

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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9:30am–1:30pm

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St. Mary's School

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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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. 25:6-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians. 4:12-14, 19-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:1-14



Jesus again in reply spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, Tell those invited: 'Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves

and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests."

Tuesday 13th October	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 14th October	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church. 7.00pm Parish Finance meeting at the Presbytery.
Thursday 15th October	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 16th October	9.15am No Mass at St Mary's Church. Fr Greg away celebrating the 40 th anniversary of Torquay Catholic School

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

CARE OF CREATION:

Eleven years ago, on May 24th, 2015, Pope Francis, of happy memory, gifted the Church and the world with one of the most important social and spiritual documents of our time: ***Laudato Si.*** More than an environmental text, ***Laudato Si*** is a profound reflection on what it means to be human, to live in relationship with God, with one another, and with creation itself.

As far as I am concerned there are several reasons why Catholics should care for creation.

You know the expression “don’t bite the hand that feeds you,” right? Well, this saying couldn’t apply more readily for creation. The earth literally feeds us. Everything we eat, from roast vegetables to fresh salads comes from the earth.

Another important reason is that the poor and vulnerable are those most connected and immediately dependent upon the land. Which is why the degradation of creation is a social justice issue. Changing climates (drought etc) and altering ecosystems causes immense hardship on the world’s poor. This is why Pope Francis continuously emphasised that care for creation is really care for our fellow human beings.

Another reason that stares us in the face every day is the beauty of creation. It is a gift that keeps on giving and should be cared for accordingly. Indeed, there are few things in life that can lift our mind to contemplate the divine better than the splendour of nature. God created the world and his mark is everywhere in it; we learn about him through his creation. What can beat the sweet smelling daphne or gardenia, the pure whiteness of a lily, the pride of a magnolia in full flower. Can anyone not admire the look of a full blossoming camellia or the wonderful variety of colours in the azalea family. None of us can take roses for granted – what beauty and what grandeur. And some people want to spend millions of dollars going to Mars – just look around and keep admiring the beauty in front of us in every street in Williamstown. People in their thousands don’t flock to Williamstown beach on a hot day because it is ugly – far from it.

The Season of Creation started on September and finished on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4th. May each time we celebrate another Season of Creation bring us closer to admire our Creator.

WEDDING VOWS:

On this weekend we congratulate the following on their wedding anniversaries this year: Andrea & Robin Fernandes, Jeanette & Gordon Thompson, David & Sue Saunders, Meritxell & Marshall Lightowlers, Silvia & Tarcilio Cavalcante, Maria & Angelo Ladauto. The majority of those couples are at Mass every weekend. Married couples who go to Mass every weekend very rarely divorce. Archbishop Frank Little told me that nearly 50 years ago and I cannot recall a Mass going couple in my years of ministry to ever divorce or break up. Why is this so! I suppose the spiritual help we receive from the sacrament of holy communion is the main reason, but also from the Bible readings we hear about the important of reconciliation, forgiveness and love. I would imagine us priests also put icing on the cake by encouraging patience in our relationship, besides the importance of forgiving each other.

VOLUNTEERS AND MINISTRY:

I would like parishioners to consider filling some gaps or support needed in the following areas as a Ministry/Volunteer brochure will be out next weekend. The following are some of those: Sacristan assistant, Liturgy Team member, Music support, Wedding helper (assist set up/put away), Eucharistic visits to homes, Asylum Seeker & Refugee support, join Green Team, Pastoral Council, social committee member, Working Bee Assistant Supervisor, General Maintenance person, Trimmer of church hedges etc etc. These brochures inviting help from new volunteers will be put out on the weekends of October 17th/18th. Please see if there is an area of ministry in which you can help.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS LUNCHEON – THURSDAY OCTOBER 22ND

So far due to lack of space (and priority) I have not advertised these Luncheons over the last two years since their inception. However, there is an extraordinary priest from the diocese of Sandhurst(Bendigo) who has inspired millions of people across the globe. He is the founder and executive director of ICON Ministry, a charity reaching more than 2 million people worldwide. As a musician and singer Fr Rob Galea has released 10 albums and authored multiple books. Fr Rob speaks at more than 60 schools each year, mainly in Australia. His dynamic presentations inspire students, empower teachers, and engage audiences of all ages with a message of faith, hope and love. At this particular Catholic Professionals Luncheon Fr Rob will share insights from his journey, his leadership of ICON Ministry, and his mission to share the love of Christ with everyone, everywhere.

