

# 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*

15th September, 2024



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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

## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. 50:5-9

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.

### SECOND READING:

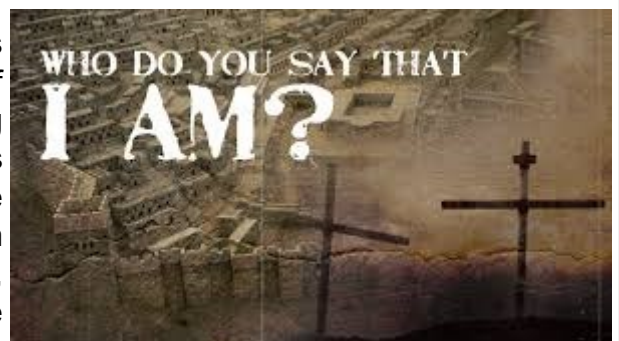
A reading from the letter of James. 2:14-18

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

### GOSPEL: MARK 8:27-35

Now Jesus and his disciples  
set out for the villages of  
Caesarea Philippi. Along  
the way he asked his  
disciples, "Who do people  
say that I am?" They said in  
reply, "John the Baptist,  
others Elijah, still others one  
of the prophets." And he  
asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in  
reply, "You are the Messiah." Then he warned them not to tell anyone  
about him.



He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be  
rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed,  
and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him  
aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking  
at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You  
are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever  
wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and  
follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever  
loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it.

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| <b>Tuesday 17th September</b>   | 9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.<br>11.00am Fr Greg at "The Village" for Communion Service.<br>7pm – 8pm Continuation of new group looking into Catholicism – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. |
| <b>Wednesday 18th September</b> | 9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Thursday 19th September</b>  | 9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Friday 20th September</b>    | 9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church                                                                                                                                                                       |

Dear Parishioners,

### **CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY:**

**Sunday 15 September is observed as Social Services Sunday** within the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The day is an opportunity to give thanks for the dedicated work of thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised. Catholic Social Service Victoria 40 plus member organisations provide critical services to Victoria's most disadvantaged and marginalised. Their 7,510 staff and 15,800 volunteers support at least 300,000 people each year across 150 sites in Victoria, plus more nation wise. Representing our Church they work for a more just and equitable society each day.

### **TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL:**

Although personally, some of the time I would just prefer to just stay within my presbytery and within my parish, the demands of the Gospel means that one needs to work with many others for the good of our Catholic Church. Thus, not only have we been meeting with the representatives of our four nearby parishes, but we have been meeting over the last 5 years off and on with the many other parishes of the Western and Geelong zones. Both of these initiatives stems from a task put to our whole Catholic Church by Pope Francis called "**Take the Way of the Gospel**". Thankfully there is some light in the tunnel as from our recent meeting last Thursday week, there is some real meat on the bone as we have been presented with an upcoming parish resource guide. This will be on the Archdiocesan website in two weeks time. In future months and next year we need to work more on this resource guide. In summary though this framework for parish renewal it is a way of organising the most important elements involved in growing communities that are vibrant, vital and viable. The ideal is the following:

**Vibrant parishes** are flourishing faith communities actively nurturing a culture of worship, evangelisation, formation, fellowship and service.

**Vital parishes** have clear direction and purpose. They have a shared missionary vision, display leadership excellence, and work collaboratively to pursue their vision.

**Viable parishes** demonstrate responsible stewardship. They make land, property, financial, and personal decisions that reflect a clear missionary vision.

### **'THE SWAG'.**

I leave you this weekend with a free copy of the "Swag", a production of the National Council of Priests. For those who start reading the pages it will make you wonder why one of the most successful Vatican 11 priests organisations in the world now has trouble attracting new members.

Soon after the world bishops met in Rome and concluded Vatican 11, on 6-7 October 1969, 85 enthusiastic, mainly Australian born priests met at Miller's Oceanic Hotel in the Sydney beachside suburb of Coogee. A much larger national convention took place over 3 days at St Joseph's College, Hunters Hill, less than two years later in May 1970 with four hundred priests including six bishops. They broke up into study commissions to discuss many of the themes raised at Coogee. Subsequently, the NCP (National Council of Priests) was voted into existence in September 1971. Membership grew steadily and by 1981 it had a thousand priests on its books. In 2009, a little over 1,600 Australian bishop, priests and deacons – diocesan and religious – counted themselves as members of the NCP. Since its inception the NCP has sought to both represent and support all Australian clergy in a spirit of fraternity, to provide a forum for expression of a wide range of views and to liaise with other related bodies, such as the bishops when there has been real concerns. I suppose it should go without saying that the NCP needs your prayers as it tries to discern its future course, especially in what could be its last Convention in March 2025 in Sydney. I will be there and I will be praying that the Holy Spirit helps us in our discernment of the wisest future directions.

Very briefly here is my summary of the pages in this spring edition of the “Swag” quarterly magazine of the NCP.

