

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*

8th 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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. 35:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of James. 2:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

GOSPEL: MARK 7:31-37

Again he left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" (that is, "Be opened!") And immediately the man's ears were open, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."



Tuesday 10th September	9.15am Communion Service (Fr Greg at Port Phillip Gaol for 2 Masses there) 7pm – 8pm Start of new group looking into Catholicism.
Wednesday 11th September	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 11:30am Funeral Prayers at St Mary's Church for Peter Ricci
Thursday 12th September	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church
Friday 13th September	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church

Dear Parishioners,

I noticed the **Pope has stepped on the plane** and is now probably in Indonesia travelling also to places which have never seen a Pope: Timor - Leste (very Catholic), and Papua New Guinea. I believe Pope Francis is an incredible human being: very sensitive to the poor of this world, highly intelligent, very wise, prayerful and courageous. I have read the history of quite a few of the Popes. Except for a few they were very good people with one of the most challenging jobs in the world. Many of them suffered greatly through the difficulties of their Office. It is not a job that many would willingly take on.

With sadness I lost a friend this week who was incredibly good to me: **my first Parish Priest as I was his assistant priest**. In 1977 Fr Des Magennis took over Seaford, Pines Housing Commission Estate and Carrum Downs. He needed extra help with this wide and challenging area and I was sent there in 1978 for my first three year appointment. The prime reason I thrived there in my first parish was that Fr Des was a remarkably kind and wise Parish Priest. Although he gave me full reign when then was something that I did consciously or unconsciously wrong, he gently pointed it out without needing to ram the message home. He was usually right and I learned to be a much better and happier priest because of Des who was the former Parish Priest of Parkville and then after Seaford the Parish Priest of Castlemaine. I hope to go to his Vigil Mass at St Therese Essendon this week but funeral day Mass at Castlemaine may not be so easy with other parish commitments on the day.

"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 1st September 2024 and ends quite appropriately on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4th 2024. It is an annual Christian celebration that calls us together each year to pray and respond jointly to the cry of Creation. We will do this in our parish through sermon and prayers on September 21/22nd weekend. The 2024 Season of Creation theme, **"To hope and act with Creation"**, emphasizes the profound relationship between humanity and the natural world. It is inspired by the beautiful biblical image of a mother in childbirth.

**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2024



The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

The Season of Creation is about coming to see our world as it is. One example is that it is about expressing our gratitude that there will be breakfast for us tomorrow and about doing what we can to ensure that there will be breakfast for many others. Although we cannot feed the world our parish through our 4 weeks of receiving over 3,000 goods and food items in August has contributed to this Season of Creation by giving so much help to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Footscray and the Brigidine Asylum Project through its headquarters in Albert Park. Parishioners and school parents are to be congratulated in this regard.

Thanks for all who filled out their census cards to state in the last two weeks you wish to remain parishioners of St Mary's Williamstown. There are a few spare cards on the school side table if you wish to hand one into me or our parish office. Thanks for helping us to update our parish records.

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg 4/9/2024

Safeguarding Sunday - 8th September

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings.

Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable.

Our Parish Statement of Commitment is enclosed, and our safeguarding framework and resources can be found at www.williamstown@cam.org

Continuation of Faith Sessions

I already have three more adults joining our sessions on Catholicism - **starting again on Tuesday September 10th** at the presbytery from 7 – 8pm. If you want further information please do not hesitate to ring me on 0400524363 or email greg.trythall@cam.org.au

GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY THIS WEEK:

Run the dishwasher and washing machine at off peak times (generally after 9pm and before 7am) to lessen your electricity bills.

Williamstown Wolves Baseball Club

「**junior
BASEBALL**
come + try day」

Aussie T-Ball ages 5-7 & Junior Baseball ages 7-17
players of all levels of experience welcome



**SUNDAY 8th
SEPTEMBER
10am - 12pm**

Greenwich Reserve | The Strand | Newport
BBQ AND DRINKS TO FOLLOW

For more information or to
get involved, contact the club.

www.williamstownbaseball.com.au/juniors

Email juniors.wwbc@gmail.com
for more information or
to express your interest in joining
or contact Jo on 0421 084 571

ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT AT SEMINARY:

Friday 13th September 7pm

There is a special TRIPLE C NIGHT (Corpus Christi College) coming up on Friday 13th September at 7pm. It is an evening of joy and entertainment from the local seminarians for Victoria and Tasmania. There will be some good acts and musical performances. The location is Corpus Christi College 180 Drummond Street Carlton. Tickets only \$10 – finger food provided. BYO drinks. To secure your ticket :

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1273638>



Our two seminarians who come on a Sunday to St Mary's, Channa from Sri Lanka for Ballarat diocese and Luke for Melbourne Archdiocese will be there on the night.

Rosters for this Week 7th & 8th September 2024

Counting Team 3	Ian Veal, Fran Moloney, Tony Cutroni, Larry Rigoni, Susan Jamieson
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Gerard Colla, Peter Kirwan 10.30am Maylene Clayton, Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Olga Reginato
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Di Collins
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Ros Jacklin, Joe Covelli

Rosters for next Week 14th & 15th September 2024

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

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 & Emma Ursini.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Fr Des Magennis and Peter Ricci who passed away recently and Tony Mangion, Arnold Cabansag, Carmelo Briffa Catherine Willmott, Roy 'Happy' Willmott, Peter Wenzel, Colleen Littleton, Pamela Neely, Cassandra O'Keefe, Bronislaw Markowicz, Sue Sherman, Marija Kokos, Marianna Covelli, Gerald Kennedy, Brian Allen, Frank Dooley, Joseph Zammit, Nicholas and Ada Kurkowski, Phil Wraight, Vito Massaro, Pauline Runting, Kevin Johnson, (Fr.) Ron Lowe, (Fr.) John Frawley, Eileen Bull, Jenny McLaurin, Frances Kielt, Martin Schobben, James Meehan, Tony Dixon, Caterina Borghese, Anna Kalka, James Ferguson, Joseph Lazzario, Therese Setteneri, John Anderson, John Gopsill, Rose O'Brien, Vin Murphy, Davey Johnson, Josie Curtis, Clive Stafford, Patrick Haddad, Bill Grigg, Mary Ellen Williams, Ersilia Portelli, Rosario De Bono, Richard Sammut, Carmela Pisano, Spiro Grima, Laurie McGuinness, Evan Jones, Arthur Jones, Paul Gerada, Nickolas Dimeck, Roland Zammit, Felice Lanzon, Giovanni Del Grosso, Indhu Peiris, Chris Staggs, Colleen d'Assumpcao, John Heyes and David Ainscough, whose anniversaries are at this time.