

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 5:12-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Give thanks, for the Lord is good, God's love is everlasting.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the book of Revelation. 1:9-13, 17-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

You believed in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



Tuesday 29th April	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 30th April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church
Thursday 1st May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 6.30pm Parish Council meeting at the Presbytery.
Friday 2nd May	11.30am Senior's Mass at St Mary's Church. Followed by Luncheon in the Parish Centre. ALL WELCOME.

Dear Parishioners ,

Thanks to the many who helped organise our Easter Services and participated in different Ministries. You did the Parish proud.

This weekend we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday and we remember with great respect in our hearts the passing of Pope Francis. I am sure God will give him a huge welcome.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PARISH:

Despite what may be happening in the world wide Church, If we are going to move forward as a parish we need to keep making a few giant steps in regards to being Vibrant, Vital and Viable. All the last three being worthwhile challenges from our Archdiocese. Nevertheless, to clear the way to be a more missionary parish, I believe we should adopt a parish model or models that avoid for instance the following six steps:

PARISH AS A SOCIAL CLUB:

This is a model that sees the parish as a place to promote leisure and social activities (concerts, dinners, outings). Socialising is when we gather with people like us. Fellowship is socialising with a purpose. A heavy emphasis on socialising can hinder the mission of a parish by tying up energy and resources that would be better directed towards evangelising and fellowship.

PARISH AS A SERVICE STATION:

This is a model that sees the parish priest and staff as providers of sacramental 'services' such as baptisms, funerals and weddings, often for people with little or no church affiliation. This is seen as an important part of the provision of pastoral care, and the priest's time and the parish facilities are mainly directed towards this. But the way we offer sacraments has the potential to cripple our missionary efforts when they monopolise time and parish resources that could perhaps be better directed towards more fruitful ministries.

PARISH AS A MUSEUM:

This is a model in which change is seen as negative. Stagnation is seen as stability. We can have a fixation on the physical buildings in the parish. Like some parishes that have amalgamated and parishioners in those mega parishes spend up to 80% of total finances in maintaining, insuring and running these buildings without seeing a bigger picture. We are luckier than most as all our buildings are fit for purpose. Yet on another aspect of the museum model we need to be careful to revert to things that worked sixty years ago. Rather, there should be an uncomfortable tension between preserving traditions, on the one hand, and equipping disciples for the twenty first century context.

PARISH AS A BANK:

This is a model where the primary source of the parish is on debt reduction and having money in the bank. In this model when funds are short , staff can easily get fired and programs closed.

PARISH AS A SCHOOL:

The 'school model' sees the parish school as the major focus of the parish's financial and missionary energy. In more like a missionary parish, the evangelising and teaching priority is adults, who are intentionally led into a relationship with Jesus and are then formed into missionary disciples. The latter then are more likely to bring their children to the Parish church of a weekend. One can put almost all one's resources into the school and school children, but not much point in some senses if the adults never darken the doors and give their children an example. After all, in the end the Catholic theory and ethos is that " the adults are the major educators of their children in faith" . I believe and hope we have a correct balance here in our parish. The school staff and children are taken seriously but not at the expense of everything else.

PARISH AS A SOUP KITCHEN:

This is a model which sees the primary purpose of the parish as providing services to parishioners and the local community by serving the poor and working for social justice. The 'parishioner' is seen as someone in need of care and support, which 'the priest' and parish staff or volunteers provide. This model has similar attributes to a 'therapeutic model' of pastoral care, in which parishioners are viewed as coming to us in need of services and care, and in which we see our purpose as priests and leaders as pastorally caring for people. They come to us and we help them.

With the last model a different way could more easily be adopted, such as in a more mission driven parish one is helped in one's formation as a competent apostle to meet the challenges that face us in the world.

Anyway, all the above models have true strengths and true weaknesses. Hopefully, next week I can put forward in our parish bulletin the potential and possibility of looking at some things slightly differently. This I hope can help us in our Annual General Meeting after the 10:30am on 1st June Mass at 11:15 am to go straight into firstly transparency of on our present financial positions and better still look at ways we can push forward to make for an even greater parish improvement for the short- and long-term future.

CATHOLIC CARE COLLECTION:

Next Sunday there will be the annual Catholic Care Collection with the two Masses Sunday morning having a speaker address us on behalf of Catholic Care.

MAINTENANCE:

I hope you have made the effort to look at the updated foyer area. It is now 'plaster falling free' with a new brightish yellow interior plus matching skirting boards of black (formerly brown). Now more Richmond than Hawthorn!

