

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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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 2:14, 22-33

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Peter. 1:17-21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us;
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:13-35

Now that very day two of them were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?"



And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

Tuesday 21st April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 11:00am "The Village" - Communion Service with Fr Greg.
Wednesday 22nd April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
Thursday 23rd April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 24th April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7.00pm Continuation of Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults formation sessions at presbytery, any further enquiries Fr Greg- 0400524363

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

On Easter Sunday we began our 50 days of the Easter season leading into Pentecost. It was a pleasure to celebrate those important Holy Week and Easter services for you. Thanks to all who contributed to those celebrations: planners, readers, music, decorations and cleaning along with those who attended. They were joyful celebrations of our faith. May that joy and peace be with everyone through the easter season.

Today two weeks later the Scriptures relay the wonderful story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The risen Christ joined them on the road, explained the Scriptures to them, and then revealed himself in the breaking of bread. The Emmaus story is more than a story. It is a sophisticated eucharistic catechesis: 'a liturgy of the Word' followed by 'a liturgy of the eucharist'. The expression 'breaking of bread' is a technical term for the eucharist. The gestures and words used are those of the Last Supper and of the Eucharist. *'He took the*



bread.....blessed it.....broke it.....and gave it to them'. No doubt this reflected the Eucharistic practice of the Lukan Church (from which we get Luke's gospel). By the time Luke wrote his gospel half a century had gone by since the Lord's death and resurrection. So his readers might look back with envy at the people who were fortunate enough to have seen the risen Lord with their own eyes. But in this story he makes the point that those who were in that enviable position did not truly know Jesus until the Scriptures were expounded and the bread was broken.

The Christians of Luke's time had those same means of recognising him – the Scriptures and the breaking of bread. And so have Christians ever since, for the Scriptures and the Eucharist are the essential components of our Sunday service. In the matter of encountering Jesus with faith, in a sense a past generation is no more privileged than the present one.

BLESSED BY OUR SINGERS AND MUSICIANS:

We have a lovely group of singers and musicians: Monique Julian, Martin Briffa and Branka, Michelle Northeast, Kevin and company, our Sri Lankan group, Raoul a new good singer, and last but not least Angela as organist and Matthew Sheahan as singer for 8:30am Mass. Accordingly, thanks to those who alerted me to a recent local newspaper item. It stated that Matthew Sheahan over last weekend would be singing the role of Thenardier from Les Miserables and Larry from Dear Evan Hansen as well as doing some chorus numbers at the National Theatre in St Kilda. It was nice in the article for Matthew to state: "I started at age 5 or 6 singing at church at St Mary's in Williamstown, which I still do." We have been fortunate in having lots of talented singers. Let us not take any of them for granted.

PARTNERING FOR MISSION: Please take and reflect on the document available for your perusal and the new opportunity of our parish to form a potentially very worthwhile partnership with St Joseph's Parish: Newport & Spotswood.

LIFE FOR A PRIEST IN COUNTRY VICTORIA:

Almost every year a group of us priests from the same year level and annual holiday group pay a flying visit (Sunday afternoon to Tuesday morning) to one of our classmates in rural Victoria. For the past 5 years he has been at the East Wimmera parish comprising some very strong country parishes of the past. Five of them are now amalgamated into one very large parish area. In those 6 years our priest friend, Gerard Prunty has driven us around to a different country town within his wide parish area. From memory we first went to Charlton, then Donald, then the following year to Wycheproof, then Birchip, then St Arnaud and this year he drove us the 40km to Boort which is not far from the Victorian border and the mighty Murray river. One thing I noticed in almost every main town like yesterday at Boort there is a significant lake nearby. There is always a World War 1 big monument with the names on it as usually those of World War 11 and beyond. Like yesterday with only one pub left at Boort, same as Charlton there is at least one main pub still operating. Also usually there is an old and big wheat silo. Sorry ladies but usually one does not see a lady's hairdresser in those old towns. It is hard to even find a barber! Some places even like fish and chip shops we take for granted are usually not in existence! Maybe a café, maybe a mixed type store selling newspapers. These were usually such vibrant towns in their heydays with hundreds if not thousands of people. Now there is in evidence a certain amount of pride in but its sad also to see a tiredness in the look of half the buildings. Let us not ever forget the good people of country Victoria.

Happy Eastertide

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg

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SACRAMENT PROGRAM AT ST MARY'S

For children who do not attend St Mary's school and are in the Parish area who would like to receive their Sacraments in 2026 please contact Monique Julian:

monique.julian@cam.org.au to request an enrolment form. Dates for 2026 are:

FIRST COMMUNION: 27th April, 4th May and 11th May 2026 - 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.
Communion Masses on the weekend of 16th and 17th May

CONFIRMATION: 17th August, 24th August and 31st August 2026 - 7:00pm in the Parish Centre. Confirmation Masses TBC but likely the first week September.

WORKING BEE AROUND CHURCH GARDENS

SATURDAY May 16th 2026 — 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.

READERS/ LECTORS:

Thanks to the 14 Lectors who turned up last week for our session in St Mary's Church. There was still half a dozen away during the school holidays. Accordingly, I have put on two other opportunities so that we can all be on the same page in the future: Sunday April 26th at 1:30pm or Wednesday 6th May at 7pm. Thanks in anticipation of being at either session.

Scaffolding on Presbytery and side of the Church

As many of you know, I will be retiring in June 2027. In preparation, I am taking responsibility for several maintenance tasks that are best addressed now rather than left to become more costly in the future. The hidden side of the presbytery requires painting and some minor woodwork repairs. In addition, the recent storm caused part of the Church guttering and a section of the downpipe to come away. To complete these repairs safely, scaffolding will be erected around half of the presbytery and a small section of the Church. This work will begin on **Monday, 20 April**. Thank you for your understanding and patience while these essential repairs are carried out.

Rosters for this Week 18th & 19th April 2026

Counting Team 1	Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones, Paul Francis
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Eilin Taylor
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Herb Zimmer

Rosters for next Week 25th (ANZAC Day) & 26th April 2026

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Peter Kirwan, Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Joe Covelli
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Joe Covelli

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, Charlie Galea, David Hume, Finn Pennisi

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Chris Hussey, Simon Bush, Bruno Rigoni, Harry Bunting, Richard Stone, (Fr.) Cyril Blake, Daniela Panzera, Antonio Pecora, Agnes Schobben, Bridget Fagan, Francis Xavier Borg, Jack O'Neill, John Fitzgerald, 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, Natalino and Angelina Meilak, Blondina and Lawrence Sammut, Michael Meilak, Joan Spiteri, Ersilia Portelli, Sheila Easdon, Carmela Sammut, Rosaria Laudato; Emmanuelle and Annie Taliana, Luigi and Lorenza Micallef, Paulo and Elvira Taliana, Sergio and Lucia Gelicrisio, Rita Mulak, Charlie Tabone and Leslie Bernardo; whose anniversaries are at this time.

