

# 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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## Parish Office Staff

### Pastoral Associate & Parish Secretary

Monique Julian

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Tuesday 9:00am – 3.00pm

Thursday 9:00am – 3.00pm

Friday 9:00am – 2.00pm  
0450 789 951

### Wednesday Parish Secretary

Kylie Skinner

9:30am–1:30pm

## Safeguarding Officer

Frank Schobben

0427 416 184

## 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

## FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

### YEAR A

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy: 8.2-3, 14-16

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

### SECOND READING:

The First and Second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10.16-17

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

### GOSPEL: JOHN 6.51-58

Jesus said to the crowds:

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The people then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. “Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” Jesus said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.



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| <b>Tuesday 9th June</b>    | 9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.                                                        |
| <b>Wednesday 10th June</b> | 9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.<br>2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church. |
| <b>Thursday 11th June</b>  | 9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.                                                        |
| <b>Friday 12th June</b>    | 9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.                                                        |

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

### **PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH – CATHOLIC MISSION**

In 2003 after 26 years of priesthood, I realised I needed a break of some sort to refresh myself after meetings most nights of the week or appointments after a normal heavy day's work. My choice as we are allowed sabbatical leave after every 7 – 10 years was to follow the footsteps of Jesus, the footsteps of St Paul and the footsteps of the Australian soldier. However, although reluctance from my part, the archbishop at the time Denis Hart insisted I also do a 3 month education/formation course. Thankfully I chose Menlo Park in San Francisco – both a seminary and a formation house. There were some great lecturers there including the famous Roland Roleister, but for me more importantly I met some fine overseas priests whose company and friendship I enjoyed immensely. One was a Jesuit priest working in Malawi. I felt sorry in many ways for the guy as he was trying to run a new secondary college in one of the poorer countries of the world. The reason I mention this is that this year's Propagation of the Faith appeal is centred on Malawi. Our hearts can turn to Kampiri in Malawi. Families there are still rebuilding after Cyclone Ana, and Catholic Mission is supporting the construction of a primary school so that children in this community can learn, grow and look to the future with hope. I hope you can respond to the annual appeal as it is always a worthy cause.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PARISH:**

Last Sunday we had the Annual General Meeting of the Parish. Thanks from the Parish Council who organised it so well. If you were away at the time I can recap just a few important areas:

- Parish Council member and Partnership Steering Committee member, Joe Covelli looked at our overall strategy for 2030 including our continued desire to be a vibrant, vital and viable parish. Included in this were the following areas on potential Partnership with St Joseph's Parish (Newport/Spotswood). What is a Parish Partnership, why partner now, what are our guiding principles, what is our staged approach, what is our progress so far and next steps.
- Parish Council member and our Safeguarding Officer, Frank Schobben went through statistics of our parish, families on our data base, school parents and weekend Mass numbers. Then offering for us the aspects of 107 volunteers, 176 Stewardship contributors, 73 baptisms for 2025 and so forth. Frank detailed how our parish comes to life, especially through its 107 volunteers and left us with a handout of wonderful stories of life in various ministries through the parish as detailed by: Matthew Sy – Altar Serving; Anthony Verhoef – Green Team; Ivonne Cram – Mary Care; Gerard Colla – Way of the West; Martin & Branka Briffa – Music Ministry; Tim Lonegan – St Vincent de Paul; Gardening Maintenance – John O'Keefe. Thanks for all those beautiful stories.
- Leanne Spiteri, our Parish Finance Team Chairperson went through such things as a surplus of \$43,686 in 2025, net assets, how staff costs and insurance dominate spending, 2026 budgets and planning on a deficit budget over the next two years, money in bank at the moment including a \$60,000 term deposit. The Finance Committee through Leanne showed gratitude for the generous support of the parish community. It meets quarterly and remains committed to transparent stewardship of the resources entrusted to them as an advisory body to the Parish Priest.
- **GENERAL THANK YOU:** Thanks from me as Parish Priest for the wonderful presentations by Joe, Frank and Leanne and for our capable Parish Council Chairperson, Rachele Pantalleresco for leading our Annual General Meeting at St Mary's Church.

## MODERN SLAVERY:

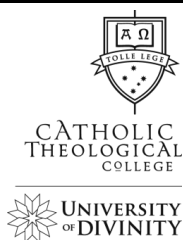
It is hard to believe that slavery or forms of that exist to still a rampart degree in the world, and even in more subtle ways in Australia. Unfortunately, several big companies in Australia do not live up to high ethical standards. There are an estimated 50 million people globally living in conditions of modern slavery and forced labour, including about 41,000 people in Australia. Accordingly, it is good to see that more than 100 investors, businesses, unions and advocacy groups have launched a push for the federal government to strengthen Australia's modern slavery laws. The alliance warned that the existing regime has failed to improve conditions for workers and left the country lagging international standards. Responsible Investment Association Australasia co-chief executive Estelle Parker said investors increasingly regarded labour exploitation as a financial risk rather than purely an ethical issue.

