

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

Safeguarding Officer

Frank Schobben

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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.

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy. 6:2-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. 7:23-28

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

GOSPEL: MARK 12:28-34

One of the scribes, when he came forward and heard them disputing and saw how well he had answered them, asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.



Tuesday 5th November (Melbourne Cup Day)	No Church services today. Melbourne Cup Day! Hope you pick at least a place, Via Sistina, Buckaroo or whoever!
Wednesday 6th November	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church.—Fr. Barry Hughes.
Thursday 7th November	9:15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. 10.30am Funeral Mass for Alice Cahill.
Friday 8th November	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church.—Fr. Barry Hughes

OUR 2024 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM

THANK YOU for your response to our Parish Commitment Weekend – the final weekend of our Parish Renewal Program. A special THANK YOU to all the parishioners who have already returned their completed pledge commitments and Ministry responses – either at Mass last week or by return to the Parish Office. Your support is very much appreciated!

If you have not yet done so, **additional pledge cards will be available at all Masses this weekend.** Please place your completed financial commitments and Ministry flyers in the collection basket at Mass or return to the Parish Office **no later than next Thursday 7 November.**

Stephen Littleton, our Program Coordinator, will be following up by email, SMS and phone to confirm intentions from parishioners who have not yet responded – so to minimise that follow-up please ensure you complete and return your commitments this weekend.

Your new pledges will **take effect on Sunday 1 December.** Confirmation letters, and where appropriate, new sets of envelopes, will be available at all Masses on the weekend of Sunday 17 November. We thank you once again for your generous response.

Fr Greg

"It is not enough to say we are Christians.

*We must live the faith,
not only with our words, but with our actions."*



Dear Parishioners,

VISITING CLERGY:

While I start my annual holidays this week I am led to believe the Columban Fathers of North Essendon/ Strathmore have allocated Fr Tony Cox to celebrate the weekend Masses. He has been here before, and I am sure he will do a fine job on the liturgy for our parish. Recently retired new Williamstown resident, former Parish Priest of Albion and Ardeer, Fr Barry Hughes will be able to do some of the Masses during the week over the next few weeks.

NOT ON YOUR OWN:

No, you are not on your own – as per latest statistics you are one of 1.389 billion Catholics, and I am one of 407,730 priests! There are also 50,159 permanent deacons doing wonderful work throughout the world, especially performing marriages, funeral and baptisms plus working for many powerful Catholic organisations such as 'Caritas'. We Catholic represent 17.7 % of the world's population.

SOCIAL JUSTICE:

Our parish is determined to act in a social justice way not only through St Vincent de Paul, 'Mary Care', but through our 'Way of the West' and 'Crisp Group' which has helped our refugee sponsored family settle from Syria this year. However, our global networks such as 'Caritas Australia' are supported through fund raising in Lent – Project Compassion. They are the ones who are able more than just us to have access to help many countries throughout our world especially through their 'Caritas' networks. For instance, Caritas Australia's partners in Lebanon have given an update on the charity's beleaguered country, with more than 130,000 hot meals delivered in four days to people in need within the last fortnight.

SYNOD SITUATION IN ROME:

It is still too early to tell the outcomes the synod members were moving towards. Some of the issues being discussed have created tension within the synod hall, but this is good because it is a sign of life, and a sign of the variety of cultures and experiences represented by the synod members. Hopefully by end of November there is some direction encouraged in order that we may be a more missionary church in a secular society rather than a stationary church or one that buries its head in the sand!

Continued...

If you want some really good and deep stuff in regards 'Synod' please look at 43 minute u tube video given as a prayer session for member of the Synod on October 10th. Just try u tube clip 'Synod 2024 – 4th meditation 10th October 2024'. This rather brilliant 'trust orientated' presentation was given by former Dominican head, Fr Timothy Radcliffe who will be made a new Cardinal of the Church on 8th December 2024.

POPE TO RELEASE NEW ENCYCLICAL:

Pope Francis published his fourth encyclical of his pontificate last Thursday on "the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ". The encyclical is titled "Dilexit Nos, meaning 'he has loved us'". Pope Francis stated that mediating on the Lord's love "can illuminate the path of ecclesial renewal and say something meaningful to a world that seems to have lost its heart".

FOOLISH PEOPLE:

Some who only read newspapers regarding Catholicism and even think the Catholic Church is sparse on scientific research or academics would think twice if they only knew the truth. Accordingly, I have left stories for the bulletin of several academics, especially Catholic scientists with our Wednesday bulletin secretary Kylie who hopefully will find room for some of those stories while I am away on annual holidays.

