

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

13th April, 2025



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Tuesday 9:00am – 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

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD—YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. 50:4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians. 2:6-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

GOSPEL: LUKE 22:14-23:56

The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose and they brought Jesus before Pilate. They began their accusation by saying, "We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar and claiming to be Christ, a King." Pilate put to him this question, "Are you the king of the Jews?" He replied, "It is you who say it."

Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, "I find no case against this man." But they persisted, "He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here."



Tuesday 15th April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church 11:00am "The Village" – Communion Service with Fr Greg at no 25.
Wednesday 16th April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church 7.00pm Parish Finance Team at Parish Centre.
Thursday 17th April	7.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday 18th April GOOD FRIDAY	10.00am Stations of the Cross at St Mary's Church 3.00pm Good Friday main service at St Mary's Church
Saturday 19th April HOLY SATURDAY	7.00pm Mass at St Mary's Church
Sunday 20th April EASTER SUNDAY	8.30am Mass at St Mary's Church 10.30am Mass at St Mary's Church

Dear Parishioners,

PALM / PASSION SUNDAY:

We see Luke today, more than the other Gospel writers, emphasising Jesus' role as prophet and interprets the death of Jesus as rejection of his prophetic teaching and actions. Like all prophets, Jesus is lauded by those lifted up by his good news, but those whose privileged position is threatened by him seek to silence and kill him. In this passion narrative, we see Jesus facing deadly opposition and struggling one final time to discern what is the way to obediently bring his prophetic mission to completion. He prepares his disciples for his own death, instructing them at the Last Supper, and modelling for them how they are to act, as they continue his prophetic mission. Once again he chooses to be obedient to the prophetic mission entrusted to him, even if the cost is his life.

BURNING OF PALM BRANCHES:

Whatever greenery you take away this year from Palm Sunday Mass, could you bring it back two weeks before Ash Wednesday so that we can burn it on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and use the ashes as meant to be used for Ash Wednesday 2026.

FURTHER NEWS:

1. I believe our most important object at hand in our Parish is to celebrate well with each other the Holy Week ceremonies. Let us all enter these with a good spirit and one in which Jesus would be proud.
2. Secondly, I am sure Jesus would want our parish to try to live up to the highest ideals and not be satisfied with mediocrity or even lesser ideals. With that partly in mind we prepare **for our first Annual Meeting of the Parish straight after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday June 1st**. In the meantime, the following three were more of the important items that came out of our monthly Parish Council Meeting which we always have on the 1st Thursday of the month:
 - a) **Strategic Plan for the Parish has been worked on and will be published at the June 1st Meeting.** It entails certain pillars we need to work strenuously forward for our parish: such as under the pillars needing our achievement Vibrant, Vital and Viable. How we as a Council plan to achieve those will be spelled out on June 1st. It is up to you to comment and improve on our plans. It is your parish : we on the Parish Council in the end serve you within the greater context of God's Kingdom – Your Kingdom Come! Please make sure you mark that date in the diary. Due to the importance of that day I will not preach a sermon at the 10:30am mass and go straight into our Annual General Meeting after the end of Mass.
 - b) We discussed the importance of continuing **our new parishioners luncheons**. The next one being at the Parish Centre on Sunday June 15th directly two weeks later also after the 10:30am Mass.
 - c) On the table for discussion was again the decisions we need to make and the directions we need to take with the Take the Way of the Gospel initiatives of the Archdiocese. Do we need to amalgamate with another parish or would the more likely and probably wiser move be to enter into a partnership with another parish close to our borders. This keeps our Parish entity intact for not the short but also the long term future. Yet acknowledges that the probability that the next Parish Priest will have the responsibility of two parishes.

FEDERAL ELECTION MAY 3RD:

With the Prime Minister's announcement that Australians will go to the polls in a federal election on 3 May, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) has released its election statement for 2025, calling on Catholics to engage deeply with their civic responsibilities during the election. The statement titled ***Called to Bring Hope in the Year of Jubilee***, rightly urges the faithful to participate in shaping the nation's future by voting with a well-formed conscience. Echoing the Bishops' election message, Catholic Social Services Australia (CSSA) has released a statement calling on political parties to prioritise those who are most vulnerable. To read the full election statement: <https://bit.ly/ACBCElection2025>

In line with all this I will leave at least a very easy summary on one of the back boards of the Church.

