

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

Thursday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

Kylie Skinner-Wednesday

8.30am–3.30pm

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR B



FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING:

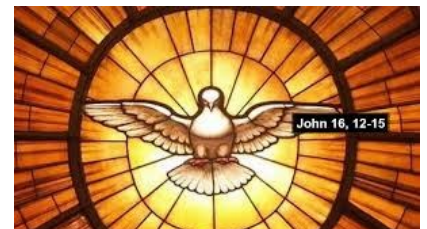
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians. 5:16-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:26-27, 16:12-15

“When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me. And you also testify, because you have been with me from the beginning.



I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.

Tuesday 21st May	9:15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. (Fr. Greg celebrating 2 Masses at Port Phillip Goal) 7.00pm Continuation of for all those looking more into Catholic Faith whether Catholic or not – at presbytery, finishes at 8.00pm.
Wednesday 22nd May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Thursday 23rd May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7.00pm Parish School Board meeting at the school.
Friday 24th May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

We welcome over the next few weeks – mainly on a Saturday night a number of young parishioners to the Table of the Lord for the first time. We pray that they will be supported adequately in their journey of faith by their parents and will one day be enthusiastic and regular members of St Mary's Christian Community at the Eucharist.

This weekend we celebrate Pentecost, or as many refer to it, the birthday of the church. As we hear in the first reading and the gospel, the followers of Christ were gathered in one place, behind locked doors. They feared that others would kill them like they did Jesus. Fortunately, the Holy Spirit came to their rescue and courage, and not fear prevailed in their life and they were able to convert hundreds of other Jews who had come to Jerusalem from all over the known world.

DID ST MARY'S FOSTER A MIRACLE!

The Parish Priest of Altona, Fr Michael Kalka rang me Monday night and what he said pleasantly surprised me at the time and I will try to remember it as he told me. He said that he had a relation working in East Timor for an agency. Former Parish Priest here and former student at the St Augustine's Geelong orphanage for boys, Fr Noel Oliver approached Fr Michael, as he knew he was heading up to see his relative in East Timor in 2001 to take a reasonable amount of money to an orphanage up there. Subsequently just last week, Fr Michael had two Carmelites visit him from the Albert Park Carmelite Community, one of them being from East Timor originally. As one was from East Timor, Fr Michael was showing some photos of the orphanage and the orphanage boys to these two, and one of them said he recognised the orphanage and the boys in the photos as he was one of those boys! Now he as a former 10-year-old and his 12-year-old brother, both from the same orphanage are studying to be priests at Albert Park! Apparently, the money given by Fr Noel, your former Parish Priest was a great help to food supplies and other necessities for the orphanage at the time! Fr Michael was wondering if there was a collection taken up by parishioners at that time in 2001 or was Fr Noel just being over generous with his own money as he had been an orphanage boy himself!

CHANGE OF PULPITS:

For most of us there has been a change of pulpits. Continuing this process, Altona Parish Priest Fr Michael Kalka will do the 10:30am Mass here on May 25th, Fr Binh PP of Newport/ Spotswood will be at Altona, and I will be at 6pm Mass here, 8:30am here but 10:00am at Newport on May 26th.

SEMINARIANS AT MASS:

Our two seminarians, Channa and the tall Josh came to 10:30am Mass last Sunday. After Mass on Mother's Day we gathered with seven other Sri Lankan background people for a nice meal at the presbytery. It was nice to have them all around the same table. Josh should be ordained a deacon in 2024 while Channa will have to wait until 2026. This week Channa is feeling the loss from the death of the Sri Lankan bishop of Colombo, Marius as Marius had been very kind to Channa. He even encouraged him to write his first book on the good effects of the Religious Orders for Sri Lanka.

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN:

Thanks again those who have responded to signing our parish Code of Conduct and to provide a Working with Children Check. You will find the red pamphlet Code of Conduct on back tables and it needs to be signed by every volunteer and committee person in our parish, and any parish for that matter in our Archdiocese. Please note on the latter it will cost volunteers in our parish nothing to undergo a Working with Children Check – you just have to mark that it is under St Mary's Parish Williamstown and that you are a volunteer. Every three years volunteers must sign our CODE OF CONDUCT. Please pick up one and not leave it to others as we will have to eventually ring you. All volunteers in a parish are also required to undertake a Working with Children Check.