- P3 - Chairman of NCP is a bit negative about the future of the NCP while editor is a bit more positive on page 3 +4.
- P5 - I have been going to NCP conventions ( held mostly every 2 years) since 1994 and I have never regretted the wisdom gained.
- P6 - A summary of the responses sent in regarding the future of both the NCP and the SWAG.
- P7 - I needed to write article regarding ACCRAF and it is there in print.
- P8 - Pope Francis highlights the importance of being a good and capable Parish Priest in this day and age.
- P9 - 10 - Meeting of Parish Priests from around the world. Nice little article especially about meeting Pope Francis.
- P 11 Although a former priest John Warhurst understands that without organisations like the NCP then church reform will become less likely without this Vatican 11 inspired generation of priests.
- P12 - 13 I was in America in San Francisco at the Vatican 11 Institute for clergy and it surprised me for a modern democracy how conservative the clergy were in that country: many almost pre Vatican 11 and quite devotional . Thus, it is not surprising the tale of two churches as Massimo Faggioli describes in his article. Faggioli is one of the most respected educated lay persons in our Catholic Church today.
- P14 – Archbishop Coleridge ( a Strathmore boy) of Brisbane always gives a great homily. This was done at the memorial Mass for Anthony Kelly CSSR – one of our Corpus Christi lecturers in 1973 at Clayton.
- P15 – From respected Ballarat priest Fr Barry Ryan who died June 22<sup>nd</sup> .
- P16 – 18 - I passed over this one as maybe boring.
- P18 - Fascinating that French priest probably celebrated the 1<sup>st</sup> Mass ever celebrated in Australia in 1788.
- P19- 20 - Melbourne Archdiocese retired priest and Xavier old boy, Gerard Spillane gave a wonderful talk during evening meal at our recent June meeting at Cape Schank for our annual clergy conference of Archdiocese.
- P20 - Bill Fox mysteriously left the priesthood many years ago – he was a former Parish Priest of Altona North. He writes passionately about needing to save our earth .
- P21 - The Church thrives in a number of countries in our world but not in Europe – so not surprising there is a certain pessimism with this article even postulating a Church without Clergy!
- P 23 - 28 - A number of other pieces.
- P 29 - 31 - Obituaries of some very fine priests who all did great work for Jesus and our Church.

#### THE SEASON OF CREATION:

“The Season of Creation ‘has only been a phenomenon over the last few years, but still no less important. Although a major thrust of the Catholic Church, in an ecumenical exchange with other major Christian Churches, it began this year on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 and ends quite appropriately on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4<sup>th</sup> 2024. It is a time to sit back and examine how we relate to God’s gift of creation. Thus, next weekend we will explore that more through the liturgy and the sermon.

Yours ‘in Christ’

Fr Greg 12/9/24

### **Safeguarding**

The Archdiocese of Melbourne IT department has set up an automated email system (PACEM) to assist parishes in complying with the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Standards and the Victorian Child Safe Standards for parish volunteer group members. We have been contacting all volunteers to have:

- a valid Working With Children Check or a Victorian Institution of Training card, and Police Record Check (only if requested), and
- sign the Safeguarding Children and Young People (SYCP) Code of Conduct, and complete the online Safeguarding Essentials Training.

As maintaining these checks manually is a laborious task, around the 15th day of each month PACEM will send an automated email to those volunteers **who are not compliant with one or more of the points mentioned above**. Therefore, if you have not done so already, please apply for your checks, undertake the training, and provide copies of checks and certificates to the parish office as soon as possible.

### Rosters for this Week 14th & 15th September 2024

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| Ministers of the Eucharist | 6.00pm Mary Soppitt<br>8.30am Karen Colla, Mary Frisby<br>10.30am Di Collins, Alison Silke |
| Mass Readers               | 6.00pm Evol Farrelly<br>8.30am Charles Hili<br>10.30am Herb Zimmer                         |
| Welcomers                  | 6.00pm Frank Schobben<br>8.30am Volunteer Needed<br>10.30am Maylene Clayton                |

### Rosters for next Week 21st & 22nd September 2024

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| Counting Team 4            | Leanne Spiteri, Greg Morgan, Herb Zimmer, Steven Sagona                                            |
| Ministers of the Eucharist | 6.00pm Gail Tull<br>8.30am John O'Keefe, Doreen Mitchell<br>10.30am Maylene Clayton, Maria Laudato |
| Mass Readers               | 6.00pm Marica Schobben<br>8.30am Peter Kirwan<br>10.30am Joe Covelli                               |
| Welcomers                  | 6.00pm Imma Marguglio<br>8.30am Maryanne Wenzel<br>10.30am Mariza O'Keefe                          |

### IN OUR PRAYERS

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Peter Wenzel, Frank Hornby, Colleen Littleton, Catherine "Mum" Willmott, Paul Falzon, Franca Azzaro, Concetta Azzaro, Maria Lorient, Romaine Augustin, Brian Campbell, Luciana Rigoni, Neil Dalton, Jack Oman, Giuseppe Sokolic, Pat Tuck, Sonia Schilich, Roland Zammit, Felice Falzon, Nicky Colton, Damien Grafen, Salvatrice Basso, Francesca King, Frank Cuffe, George Zammit, Rose O'Brien, Eileen Bull, Peg Dooley, Mary Wiltshire, Tony Dixon, Suzy Pomazan, Caterina Borghese, Tom Magee, Bridie O'Loughlin, Marie Morris, Rita Di Leonardo, Tim Forbes, Wendy Gosser, Olive Walsh, Connie Zammit, Catherine Elder, Wally Clarke, Maureen Tamlyn-Kelly, Michael O'Keefe and Jane Zahra; whose anniversaries are at this time.

### RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS

#### October 20th: Life, Marriage and Family Sunday:

If any couple would like a blessing and to renew their wedding vows, especially if celebrating a significant anniversary, you will be able to do this at all Masses on this weekend. Please leave your name on the form at the back of the church or contact Monique ([monique.julian@cam.org.au](mailto:monique.julian@cam.org.au)) or Fr Greg.

### MASS on AFL GRAND FINAL DAY

#### 28th SEPTEMBER 2024 at 7.00pm

Please make a note in your diary that Mass on **Saturday the 28th September 2024**, AFL Grand Final Day, will be held at **7.00pm for that day only.**