ANNUAL GENERAL PARISH MEETING:

We prepare for our first Annual Meeting of the Parish straight after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday June 1st.

AUSTRALIAN CARITAS – URGENT

Please bring back your Project Compassion boxes and financial offerings so that as a Parish we can send these on to Australian Caritas.

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME:

At a minimum we have a new parishioner welcome and luncheon straight after 10:30am Mass at least once during year. By putting your name on clipboard on back table you are welcome to join myself and our Parish Council members on Sunday June 15th.

NATURE WALK:

I hope as per item(ST MARY'S PRAYER + Nature Walk) you can join several others in this worthwhile experience. I gather the leader of it is a very gifted connector with prayer and nature. One can sign on by the QR code.

ROSARY IN MAY: The hierarchy of the Church rightly gives us strict instructions not to pray the rosary during Mass, as the Mass is the source and summit of our worship. Nevertheless, over the years one of the more successful and traditional devotions of the Catholic Church is the rosary. Accordingly, even if only a decade a day it is a wonderful devotion and worth doing as an individual or a family in May.

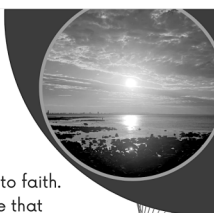
MAY MASS COUNT:

As I have Mass count sheets could someone at each of the three Masses volunteer to fill out the sheets I can give to you. It is a simply a count of members at each Mass on the four weekends of May.

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg Trythall – greg.trythall@cam.org.au -0400524363

ST MARY'S PRAYER

Nature Walk



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.

**MAY 10TH 10:30AM MEETING AT: ST JOSEPH'S BY THE SEA
16 ESPLANADE WILLIAMSTOWN**

COST: Suggested
donation amount \$20
or what you can afford

BOOKINGS AT: www.trybooking.com/DAUDS



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS LONGMAN 0411483571 OR MONIQUE IN THE OFFICE 93976066

COMBINED PARISHES YOUTH GATHERING

Our next Combined Parishes Youth Gathering will be held on Saturday 3rd of May from 7:00pm–8:30pm, at St Mary's Church, Williamstown Parish Centre, 116 Cecil Street Williamstown.

We invite all Youth aged 13-18 years to come and join us for a fun evening with food/snacks, faith topic discussion, and games.

Rosters for this Week 26th & 27th April 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Marry Soppitt 8.30am Eilin Taylor, Karen Colla 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Joe Covelli
Welcomers	6.00pm Volunteer Needed 8.30am Jenny O'Sullivan 10.30am Chantel Castelino

Rosters for next Week 3rd & 4th May 2025

Counting Team 4	Leanne Spiteri, Greg Morgan, Herb Zimmer, Steven Sagona, Eugene Yi
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel, John O'Keefe 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Rosemarie Smith 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Di Collins
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Doreen Mitchell, James McCutcheon

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, Assunta Delgrosso,
Anne-Marie Pelikinakis, Danuta Kurkowski

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Pope Francis who passed away recently and Viktor Grech, Charlie Fenech, Michael Taylor, Les Murray, Crispin Bevington, Rose Pattison, (Sr.) Eileen Carr, Kathryn and Joseph Bojanowski, Alicja & Jan Oruba, John Fewster, George Olsen, Gerald Laws, Michael Burrows, Ron Murphy, Ivica Ostrugnai, Bishop Joe O'Connell, Natalino Meilak, Giuseppe Pungitore, Joan Gallivan, Patricia Mary Dumble, Ivy May Jones, Pat Raffle, Josephine Fisher, Nanette Gloury, Eugenio Scolaro, Emmanuel Taliana, Lisa Dell-Antonio, Bess Whitehurst, Peter Destallis, David Adams, Daniel Keegan, Carmen Duggan, Dorothy Pierik, Jack Lourey, Daisy Cahill, Anne McTaggart, Lorna Patterson, Olive Maguire, Jason Smith, Lisa Garrity, Elizabeth McGuigan, Sue Geddes, Geitano Vella, Kathleen Moore, James Wright, Thomas Telfer, Laurena Becroft, Ivy Hughes, Philip Cronin, Leo Mangan, Catherine Woodruff, Con Gleeson, Richard Sammut, Patricia McBride and (Fr.) Kevin Smith whose anniversaries are at this time.

Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Pope Francis

St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Monday 28th April 2025 at 1.00pm

For those unable to attend in person, the Mass will be livestreamed and broadcast on Community Channel C3 (Chanel 44 on digital television) thanks to the broadcast partner C31.

