

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

Sharon Vassallo

Tuesday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Thursday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

Kylie Skinner-Wednesday

9.30am–1.30pm

Safeguarding Officer

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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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah. 17:5-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy are those who hope in the Lord.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 15:12, 16-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven.

GOSPEL: LUKE 6:17, 20-26

And he came down with them and stood on a stretch of level ground. A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon.

And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said:

Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.

Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!

Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.

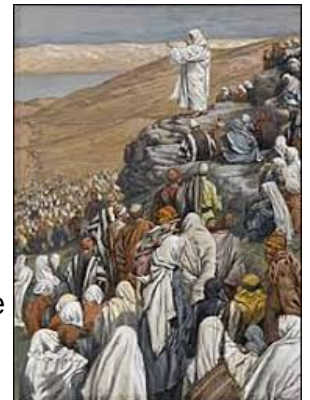
For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way.

But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

But woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep.

Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way.



Tuesday 18th February	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 11:00am "The Village" – monthly Communion Service – with Fr Greg
Wednesday 19th February	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church 2:30pm – 3:30 "Adoration" (may need to be in Parish Centre again) 7.00pm Parish Finance Team at presbytery
Thursday 20th February	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 21st February	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

We hope to have the scaffolding down for a wedding next Sunday. The following 5-6 weeks will have work in and around the Church. Work will vary from the foyer area to Mary's little altar area. By Easter we hope to have the Church back to as good as it has ever been.

Over the last year or two I have been **impressed by the work of former parishioner, now Fr Michael Kalka (PP of Altona)** who was in the seminary at Clayton in 1st Year when I was in 5th year. Something I never shared with you before is that I was appointed the 1st Year Prefect to those younger men. I was 28 that year and some of them were 18 and had just finished Year 12. Some were mature and some were immature as you could understand. I have only realised in the last two years the real work of Fr Michael Kalka in helping his fellow Ukrainian Catholics in charitable works. But lately I have been pleasantly surprised **by his wonderful help to the seminary and seminarians in Timor-Leste** – just 2,000 kilometres north of us: one of our most Northern neighbours. Over the last year Fr Michael has offered to board a priest from Timor-Leste who is doing specialised studies in Melbourne. It is worth noting in background that Timor-Leste is a country where **97% of the population identifies as being Catholic** – faith is a powerful cornerstone of their life. Yet, **Catholic Mission** inform us that many families have an overwhelming challenge of poverty, malnutrition and limited access to healthcare. This is an aftermath to Indonesia leaving there. In those communities the Church is more than a place of worship, it is a beacon of hope. I am told Priests and seminarians play a vital role, not just by guiding their parishes in faith, but by supporting families with practical programs to feed the hungry, educate children and care for the sick and elderly. Accordingly, as Fr Michael has only recently been to Timor-Leste in the last month I thought to myself just yesterday that it would be a good idea if we exchange pulpits for him to explain the situation of both Timor-Leste generally and the need to support financially the seminarians who come to the seminary with next to nothing financially and need extra financial support during their normal 8 -10 year training which includes classroom learning, pastoral placements and time serving in remote communities. Fr Michael informed me that he is taking up a special collection to help them at this parish in Altona. Accordingly, **I will go there to do the 3 Masses next weekend, and he comes to do the same timed Masses here.** I thought next weekend instead of me getting money into my presbytery account from the one and only loose collection that any loose money on the plate can be sent by Fr Michael together with his other money to help the financial needs of these needy seminarians who will do great work in the future with their large Catholic population.

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 5TH :

Sunday before Ash Wednesday we will be providing another thought provoking booklet for Lent. It's title is METANOIA -which means 'change of heart'. It will be the reasonable price of \$5.

In case you were away last week it is important to catch up with the following news as per last week:

NEW PARISH SECRETARY:

There have been a few good applicants, and it has not been easy to discern the best person for this important role. Over the last few weeks though, I have had several recommendations from various sources for a particular person for that role and I am grateful to say that particular person, Monique, our current Pastoral Associate, applied for the position. I am very pleased we will have her here on a wider basis and central part of our Parish team. I am very confident that with her expertise, social skills, knowledge and faith that Monique will be perfect in the role.

