

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*

20th October, 2024



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Parish Staff

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Tuesday 8:30am – 4.00pm

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9.30am–1.30pm

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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.

TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. 53:10-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. 4:14-16

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

The Son of Man came to be serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.

GOSPEL: MARK 10:35-45

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?"

They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."



Tuesday 22nd October	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. Fr Greg celebrating 2 Masses at Port Phillip Gaol. 7.00pm Meeting with those looking more into becoming Catholic Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at presbytery
Wednesday 23rd October	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Thursday 24th October	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7.00pm St Mary's Parish School Board meeting at school.
Friday 25th October	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

OUR 2024 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM

Welcome to the **Engagement Weekend** of our Renewal Program!

This week celebrates our commitment to being a *Mission* driven parish – helping all celebrate God's presence and expressing our faith through outreach, service, and justice. We all have a role to play – indeed a responsibility to use our gifts and talents for the benefits of others. So please be involved in one of our parish Groups or Ministries – either for the first time or in a continuing role – your involvement will be personally rewarding and a great contribution to our vibrant parish. Our Program Coordinator, Stephen Littleton will speak with us at each Mass and distribute copies of the special Ministries form.

A special thank you to wonderful parishioners, Adrian Clifford, Elaine Garner and Joe Covelli, who spoke so beautifully on what parish means to them at Masses last weekend as we launched the Program.

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION:

Q: *Why is it important to be actively engaged in parish Ministries?*

"It is so important for the mission of our parish! When we engage, our faith becomes stronger, we help others, and we keep our community strong and vibrant. Engagement is faith in action!"

"To give back for all we have received – and by our example, encourage others to do the same. It is being community!"

POPE FRANCIS SAYS

"It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions."



Gospel Message In A Nutshell This Week

People can endure almost anything if they know their will be an end to their suffering and that there will be some recompense. In today's gospel apostles James and John have just heard Jesus speak for the third time about being handed over, mocked, scourged, and condemned to death. Unlike St Peter, whose response when Jesus first spoke about this was to reject such a scenario, the Zabedee brothers focus their attention on what reward they will gain if they endure such abuse. They envision Jesus enthroned in glory after his ordeal and themselves seated at the places of honour at his right and left. The other disciples are annoyed with the two brothers, probably not because James and John have missed Jesus' message but maybe because they beat the others in requesting the honourable seats!

In response Jesus uses two powerful symbols. He asks if James and John can drink the cup that he will drink and whether they can be baptised with the baptism he will undergo. In the Scriptures "cup" is frequently used as a metaphor for suffering. The meaning is clear in the Gethsemane scene where Jesus begs God to let the cup pass him by if possible. Likewise, baptism here signifies being plunged into suffering and going through the throes of death, to emerge into new life.

Although they were close friends with Jesus just like St Peter, the self-confidence James and John exude is rather astounding. They quickly assert that they can drink this cup and undergo this baptism. But really do they know what they are saying? Their eagerness leads us to reflect on our own ability to answer Jesus' questions. Perhaps there have been times when we eagerly said "I do" or "We can", without fully knowing to what we were committing ourselves too. Or we may know full well the demands of dedicating ourselves to Jesus' way of costly love, but the thought of a reward seems to make it worth the price.

Dear Parishioners,

WEDDING VOWS:

We share the joy of 11 of our parishioners couples who will be renewing their wedding vows from 10 -55 years of marriage this weekend. Three at 6pm Mass – three at 8:30am and five couples at 10:30am

COMING MAJOR PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS:

- **OPERA NIGHT SATURDAY NOV 30TH** – please mark down in your social calendar – more will be revealed in coming weeks.
- **ANNUAL PARISH BARBQUE DEC 1st** – another one for the calendar – please see details on posters along the sides of the Church.

PRIDE IN THE CHURCH:

I wrote last week of the pride I believe we should have in both our Church buildings plus the garden's areas surrounding our buildings. I hope most of you this week have taken note of the general beauty of our extensive garden areas, if not done so in the past.

SYNOD IN ROME:

At this momentous Synod of the Catholic Church in Rome with world wide participation, the importance of lay involvement in the Church and in parishes is stressed as paramount. Theology professor Thomas Soding at Ruhr University in Germany stated: “...theological competence is not only a privilege of priests and bishops” and where the lay faithful demand participation and transparency synodality must empower all Catholics to actively participate in the Church's mission. He further stated that the model of the people of God as active participants in the Church's mission is rooted in the New Testament.

