

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah. 38:4-6,8-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, come to my aid!

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. 12:1-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

GOSPEL: LUKE 12:49-53

“I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”



Tuesday 19th August	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 20th August	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
Thursday 21st August	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.
Friday 22nd August	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

I have worked as either assistant priest (Seaford/Cheltenham/Airport West), Administrator (Bentleigh/Clayton) or Parish Priest (Grovedale/Williamstown) of seven parishes in the Melbourne Archdiocese. None of those parishes have – at least in the past – an area for a Mary Grotto such as ours. We can rejoice at the foresight of parishioners of the past where there was not even a lawn in the Grotto area at that time. Our one is now celebrating 80 years since 1945 that it was blessed by the very famous Archbishop Daniel Mannix. At our next meeting of the Parish Council, we will be seriously considering a commemorative plaque to be placed at the Grotto probably mentioning PP at the time, Fr Michael Flannery, the architect Mr M Moriarty and possibly any other main parishioner involvement. Some parishioners may be able to fill me in before our next Parish Council meeting on September 4th on the latter.

The Grotto is modelled on the famous shine of Lourdes, in the south of France. On 1st June 1945 'The Williamstown Advertiser' commented 'Archbishop Mannix paid a glowing tribute to Fr Flannery and his parishioners for the great work accomplished in the parish'. Only four years later after the death of Fr Flattery 'More than 100 priests and a large number of Sisters of St Joseph were in attendance. The funeral procession proceeded to the Williamstown Cemetery with a considerable number of men and school children walking in front of the hearse'. It was noted during the sermon given by the Archbishop at St Mary's Church 'Many in the congregation were moved to tears by the discourse.'

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

- A) **FIRST READING: (from Prophet Jeremiah)** During the siege of Jerusalem by the Babylonians, the princes brought Jeremiah before the king and charged him with treason. (He had been predicting the destruction of the city as a judgment from God from straying from His ways). Since the king lacked the courage to withstand them, Jeremiah was thrown into a cistern and left to die. Christians have always seen him as a figure of Christ. His sufferings remind us of the sufferings of Christ, and his rescue from the pit reminds us of Jesus' resurrection from the tomb.
- B) **SECOND READING: (Hebrews)** After his survey of Old Testament figures of persevering faith (see last Sunday), the author returns to the present and exhorts his readers to persevere in their own faith, regardless of the cost
- C) **GOSPEL: (Luke)** The Gospel contains two sayings about the nature of Jesus' mission. Three images are used: fire, baptism, and division.

MOST RECENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

All the following took place:

- At the start of the meeting, we welcomed a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society for some overview of the good work of our local conference. Their work is very commendable.
- We discussed the success of the growth of numbers for our monthly 13- 18 age Youth Group meeting on the 1st Saturday of every month.
- There was much discussion of the details needed to get back to the local bishop of the Western Zone in regards his three-day visit to our parish on October 17- 19th.
- We talked about the Archdiocese Formation monthly series and its benefits. Three from the Parish Council agreed to go to this week's session on service: 'beyond the church doors' and four from the Parish Council agreed to go to next month's one on Evangelisation: 'Bridging the gap between parish and school.' Besides myself our St Mary's Principal will also be attending. All the formation series this year have been under the umbrella of 'The Vibrant Parish'. We are trying to achieve that.
- We discussed what present or future jobs are needed under 'maintenance'. And incidentally all the gutters of the Church, Parish Centre and Presbytery have been cleaned during the last two weeks.

- There was a 'Mary Care' update given.
- Risk and Compliance was brought to the table by our Safeguarding Officer, Frank Schobben.
- Several other smaller were discussed such as the Asylum seekers food drive, Father's Day coming up, Safeguarding Sunday Sept 13/14th, new prep dads' night, fire emergency church drill, our strategic parish plan , Green Team and so forth.

WAY OF THE WEST:

Unless you drop items at the school this week, the following is requested for next Sunday drop off at the Church – thanks in anticipation.

Other Household Goods:

Dishwashing detergent, laundry liquid and powder, household cleaning products, nappies(all sizes), wipes, Gift Cards (Kmart, Big W, Target, Coles). Asian sauces – soy sauce, chilli sauce, fish sauce, oyster sauce. All is going great so far.

BISHOP OF THE WEST VISIT:

Friday October 17th to Sunday October 19th.