To fit in with her other work as a part time music teacher Monique will be in the presbytery office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She will complete her Pastoral Associate duties including her invaluable work as coordinator of Sacramental programs for government/private school children and Liturgy Coordinator over other days of the week.

Kylie Skinner will keep continuing after 14 years here to manage mainly the Parish Bulletin on a Wednesday. This means we will cut some costs by not employing someone for Friday, but after Mass to cover this gap, I hope to be around for most of the day to answer any doorbells or phone calls as I get on with also other necessary requirements in my position. Some aspects of the secretarial work and handover will be undergone over the next month with present secretary Sharon Vassallo before her and Anthony Vassallo leave for interstate. We are in debt to them for being so generous with their time for St Mary's while here. As there is a bookkeeping gap we have hired Bernard Negline of the Brighton area who does the bookkeeping for around 40 parishes in the Archdiocese.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA CRISIS APPEAL:

In the two weeks since the ceasefire between Israel and Hamas began, 76 'Catholic Caritas' trucks have crossed the border into Gaza carrying vital supplies. These goods – including food, bedding and shelter supplies – will support 12 relief distribution points, four offices, and four warehouses in Deir al-Balah, Khan Yuonis and Gaza City. Included in the relief efforts is the delivery of 8000 winter kits, all supported by funds from the Caritas Australia Gaza Emergency Appeal as per below.

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg Trythall – greg.trythall@cam.org.au -0400524363

Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal — We urgently need your support.

The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long. Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild.



Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.

You can donate online www.caritas.org.au/gaza or phone 1800 024 413.

WORKING BEE AROUND CHURCH GARDENS

SATURDAY 22nd February, 2025—9.00AM—11.00AM

Come along and help clean up our beautiful church gardens, even if it is only for an hour or two. If you could bring your own equipment, it would be greatly appreciated.

The Annual Alumni Business Breakfast, Emmanuel College

St Paul's Campus, McCoy Hall, Altona North

Friday 14 March commencing at 7.00am,

HOST: 3AW Drive host Jacqui Felgate will be our key-note speaker.

Jacqui is one of Australia's best known media professionals, with 20 years' experience in print and broadcast media. She's hosted radio shows, sporting events and TV news, and won Press Club awards for her newspaper reporting.

Breakfast will be supplied by the College. If you have any special dietary requirements, please contact alumnidl@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au

RSVP Friday 7 March, 2025 Email: alumnidl@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au

Looking forward to seeing you at this event. For more information please contact the marketing department on 0458 020 545 or email marketing@ecmelb.catholic.edu.au

Rosters for this Week 15th & 16th February 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Peter Kirwan 10.30am Eugene Yi, Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Leon Crowe 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Eilin Taylor
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Di Collins

Rosters for next Week 22nd & 23rd February 2025

Counting Team 3	Ian Veal, Frances Maloney, Toni Cutroni, Larry Rigoni, Susan Jamieson
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Mary Frisby 10.30am Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Olga Reginato
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Joe Covelli

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, Assunta Delgrosso,
Anne-Marie Pelikinakis, Tita Lopres, Anne Falzon.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Eddie Dawson who passed away recently and Judy O'Keefe, Alfred Spiteri, Anna Trifilo, Barney Cooney, Philip Webb, Lisa Di Donato, Stephen Kelly, John Paul Camilleri, Luigina Frlan, Mario Frlan, Ignazio Kucich, Elaine Jones, June Dibbs, Marie Anderson, John Brennock, Rosario Guastalegname, Rita Sargasso, Robert Morton, Kate Dawes, Marie Farrelly, Joso Djuric, Steven Drozdek, Frank Galli, Veronica Knight, Peter Black, Robert Barry, Rita Holdworth, Brian Williams, Joseph Maguire, John O'Grady, Ivy Shields, Alan Urban, Lena Cassar, Frank Woodruff, Mary McLinden, Mary Dyson, Michael Frawley, Agnes McDonagh, Joyce Zammit, Kay Green, Peggy Price and Laura Palumbo, whose anniversaries are at this time.