

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

30th November, 2025



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Tuesday 9:00am – 3.00pm

Thursday 9:00am – 3.00pm

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Wednesday Parish Secretary

Kylie Skinner

9:30am–1:30pm

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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

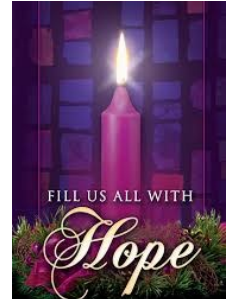
7.00pm at Parish Centre.

Baptism must be booked prior to attending Preparation Night.

Baptisms 12:30pm Sunday

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR A



FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. 2:1-5

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. 13:11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:37-44

For as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left. Therefore stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.



Tuesday 2nd December	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 3rd December	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church. 7.00pm Parish Finance Team Meeting.
Thursday 4th December	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 6.30pm Parish Council Meeting at the Presbytery.
Friday 5th December	11.30am Senior's Mass at St Mary's Church. Followed by Christmas Luncheon at the Parish Centre. ALL WELCOME.

Dear Parishioners

It is a joy to come back to a lively parish after annual holidays . It should be a great weekend with the Opera night in the Church on the Saturday night and on the Sunday celebrating Mass for the new Prep parents and their children. The Parish barbecue should be a great success especially if the weather holds out.

I have had my day in the sun after the last month on annual holidays and feel rejuvenated with the break. I always love the animal life up here in Northern New South Wales. There was Ken the Kookaburra who used to sit on our balcony and Larry the lizard who was for ever present. Gus the goanna surprised me one morning as I went to read at the back of our rented property just under the Byron Bay lighthouse . Gus was a big boy and the biggest goanna I have come across in this neck of the woods since I have been coming here for 50 years . Also, it is an extraordinary sight every morning to see so many dolphins only 200 metres out to sea . Apparently there is now approximately 100 of them in the Bay at Byron Bay. Something beside the beach I most enjoy here are the small flowering scrubs and small magnificent flowering trees such as the blue jacaranda and the reddy orange "flame of the forest". I never tire of coming back here for annual holidays as beauty abounds abundantly .

It was great during the week to see the Pope recognise the incredible work of the 2nd potential Australian Saint, Mary Glowery. As a doctor and religious sister she worked in India for 37 years and in the end set up the biggest non government hospital system in India . I shall say more next week about her. I noticed Monsignor Frank Marriott died during the week. Frank was a giant amongst the Bendigo clergy and Bendigo Cathedral will be absolutely packed at his funeral as he did so much for so many.

Yours 'in Christ '

Fr Greg greg.trythall@cam.org.au -0400 524 363

MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED LOVED ONES

Sunday 7th December at 6:00pm

Annual Memorial Mass for deceased loved ones of parishioners will be held on **Sunday 7th December at 6:00pm** at St Mary's Church - all welcome and light refreshments in the Parish Centre to follow. You may like to bring a photo or small memento of your loved one to place in front of the altar during the Mass.

RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS

December 6th and 7th at All Masses

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) or Fr Greg (greg.trythall@cam.org.au).



St. Mary's Annual BBQ

St Mary's parishioners are warmly invited to join us for our annual BBQ this
Sunday, 30th November, following 10.30am Mass.

Join us as we come together to celebrate another wonderful year of faith,
friendship, and community at St Mary's. To help with catering:

Families with surnames A — L: please bring a salad

Families with surnames M — Z: please bring a dessert

ADVENT and CHRISTMAS Reflection Books

This year's Advent and Christmas reflection books will be available on the back table of the church
this 1st Sunday of Advent, 30th November 2025, for \$10 each.

Christmas At St Mary's Church Williamstown

Reconciliation:

Saturday 20th December 5:15pm

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th December

Children's Pageant: 6:00pm with carols from 5:45pm

Vigil: 9:00pm with carols from 8:30

Christmas Day Thursday 25th December

Mass: 25th 9:30am with carols from 9:10am



JUBILEE PRAYER:

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us

*In your son, Jesus, our brother,
And the flame of charity enkindled
In our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
Reawaken in us the blessed hope
For the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee
Reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
A Yearning for the treasures of heaven.*

*May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
Throughout the earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed.
Be glory and praise for ever.*



Rosters for this Week 29th & 30th November 2025

Counting Team 3	Ian Veal, Frances Moloney, Toni Cutroni, Larry Rigoni, Susan Jamieson
Ministers of the Eucharist	5.30pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Karen Colla, Peter Kirwan 10.30am Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	5.30pm Josie Penna 8.30am Chris Maine, Jan Maine 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro
Welcomers	5.30pm Volunteer Needed 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Volunteer Needed

Rosters for next Week 6th & 7th December 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am John O'Keefe, Mary Frisby 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Eilin Taylor
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Mariza O'Keefe

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Finn Pennisi, Dominic Piccolo, Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers,
Charlie Galea, Trish Hart, Annelore Goetz

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Monsignor Frank Marriott and Joseph Bugeja who passed away recently and
Sr Anne TuckJohn Newington, Peter Fiamengo, Mandina Bozanic, Tonci Bozanic, Katina Bozanic,
Andre Bozanic, Desanka Repanic, Gavan Casey, Fr. Gerard Dowling and Darren Pomazan,
Jack Fitzgerald, Petar Fiamengo, Mary Martin, Arthur Jones, Frank Cini, Brendan Harkin, Maria Napoli,
Norma Arnold, Josie Wilde, Nora Doig, Stan Woodruff, Eric Flackhlam, Maria De Grassi, Merle O'Keefe,
Marion Lorient, Libero Costanzo, Andrej Edovic, Giuseppe Pecora, Ersilia Portelli, Carmela Pisano,
Nunzio Ficarra, Joseph Sammut, Eugena Fewster, John Wilson and Michele Cafagna;
whose anniversaries are at this time

Green Team Sustainability News

There will be a Repair Cafe on Sunday 30th November from 10am to noon
at 119 Douglas Parade Williamstown.

Bring along your appliances, toys, clothes and bikes for free repairs.

The Green Team will be hosting an Electrify Everything stall after masses on Sat night
6th and Sun 7th December at 10.30. We will try to demystify the process of converting
your home to all-electric and have up to date information on rebates and subsidies.