COST: Free admission for MCP Members, \$192 for non-members(incl.GST) For further information:

Visit <https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/melbourne-catholic-professionals> or book your ticket at <https://www.trybooking.com/DJAMI>

Date: Thursday October 22nd 12pm – 2:00pm

Location: Zinc@ Federation Square, Cnr Princes Walk & Russell St Ext, Melbourne.

FUTURE PURCHASES:

1. The 2027 popular Columban calendars is on back table for \$10.
2. In 2 weeks' time I will put out the Advent & Christmas daily reflection booklets so that parishioners will have them ready for the 1st Sunday of Advent – November 29th . \$5 a booklet.

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg greg.trythall@cam.org.au 0400 524 363



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2026 Knox Public Lecture

Thursday 22 October at 7:00 pm
“Synodality: Global and Local”

Presented by Most Reverend Patrick O'Regan DD
Archbishop of Adelaide



Booking: Scan the QR code or go to [2026 Knox Lecture](#)

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EVENING WITH PATRICIA LONG

“Ecological Conversion”



Pat is involved in local community action transitioning to more conscious consumption, energy use and utilising local skills for a more resilient future in the face of climate change. She loves growing food and bush walking.

**OCTOBER 15TH 7:30 - 9:30PM AT:
ST JOSEPH'S BY THE SEA
16 ESPLANADE WILLIAMSTOWN**



COST: ENTRY BY DONATION ON THE NIGHT - ALL WELCOME & SUPPER PROVIDED

BOOKINGS AT: www.trybooking.com/DPWUV

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS LONGMAN 0411483571 OR MONIQUE IN THE OFFICE 93976066

Rosters for this Week 10th & 11th October 2026

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Karen Colla, Gerard Colla 10.30am Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Mareena Peter
Welcomers	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Jenny O'Sullivan 10.30am Di Collins

Rosters for next Week 17th & 18th October 2026

Counting Team 2	David Jamieson, Marguerite Buckley, Bob Paz, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am John O'Keefe, Ivonne Cram 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Eilin Taylor
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Herb Zimmer

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, David Hume

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Dorothy Bohan, Eileen Mahoney, Lido Fontanini, Frank Guastalegname, Fr. Noel Oliver, Tony Rigoni, Michael Hynes, Tommy Ward Jnr, Kevin Kelly, Ersilia Meilak, Pauline Tweedly, Laurence Tweedly, Roberta Carlon, Mabel Pinto, Patricia McBride (Sagona), Kevin Woodruff, Paul Gauci, Rose O'Brien, Rosalia Nastasi, Lucy Kostraby, Maria Bongiovanni, Noah Zovko, Janos Gera, Carmel Penfold, Roland Zammit, Gerald O'Brien, Helen Thompson, Mary Mayne, Peter O'Day, John Wilcox, Rosario Portelli, Peter Luckhurst, Gwen Meilak, Mariella Azzopardi, Patrick Doherty, Dot O'Loughlin, Kathleen Hobbs, Frances Holland, Robert Del Grosso, Lorna Scott, Laurie Cassar, Pietrino De Bono, Cecilia Penn, Kathleen Grieve, Roland Elias, Agnes Micallef, Denis Robinson, Richard Darmanin, Paul Falzon, Concetta Azzaro, Franca Azzaro, Giuseppe Azzaro, Angela Falzon, Giuseppe Falzon, Mary Lorient, Giovanna Slobbe, Carmela Fusco, Claudio Slobbe; Natalino and Angelina Meilak, Brian Begley, Carla Marchese, Franca Ficarra, Felix Lanzon, Dolores Farruggia, Ersilia Portelli, Maria Meilak, Arthur Aylward, whose anniversaries are at this time.



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