GENERAL HEALTH SITUATION:

Parishioners have noticed that I have been hobbling around like ‘Hopalong Cassidy’ the last few weeks. I knew there was something wrong and after an xray and ultra sound from my doctor he informed me this week that I had a hernia in my left side near the groin area. Fortunately, he informed me that it should repair itself and I should be back to normal in three weeks' time. This hobbling around all coincided with my first bout of Covid which left me being a bit thin in the voice box over the pulpit but I think the voice has fully recovered now. Luckily my annual holidays up in Northern New South Wales are in less than three weeks' time – so I will use that time to get back to my normal fitness and thus should come back full fit and healthy for another year's work. Thanks for the concern of several parishioners but there is no real problem.

Yours ‘in Christ’ Fr Greg 16/10/24

St Josephs by the Sea Garden Day Sunday 24th November 10am–4pm

Our Garden day is an event open to the community, it's a day to celebrate and come together to raise funds for:

- Outreach programmes, women suffering abuse
- Hospitality for individuals emotional and spiritual support.
- Grief support
- Support Aboriginal programs
- Upkeep of our gardens, especially the veggie garden which supports our catering requirements.

We hope it will also be a great opportunity for the community to get a sense of our space and enjoy all it has to offer. Come along and enjoy, Garden Tours ~ Beehive café ~ Educational Ecological games for Children ~ Reflexology hub ~ Our little shop and much more.

RSVP: please call (03) 9397 6012 or email admin.sjbts@sosjspirit.org.au St Josephs by the Sea, 16 Esplanade, Williamstown



www.acrath.org.au
People are NOT for sale

ACRATH is urgently seeking donations of second-hand waterproof jackets that are in good condition for use by migrant workers who have come to Melbourne and Victorian market gardens and farms from various Pacific Islands. These workers find our climate much colder than they are used to but such clothing is not provided by employers. ACRATH members will distribute such donations through their networks with local parishes etc. Ski jackets will also be gratefully accepted. Please contact Marguerite Buckley on 0417 519 110 if you can help. Thank you!

Rosters for this Week 19th & 20th October 2024

Counting Team 2	David Jamieson, Marguerite Buckley, Bob Paz, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Karen Colla, Stephen Littleton 10.30am Maria Laudato, Maylene Clayton
Mass Readers	6.00pm Rosemarie Smith 8.30am Himali Peter 10.30am Eilin Taylor
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Di Collins
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Ros Jacklin, Rachelle Pantelleresco

Rosters for next Week 26th & 27th October 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Peter Kirwan, John O'Keefe 10.30am Maria Laudato, Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Olga Regibato
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Volunteer Needed 10.30am Maylene Clayton
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Ros Jacklin, Joe Covelli

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Sarah Rodgers, Assunta Delgrosso, Yemme Reddy, Anne-Marie Pelikinakis, Tita Lopres, Lazarus Wilson, Danuta Kurkowski, Silvana & Emma Ursini.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Geoff Sheers who passed away recently and Ronald Elias, Maria Camilleri, Lucy Kostraby, Tom Portelli, Matthew Bruno, Nellie McGrath, William Black, Fr. Dutchy Guelen, Peter Brannick, Nicky Colton, Rebecca Kenny, Paul Zahra, Bill Keogh, Sr. Winifred Murphy, Mario and Evelina Lugnani, John Flood, Maria Buongiovanni, Paula Bugeja, Linda Stroud, Bob Alexander, Gwen Cosgrove, Joy Gallagher, Liz Wilson, Ena Fewster, Peter Luckhurst, Marg Hamilton, Stephen West, Dylan Wheat, Joy Lewis, Norrie Gardiner, Albert Curtis, Edward Hinge, Maysie McAdie, Alice Sutton, Muriel Dooley, Charles Mula, Anthony Nuzzo, Filomena Paoline, Cirri Ippolyto, Gennaro Mastrogiovani, Roberta Carlon, Anthony and Elena Banavage, Lucio and Maria Falzon, Thomas and Giuseppina Falzon, Peter Corva, Maria Corva, Joseph Sammut, Blondina and Lorenzo Sammut, David Mangion, Joseph and Teresa Xueref, Biagio Dante Cobis, Ilaria Salvatori, Rosaria Mangion, and Kath Harney whose anniversaries are at this time.

GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY THIS WEEK:

Separate recycling stuff from general waste.