PARISH RENEWAL CAMPAIGN:

I am very thankful to Stephen Littleton and several others who have supported us in this parish renewal campaign: they have all done a fine job. Thanks to those who have put their preferences for parish ministry groups. Also, if you have been away please take one of this ministry group brochures and please commit or recommit to the financial side of our campaign. Don't hesitate to put the commitment form in our locked letter box or through the slit in the presbytery door during the week – always appreciative.

DON'T FORGET:

I hope to see you next at the great singing night in our Parish Church on Saturday November 30th at 7pm. Already over 90 tickets have been booked. On that night Mass will be held half an hour early at 5:30pm in order to set up beforehand for "IT'S A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING."

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 30/10/24

GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY THIS WEEK:

*Shop at food cooperatives, local markets or other food retailers
which all you to purchase only as much as you need.*



www.acrath.org.au
People are NOT for sale

ACRATH is urgently seeking donations of second-hand waterproof jackets that are in good condition for use by migrant workers who have come to Melbourne and Victorian market gardens and farms from various Pacific Islands. These workers find our climate much colder than they are used to but such clothing is not provided by employers. ACRATH members will distribute such donations through their networks with local parishes etc. Ski jackets will also be gratefully accepted. Please contact Marguerite Buckley on 0417 519 110 if you can help. Thank you!

SAFEGUARDING - VOLUNTEERING - GROUPS AND MINISTRIES

During our Parish Renewal Program we have been seeking new volunteers to join our existing Groups and Ministries. Volunteers are integral to the parish experience for our parishioners and they provide a valuable boost and important link to our community.

Australian Child Safety Standards and Safeguarding Frameworks mandate that all volunteers are appropriately recruited and made aware of their safeguarding responsibilities. For this reason, it is now Archdiocese practice for all new volunteers to be interviewed via informal discussion prior to commencing any voluntary position. This process will assist in confirming suitability and highlighting any possible risks, especially to child safety. Volunteers will also be provided with an activity statement, as well as a position overview. Our Safeguarding Officer, Frank Schobben, will lead and coordinate this new process within our parish.

Rosters for this Week 2nd & 3rd November 2024

Counting Team 3	Ian Veal, Fran Moloney, Tony Cutroni, Larry Rigoni, Susan Jamieson
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel, Mary Frisby 10.30am Maylene Clayton, Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Evol Farrelly 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Teofila Hunt 10.30am Mariza O'Keefe
Children's Liturgy	James McCutcheon, Doreen Mitchell

Rosters for next Week 9th & 10th November 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Eilin Taylor, Doreen Mitchell 10.30am Di Collins, Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Joe Covelli
Welcomers	6.00pm Claudia Hall 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 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, Danuta Kurkowski, Silvana & Emma Ursini.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Frank Barbalaco who passed away recently Patricia Kelly (Grieve), Romeo Callejo, Gladys Taylor, Giuseppina Grech, Lucy Muscat, Baskal Farrugia, Carmelo Farrugia, Julia Farrugia, Vincent Mifsud, Antonia Mifsud, Margaret Johnson, Rose Sundblom (McKean), Lorry Galea, Paul Zahra, Nikky Anuscay, Maria Meloni, Doreen Rogers, Margaret Camilleri, Sr. Winifred Murphy, Luigi Vivona, Ignazio Kucic, Alberto, Celestina, Ersilia, Giuseppe, Benedetto, Natalino, Margherita, Carmelo, George & Emmanuele Mangion, Maria Meloni, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Rita, Pietro, Francesa, Benedetto & Ignazio Saragozza, Giuseppina Saragozza, Anthony and Elena Banavage, Maria & Lucio Falzon, David Mangion, Antonia & Adriano Azzopardi, Michele Azzopardi, Rosa Cini, Rosa Azzopardi, Mario Camilleri, Rosaria Mangion, Antonio Basilone, Mario and Evelina Lugnani whose anniversaries are at this time.

St Josephs by the Sea Garden Day Sunday 24th November 10am–4pm

Our Garden day is an event open to the community, it's a day to celebrate and come together to raise funds for Outreach programmes, women suffering abuse, hospitality for individuals emotional and spiritual support, grief support, support Aboriginal programs, upkeep of our gardens, especially the veggie garden which supports our catering requirements. We hope it will also be a great opportunity for the community to get a sense of our space and enjoy all it has to offer.

RSVP: please call (03) 9397 6012 or email admin.sjbs@sosjspirit.org.au St Josephs by the Sea, 16 Esplanade, Williamstown