Greg if you are interested in further details or email greg.trythall@cam.org.au or call Fr Greg on 0400 524 363.

NEW PARISHIONERS LUNCHEON:

If you are new to St Mary's Parish over the last year or so you are welcome to attend our Welcome Luncheon. Please fill out your contact details on one of the back tables and join us for lunch in the Parish Centre on Sunday, August 11th. Usually, half of our Parish Council join us. If you want to find out who is on the Parish Council then look up on the back pin board for the photo and name.

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN:

Frank Schobben was endorsed last week by Parish Pastoral Council as the **Safeguarding Officer** for St Mary's Parish.

In this volunteer role, Frank will provide support, advice and information on all matters concerning the safeguarding of children and vulnerable people within our parish community, and will liaise with volunteers. He will contribute significantly to support the implementation of policies and procedures to promote and strengthen our compliance to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, the Victorian Child Safe Standards, and the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.

Frank can be contacted on 0427 416 184.

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg 10/7/2024

SACRAMENT PROGRAM CONFIRMATION

In August we will have our last Sacrament Program for the year for Confirmation. For children who do not attend St Mary's school and are in the Parish area who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2024 please contact Monique Julian: monique.julian@cam.org.au to request an enrolment form. The Program will begin 12th August and run for three weeks.



Update on our Family from Syria

Amina, Omar and Mirva continue to settle into life in Australia with support of the Parish

In late June (after 3 months being kindly hosted by Brian and Sally Rice) they achieved a greater level of independence by moving into their own unit locally under a 12 month lease in Williamstown.

Learning English is challenging. Amina and Omar continue their English classes at the Laverton Community Centre, and make small improvements weekly with English.

Omar who turns 18 this week, was seen recently at the MCG with Brian Rice, wearing a Hawthorn scarf and has unfortunately mastered the phrase "Go Hawks".

Mirva who celebrated her 15th birthday in April, currently travels an hour and quarter each day to the Western English Language School in Braybrook. She has made a good group of friends, attended a 3 day camp (in the city), studies hard, and has won student of the week on a few occasions, and a photography prize. She is a hard worker and we believe will do very well.

Many small steps, but so far, so good as the family adapt to life in Australia.

Mark Northeast

Rosters for this week 6th & 7th July 2024

Counting Team No. 3	Ian Veal, Fran Moloney, Tony Cutroni, Larry Rigoni, Susan Jamieson
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Evol Farrelly, John O'Keefe 10.30am Maylene Clayton
Mass Readers	6.00pm Rosemarie Smith 8.30am Himali Peter 10.30am Eilin Taylor
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Herb Zimmer

Rosters for next Week 20th & 21st July 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel, Ivonne Cram 10.30am Di Collins, Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Olga Reginato
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Teofila Hunt 10.30am Chantel Castelino

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Sarah Rodgers,
Assunta Delgrosso, Yemme Reddy, Anne-Marie Pelikinakis,
Tita Lopres, Lazarus Wilson, Michael Dillon, Silvana and Emma Ursini.

A PRAYER OF
HEALING FOR SICK
FAMILY & FRIENDS



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Fr. Austin Cooper OMI, Lucrezia Debono, Joseph Falzon, David Kelly, Maria D'Angelo, Dean Maher, Patrizia McBride-Sagona, Elliott Willets, Patricia Woodruff, Rita Zahra, Bob Dye, Verna Routley, Vera McAuslan, Carmelo Mangion, Dave Meehan, Monsignor Pietro Sambi, Thomas Nolan, Vince Ganley, Melanie Wrekmeister, Lou Riley, Patrick Geddes, Mary Magee, Sammy Guerzon, Mary Mew, Frank Moloney, Evelyn Cuffe, Domenico Acquaro, Harry Forecast, Nick Kurkowski, Mary Reifschneider, Gerard Finn, Giovanni Dudine, John Pepper, Kath Eddy, John Hilton O'Keefe, Antonio Morelli, Pietro Sokolic, Ada Major, Lesley Dobbyn, Nancy Helmore, Tom Hewitt, Carrie Thompson, Angelina, Natalino and Michael Meilak, Blondina and Lawrence Sammut, Luciana Rigoni, Ida Rigoni, Nadala Sokolic, Dumica Zuklic, Stefano Zuklic, Concetta and Giuseppe Camilleri, Laurie Sammut, Brian Begley and Joan Spiteri; whose anniversaries are at this time.

GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY THIS WEEK:

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to discourage advertising material***