ARCHBISHOP CAMPAIGN:

Throughout the whole Melbourne Archdiocese next weekend there will be a fundraiser collection. Although a key focus for the Archbishop's Campaign is supporting the formation of new priests and caring for our retired priests, much of the money is also needed to support other key ministries of the Church. Accordingly, next weekend parishioners will be asked to offer a gift to this year's Archbishop Campaign. Parishioners across the Archdiocese will be asked to make a recurring monthly contribution, although one-off donations are gratefully accepted.

Tax-deductible gifts will go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports:

- Priests Retirement Foundation.
- John Pierce Centre for the hearing impaired
- Melbourne Overseas Mission (our archdiocese has always allowed a few priests to help for a few years in Papua New Guinea and Peru)
- Other deductible gift recipient entities such as Catholic community agencies and community service organisations

Non-deductible gifts will go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund which supports:

- Seminary education.
- The archbishop's evangelisation initiatives, such as Australian Catholic Youth Festival (late November)

By inviting our parishioners to help raise funds to support the important works of the Church in Melbourne you are playing a pivotal role in our future. The Archbishop's Campaign with financial collection in two weeks' time is a single annual campaign and reduces the number of separate special Sunday plate collections in parishes each years.

AUDIT OF PARISHES IN ARCHDIOCESE

There will be an upcoming Safeguarding Audit of the Archdiocese of Melbourne by the Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd. The process is part of a broader national commitment to transparency and accountability in Safeguarding. In coming weeks there will be seven of the Western suburbs Catholic parishes being audited. Presumably all will be up to speed in this area- we hope so for their sake and for the sake of the children in their parish. I thank the cooperation of our parishioners in this process: it has been very admirable.

Yours 'in Christ'

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SAFEGUARDING - 'Volunteer Overview' & 'Activity Statement'

The 'Volunteer Overview' and 'Activity Statement' have now been emailed to all parish volunteers, requesting the signed **Volunteer Description Acknowledgment** (page 3) be returned to the parish office ASAP. Copies are also available in the church next to the parish bulletins on the rear table for volunteers to sign and place in the returns basket. Thank you for your cooperation.

Rosters for this Week 16th & 17th August 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Eilin Taylor, Karen Colla 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Mareena Peter
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Di Collins

Rosters for next Week 23rd and 24th of August 2025

Counting Team 4	Leanne Spiteri, Greg Morgan, Herb Zimmer, Steven Sagona, Eugene Yii
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Evol Farrelly, Volunteer Needed 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Jan Maine 10.30am Mareena Peter
Welcomers	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Volunteer Needed

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Finn Pennisi, Dominic Piccolo, Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, Assunta Delgrosso

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Ines Mandato and John Martin who passed away recently and Mario Kalafatis, Nell Morley, Helen Nicholson, Antonia Kucich, Prisca Reddy, Augustinho Fernandes, Bev Curtis, Dalia Lucia, Angiolina Saragozza, Stella De Luca, Anna Dubiel, Vito Massaro, Pat Brannick, Edith Lovell, Marjory Renton, Gerry Franken, Len Roper, Norm Quale, Ron Grima, Dean Ballantyne, Catrina McInney, Clare Oliver, Kay Hollo, Dorothea Albinson, Lillian Connors, Joan English, Aileen Sandri, Victor Pezzani, Neddy Dawson, Ray Bryan, Anna Spence, Pasquale Fabbro, Herbie Cole, Leo Rogan, Anna Matson, Nellie Heaps, Kath Jones, Kath Dowling, Fay Forbes, Bill Brydon, Patrick Wilkinson, Michael Tuck, Lawrence Meehan, Edna Ross, Anne Smith, Rose Ashkar, David Templeton, Wilma Ulmer, Albert Kennedy, Kerrie Knot, Mary Emilie Meerwald, Aurelio Sagona, Warwick Smith, Paolo Pecora, Salvatrice Pecora, Aristeia Sagona, Antonio Sagona, Salvatore Sagona, Berta Geremia, Patricia McBride, Annie Costa, Natalino Mifsud, Anthony Sammut, Joseph Sammut, Elena and Anthony Banavage, Maria and Lucio Falzon, Teresa and Giuseppe Sciciereff, Lawrence Galea, Olga Cutajar, Joseph Cutajar, Cristina Santucci, Blondina and Lorenzo Sammut; whose anniversaries are at this time.