In his first encyclical letter, Pope Leo about mainly safeguarding humanity in an era of increasing reliance on artificial intelligence, Pope Leo raised the former trans-Atlantic slave trade in relation to what he called the new forms of slavery and colonialism that the digital revolution is fuelling, such as the unregulated labour required to procure rare minerals needed for AI chips.

## POPE LEO ENCYCLICAL ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE:

Pope Leo XIV'S encyclical letter on artificial intelligence, underlines the need to safeguard human dignity as it is threatened by new forms of dehumanisation. "The risk of dehumanisation – of building a future that excludes God and reduces the other to a means – is an ancient and ever- new temptation that takes on a technical guise," Pope Leo wrote in his first encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence, which was published 25<sup>th</sup> May. "In the era of artificial intelligence, when human dignity is threatened by new forms of dehumanisation, ours is the pressing duty to remain profoundly human. We must lovingly safeguard the grandeur of humanity bestowed upon us and revealed in its fullness in Christ, the splendour of which no machine can ever replace," he said. Pope Leo opens the first encyclical of his pontificate by saying that humanity today faces a pivotal choice – "either to construct a new Tower of Babel (in first book of Bible, Genesis – Babel was the construction of some building that was beyond mankind's powers and because God was not part of it, it collapsed) or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together." Using the Biblical Genesis narrative, the Pope warns against the "Babel syndrome", namely the idolatry of profit that sacrifices the weak and the pretence that everything, "including the mystery of the person," can be translated into "data and performance."

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



## Catholic Theological College

### Online Information Session

**Explore Philosophy, Theology, and Ministry-related courses**

***Monday 15 June at 7pm (AEST)***

Register via our website: [ctc.edu.au/information-session](https://ctc.edu.au/information-session)

For more information contact: **Dr Maureen Saclot, Registrar**

## Green Team Sustainability

### Why choose an electric vehicle (EV)?

- They're cheaper to run - especially with the high fuel prices because of the oil blockade
- They use less energy
- They're better for our climate
- They make less pollution
- They're quieter

**Green Team News: Save the date. Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 10.30- midday**

Meeting God in nature: Walk of prayer and reflection Williamstown foreshore. All welcome.

Details to follow closer to the date

### Rosters for this Week 6th & 7th June 2026

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| Ministers of the Eucharist | 6.00pm Larry Rigoni<br>8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Evol Farrelly<br>10.30am Eugene Yii |
| Mass Readers               | 6.00pm <b>YOUTH GROUP</b><br>8.30am Christal Augustin<br>10.30am Cecilia Balson    |
| Welcomers                  | 6.00pm Maylene Clayton<br>8.30am Maryanne Wenzel<br>10.30am Di Collins             |

### Rosters for next Week 13th & 14th June 2026

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| Counting Team 1            | Robyn Jones, Paul Francis, Kimberley Jones                                                 |
| Ministers of the Eucharist | 6.00pm Beata Sicat<br>8.30am Karen Colla, Gerard Colla<br>10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins |
| Mass Readers               | 6.00pm Daniel Corcoran<br>8.30am Peter Kirwan<br>10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro                |
| Welcomers                  | 6.00pm Imma Marguglio<br>8.30am Mary Frisby<br>10.30am Di Collins                          |

### IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, David Hume, Finn Pennisi, Guiseppina Caputo

### RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Leonarda Lobosco, Emmanuel Zahra, Eileen Woolstencoft, Valma Tweedly, Nellia Corva, Charlie Gatt, Kathleen Canavan, Mateja Gashi, Gerry Miller, Salvatrice Pecora, Marie Pinzone, Brendan O'Grady, Maria Djopa, Fr. John Cunningham, Vittorio, Adele & Mario Rigoni, Dorrie O'Neill, Mary Bell, Stewart Fisher, John Morris, Lyn Trojkovic, Brian Deagan, Mary Allsopp, Bruce Calman, Vin Hogan, Peter Page, Lawrence Kennedy, Martin Mahy, Jessie Pace, Bernie Kelly, Ernie Jackson, Eric Hudson, Carlo Misley, John Thompson, Peter McDonald, Noel Bean, Lino Lechich, Herbert Richardson, Lino Tominovi, Marcel McKay, Josephine O'Driscoll, Gordon Alexander, Nicholas Cassar, Emilio Cini, Angelina & Natalino Meilak, Maria Falzon, Michael Meilak, Joan Spiteri, Blondina and Lawrence Sammut, Carmela Pisano, Vincent Mifsud, Rosalba Failla, Antonio Basilone, Rosaria, Albert, Maria Meloni, Celestina, Ersilia, Guiseppe, Natalino, Margherita, Carmelo, George and Emanuele Mangion, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Rita, Pietro, Francesca, Benedetto, Igniazio, Angeolina Saragozza, Mario Camilleri and Giuseppe Azzaro, whose anniversaries are at this time

### Winter energy workshops: Altona Library Free Sessions 10th & 17th June. 6.00pm–7.30pm

A series of workshops aimed at making your home more energy efficient, staying warm and saving money.

Wednesday 10th June - No and low-cost energy efficiency tips

Wednesday 17th June - Liveable homes, Winter comfort

**Bookings required (free).**