

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

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Tuesday 8:30am – 4.00pm

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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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the first book of Samuel. 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 15:45-49

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

GOSPEL: LUKE 6:27-38

“But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as also your Father is merciful.

Stop judging and you will not be judged.

Stop condemning and you will not be condemned.

Forgive and you will be forgiven.

Give and gifts will be given to you;

a good measure, packed together,

shaken down and overflowing, will be

poured into your lap. For the measure

with which you measure will in return be

measured out to you.”



Tuesday 25th February	<u>CHURCH CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS.</u>
Wednesday 26th February	<u>CHURCH CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS</u>
Thursday 27th February	<u>CHURCH CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS</u>
Friday 28th February	<u>CHURCH CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS</u>

If during the week you wish to go to Mass then the following exist nearby:

Tuesday and Thursday 9:15am at St Margaret Mary's Spotswood
(Cnr Arras + Reed Sts Spotswood)

Wednesday and Friday 9:15am at Sacred Heart Newport, Newcastle Street.

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to school parents at the 10:30m Mass as we have our normal last Sunday of the month 'Family Mass'. As I am away this weekend celebrating the Masses in Altona, the Parish Priest of Altona, Fr Michael Kalka will be not only celebrating our Masses but speaking about the importance of supporting one of our closest neighbours, East Timor especially in providing practical help for the seminarians going through the system, as I have requested him to speak about his special work for them. Any loose money on the collection after the Prayers of the Faithful will go to supplement the money raised in Altona parish for same cause – also known as St Mary's – but they are Mary Help of Christians whereas we are Mary of the Immaculate Conception. The same lovely lady but different titles!

ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 5TH :

Masses: 9:15am Full School Mass
7.00pm Evening Mass

Sunday next 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. The 'Project Compassion' boxes and envelopes will also be available on same day.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY MARCH 7TH :

After our normal Seniors Mass + Luncheon we have been invited to the Williamstown/Newport World Day of Prayer service. The service will be held this year at 2pm at the Bridge Church, 118 Douglass Parade (formerly Williamstown Church of Christ)

PROJECT COMPASSION:

Each year throughout the six weeks of Lent, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australian schools, parishes and supporters nationwide to *Unite Against Poverty*. Every dollar raised by our parish helps to transform the lives of some of the world's most vulnerably people and enables us to stand in solidarity with them as they foster change from the ground up.

CHILDRENS LITURGY:

All our neighbouring parishes have expressed difficulties with numbers regarding Children's Liturgy as team sport on a Sunday does not help with numbers available. Accordingly, with us it was decided at Parish Council level that we will provide Children's Liturgy on the first Sunday of the month instead of every Sunday during school term.

LAUNDRY ROSTER

If you are able to help for two months of the year on an altar linen roster that would be great. All it means is taking on a Sunday the small linen from the sacristy such as used on the altar – they are only small items eg linen for washing of the fingers or purifier for purifying the chalice. If able to help then ring the parish office please.

Yours 'in Christ'

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

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

Seventh Sunday in ordinary time—Love your enemies

Jesus spells out some of the ways that God's children do as a God does: loving enemies, doing good to those who do hateful things, blessing those who speak abusively, and praying for such people. This manner of acting is not unique to Jesus. The first reading also gives an example of how not to retaliate evil for evil. David chooses not to harm Saul, even though King Saul had been trying to kill David.

Beyond individual actions of nonretaliation, Jesus invites his followers into a fundamental stance in life that must be chosen so that we reflect the image of the One who made us. By continually opening ourselves to the immeasurable goodness, compassion, and love of the Most High, our puny capacities are stretched and expanded.

Such a life stance demands relinquishing what is our more natural reaction: to want to return in kind what we get. If someone strikes us, our instinct is to hit back. If someone speaks unkindly of us, our urge is to match the ugly words with even more hurtful ones toward the other. If something is taken from us, we want repayments with interest. Measure for measure, and then some—that is what we instinctively seek. But Jesus points out that when evil is returned for evil, all it does is increase the measure of evil in the world.

This manner of being is not something we are able to accomplish on our own. In the second reading today, Paul speaks about how we are like the first human being in our frailty and corruptibility. But we are also fashioned in the image of the "last Adam," the risen Christ, whose life giving Spirit does its work of transformation in us, so that our capacity to receive and give loves grows to immeasurable proportions.

What enables us to be compassionate, non judgemental, forgiving, and giving is that God has first been that way with us. Such divine action in us then shapes our ability to measure the way God does.

Rosters for this 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

Rosters for next Week 1st & 2nd March 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Marry Soppitt 8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Ivonne Cram 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Cathy Pagano 8.30am Teofila Hunt 10.30am Chantel Castelino

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Marijan Peros who passed away recently and Margaret Harris, Mark Torjussen, Theresa Mifsud, Antonio Acquaro, 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, Laura Palumbo, Brian Begley, Sheila Easdon, Barry Dixon, Fr. Noel Oliver, Angelina Meilak and Natalino Meilak whose anniversaries are at this time.

**"MATTHEW, MARK, AND LUKE, SEE ME
AFTER CLASS.**



**"YOUR BOOK/REPORTS ARE SURPRISINGLY
SIMILAR."**