NEW PARISHIONERS LUNCHEON:

New parishioners' luncheon will take place after the 10:30 am Mass in the Parish Centre on Sunday June 15th. It would be great if you could put your name down on pad at back table in order for our secretary Monique to contact you around the time.

NEW LAUNDRY ROSTER:

Thanks to those six generous ladies who offered to clean the church linen. I offer the following as a roster and hope to be in touch with you all: Lauren for May, Bernadette for June, Jan for July, Maria for August, Doris for September, Robyn for October, Lauren for November and Bernadette for December.

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

HOLLY LAND COLLECTION—GOOD FRIDAY-18TH APRIL 2025

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 18th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2024 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and we were able to send to the Holy Land nearly \$1.5 million (\$1.4 million [2023], \$1.4 million [2022] and \$1,126,098 [2021]). The reality for the Holy Land mission is that they will continue to face challenges, financial and spiritual, and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Thank you.

Holy Week at St Mary's Church

<u>Holy Thursday 17th April</u>	7.00pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
<u>Good Friday 18th April</u>	10.00am	Stations of the Cross at St Mary's Church
	3.00pm	Good Friday main service at St Mary's Church
<u>Holy Saturday 19th April</u>	7.00pm	Mass at St Mary's Church
<u>Easter Sunday 20th April</u>	8.30am & 10.30am	Mass at St Mary's Church

ST MARY'S PRAYER NATURE WALK: SATURDAY MAY 10TH at 10:30AM

Walk through the beauty of Williamstown Esplanade and connect to faith.

Lead by Peter Hay you will be guided to reflect upon the nature that surrounds us and connects us to God.

Meet at St Joseph's By The Sea, 16 Esplanade, Williamstown. Cost: By Donation

For further information please contact Monique in the office on 9397 6066.

Rosters for this Week 12th & 13th April 2025 (Palm Sunday)

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni, Maylene Clayton 8.30am Gerard Colla, Doreen Mitchell 10.30am Eugene Yi, Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna, Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Himali Peter, Mareena Peter 10.30am Olga Reginato,
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Joe Covelli

Rosters for Thursday 17th April 2025 Holy Thursday — Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Ministers of the Eucharist	7.00pm Chris Longman, Jan Maine, Joe Covelli
Mass Readers	7.00pm Eugene Yi, Maylene Clayton

Rosters for Friday 18th April 2025 Good Friday 3pm

Mass Readers	3.00pm Charles Hili, Marcia Scobben, Kevin Perera, Himali Peter
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Rosters for next Week 19th & 20th April 2025 (Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday)

Counting Team 3	Ian Veal, Frances Moloney, Toni Cutroni, Larry Rigoni, Susan Jamieson
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Teofila Hunt 10.30am Mariza O'Keefe

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Pope Francis, Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, Assunta Delgrosso, Anne-Marie Pelikinakis

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Ruth Francis who passed away recently and Peter van der Merwe, Tina Dey, Barb Shea, Leslie Bernardo, (Fr.) Lou Heriot, Marga Mardesic, Ljubica & Ive Vuksevic, Benarda Milin, Mara Peros, Petar Mardesic Snr, Nicola Nardo, Ann Brydon, Tessie Zahra, Cecilia Dalton, Maree Beaton, Hilda Lloyd, Josephine Dimeck, Marianne Gerada, Ernie Clare, Mary Sweet, Rene Hynes, May Sinclair, Lucia Scalia, Des Moore, Francis O'Loughlin, Matilda Luczyc, Annie Broadfoot, Jack Cronin, Miles McGrath, Rita Consolandi, Giselda Darmanin, Tess Hannebery, Lyn Trojkovic, Stella Costa, Carmela Pisano, Ersilia Portelli, Joan Spiteri and Alberto Mangion whose anniversaries are at this time.