DEVOTION TO MARY IN MONTH OF THE ROSARY:

It seems almost every great man in the Church has been most devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Robert Bellarmine was born in 1542 to a noble but impoverished family. He joined the Jesuits at 18 and was ordained a priest 10 years later. He served as a bishop and cardinal and is best remembered as a major force in the Counter-Reformation. The Holy See dubbed him 'the prince of apologists.' Bellarmine was deeply Marian. A keen proponent of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception (eventually promulgated in 1854), he preached about it and urged the Holy Father to define it as a dogma at this time. Among other things Bellarmine wrote a twenty-one-stanza poem in Mary's honour. Bellarmine's devotion to the rosary should come as no surprise. A biographer noted that "the beads were.....his constant companion". He died in 1621 and was officially canonised a saint in 1930.

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 15/5/2024

St Mary's Mary Care—Holy Eucharist At Home

Do you have a loved one or maybe a neighbor who is unable to attend Mass regularly and would appreciate receiving the Holy Eucharist in their home?

Please leave details for the Mary Care Team through the Parish office 9397 6066.



GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY TIP THIS WEEK:

Write a list and make just one shopping trip per week to purchase everything.

"If you would like to write to any federal politician with concerns about Woodside, Australia's biggest coal and gas company and their planned Northwest Shelf project, go to letition.org.au where you will find a pre-written letter you can modify and send."



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Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Because of the generosity of our parish community, CatholicCare Victoria can continue the mission; to create transformational personal impact, and empower every individual to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need! For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au



Rosters for this week 18th & 19th May 2024

Counting Team No. 3	Ian Veal, Fran Moloney, Tony Cutroni, Larry Rigoni, Sussan Jamieson
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Maylene Clayton, Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Franck Schobben 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Joe Covelli
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Di Collins

Rosters for next Week 25th & 26th May 2024

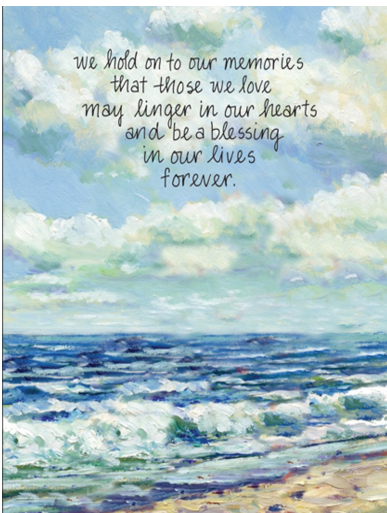
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Peter Kirwan 10.30am Di Collins, Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Rosemarie Smith 8.30am Himali Peter 10.30am Eilin Taylor
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Volunteer Needed 10.30am Maylene Clayton

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Sarah Rodgers, Cathy Reid, Assunta Delgrosso, Yemme Reddy, Anne-Marie Pelikinakis, Tita Lopres, Adrian Loprestti, Lazarus Wilson.



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES



We pray for Audrey Doherty, Susan Minton, Noreen Bagnell Mariese Kalka, Sebastian Gashi, Rosalia Bendistinto, Franca Cuomo, Ivanka Ostrugnaj, Ronald Gilmartin, Jacky Butler, Fr. Paddy Fitzpatrick, Brian O'Brien, Mark Thorn, Michael Hynes, Tom Johnson, Rowland Hassall, Ellen Williamson, Rodney Lloyd, Onorina Pomazan, Gladys Starr, Ken Elder, Lucia Gelcrisio, Stefania Jaslan, Eileen Haywood, Mary Lewer, Charlie Axelson, Dorrie O'Neill, Len Bevis, Shane Ryland, George Lewis, Michael Evans, Andrew Carrick, Tony Nuzzo, June Ellis, Frank Templeton, Rose De Battista, Eddy Berry, John Foord, Rodolfo Ruggieri, Charles Broadfoot, Alberto, Celestina, Ersilia, Giuseppe, Benedetto, Natalino, Margherita, Carmelo, George and Emmanuele Mangion, Maria Meloni, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Rita, Pietro, Francesa, Benedetto and Ignazio Saragozza, whose anniversaries are at this time.