

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

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the first book of Kings. 19:4-8.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord..

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians. 4:30, 5:2.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:41-51

The Jews murmured about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven," and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets:

'They shall all be taught by God.'

Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."



Monday 12th August	6.00pm Confirmation Classes for non St Mary children from the parish (This class is fully booked)
Tuesday 13th August	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. 11:00am Funeral Mass for Sue La Fontaine at St Mary's Church 7.00pm Continuation of faith sessions for those interested in the Catholic faith at presbytery – Confirmation theme.
Wednesday 14th August	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7.00pm Vigil of Assumption – St Mary's Church
Thursday 15th August	9:15am Whole School Mass for Feast of Assumption at St Mary's Church
Friday 16th August	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

About six years ago I was asked by coordinator of Farmers Market to let everyone use our rest rooms. I informed the coordinator at the time that it was not a public toilet. Recently in last year I have had to twice pay for plumbers to unblock our toilets on the Farmers Market monthly Sunday. From now on I will make sure Evol Farrelly and Josphine Farrugia have a key to those two toilets if a parishioner wants to use our facilities. If you find side door of Parish Centre is locked, please see one of those ladies or myself. If coming for morning tea on a Sunday after 8:30am Mass please if locked at time go around to main centre doors to gain attention. Thanks for your patience in this but we can't just afford for our rest rooms to be used as public toilets.

It will be nice to see a few different people at our **New Parishioners Luncheon after 10:30am Mass this weekend.**

Next **Sunday August 18th at 4pm** parishioners and or their families are welcome to come down to the **Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club** as I enter the water and celebrate **1500 Sunday swims** without missing one while in Australia these last 30 years. Two major difficulties of achieving this milestone were firstly the 15 debutante balls on a Saturday night in Grovedale and still somehow getting up at the usual 6:30am to swim at Torquay Front Beach before the 8:45am Mass! The other one was the fact that the Premier during the pandemic, Dan Andrews made a late call on the Saturday evening to close all Port Phillip Bay beaches on the Sunday!! As it was a last minute thing and not knowing about it until I got down on that semi dark Sunday morning to find security guards at the entrance to the Williamstown Life Saving Club! Somehow the guards could not catch me as I made the bold move to drive the car 300 metres and swim at the other end of the beach! Mission accomplished – I did not break my 27 year old streak at the time – a close call though! The outside kiosk will be open at the time for you to grab some food or coffee at that 4 pm time.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION:

This year we celebrate the 350th anniversary of the death of Philippe de Champaigne. He was already a famous painter when the church of the Carmelite convent in the Parisian suburb of Saint -Jacques commissioned him to paint a large altarpiece depicting the Assumption. This convent in the 1600's had become very famous as it became one of the high places of French monastic life, attracting numerous vocations of young women. Several great prelates came to preach there in Paris. When closed due to the French revolution its artworks when they were not destroyed were dispensed. The Assumption (painting) by Phillippe de Champaigne fortunately escaped the revolutionary vandalism. Since the 7th century, based on patristic tradition, the liturgy has celebrated the fact that the Blessed Virgin was taken up to heaven at the end of her earthy life, though it was not until 1950 that the Church defined the tradition as a dogma in the Apostolic Constitution Munificentissimus Deus by Pope Pius X11. This subject was very dear to the Counter-Reformation of the Catholic Church against the Protestant Reformation in the 16th century. Indeed it wished to recall Mary's place in salvation history, and the painter Champaigne treated it numerous times: at least 13 versions are known.



SOME HELPFUL BACKGROUND TO THE BIBLE READINGS:

1. FIRST READING:

Elijah has just defeated the false prophets of Baal, a worship introduced by Queen Jezebel. Consequently, Jezebel is out to kill Elijah who is in need of nourishment for his long journey to escape her.

2. SECOND READING: St Paul names some of the things that go against our unity in Christ.

3: GOSPEL: It continues to expand on the subject of the Bread of Life.

CHILDRENS LITURGY:

We will recommence our Children's Liturgy during the 8:30am Mass next Sunday and be assured all our two leaders at each session have a Working with Children Check.

REFUGEE and ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT: Thanks for the 'Tinned Food ' this week – please put it with the other food on the far left side of the Church near the school side door. Next week we are hoping to help with Toiletries – shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, sanitary products, shaving items.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION August 15th

In order to help workers get to the Mass, there will be an evening Mass on Wednesday August 14th at 7pm and a whole school Mass the following day on August 15th at 9:15am.

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN:

Frank Schobben was endorsed three weeks ago by the St Mary's Parish 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.

ARCHBISHOPS CAMPAIGN:

In 2024 , the Archdiocesan Development Office is introducing a streamlined approach to fundraising. This approach, called the Archbishop's Campaign, is a single annual campaign and will reduce the number of separate special Sunday plate collections in parishes each year. Who will the monies go to! The focus of the 2024 campaign is support for the formation of new priests and for the care of retired priests – those who have served the community of faith in the past and those who will do so in the future. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund, which supports Corpus Christi College Building Fund, Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre for the hearing impaired. Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund and other deductible gift recipient entities such as Catholic community agencies and service organisations. Archbishops Campaign envelopes will be on the end of the seats next weekend for those who wish to help the Archdiocese in this way.

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 8/8/2024

PARISH CENSUS—PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM 2024

A parish census will be conducted following the Homily at all Masses over the next two weekends Sat 17th, Sun 18th and Sat 24th and Sun 25th August. This will enable us to update our parish records by adding new members of our community and noting changes with addresses, emails and phone numbers. Census cards, privacy envelopes and pencils will be placed in the pews prior to each Mass, and you are requested to return your envelope in one of the collection baskets. Your assistance with this important process is very much appreciated.

GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY THIS WEEK:

Turn off your computer, monitor and printer when you finish using them or when you leave work at the end of the day.

Rosters for this Week 10th & 11th August 2024

Counting Team 1	Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones, Paul Francis
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Eugene Yi, Maylene Clayton
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Mariza O'Keefe

Rosters for next Week 17th & 18th August 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Eilin Taylor, Karen Colla 10.30am Alisoon Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Chris Maine 10.30am Mareena Peter
Welcomers	6.00pm Claudia Hall 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Chantel Castelino
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Doreen Mitchell, James McCutcheon

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, Danuta Kurkowski, Silvana and Emma Ursini.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES



We pray for Sue La Fontaine who passed away recently and Bernard Ryan, Anna Cutroni, Patrick Ryan, Antonia Kucich, Leo and Rachel Mangan, Ralph McMenomy, Marie McAloon, Margherita Cini, Ignatius Ostojich, Romaine Augustin, Trish O'Driscoll, Giovanni Del Grosso, Pasqualina Pazzi, William John Dooley, Mary Elaine Hyland, Gina D'Angelo, Greta Ryan, Edward Charewicz, Gabrielle Mills, Gerry Franken, Frances Hussey, Peter Power, Josie Gilligan, Patrick McGlade, Raymond Pearce, Mary Conway, Mary Blenheim, Lillian Connors, Paul Bracken, Alice Kelly, Aurelio Sagona, Warwick Smith, John Leonard, Benito, Felicidad, Clotilde Lagahit and John Robert William Richardson, whose anniversaries are at this time.

NEWSLETTERS BY E-MAIL

If you would like to receive the St Mary's newsletter via email each week, please register at our website

www.melbcatholic.org/s/williamstown or use the QR code.

