

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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Monday, Tuesday

Parish Staff

Sharon Vassallo

Tuesday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Thursday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

Kylie Skinner-Wednesday

8.30am–3.30pm

St. Mary's School

Principal Anthony Hockey

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

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD EASTER SUNDAY

YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 10:34, 37-43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians. 3:1-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead.



Tuesday 2nd April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7.30pm Way of the West/CRISP team meeting at the Presbytery.
Wednesday 3rd April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Thursday 4th April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 6.30pm Parish Council Meeting at the Presbytery.
Friday 5th April	11.30am Senior's Mass followed by Luncheon at the Parish Centre.

Dear Parishioners,

On Holy Thursday, the night before Jesus died, St John tell us: **'He loved his own in the world and he loved them to the end** (Jn 13:1). Here Jesus reveals three mysteries: he institutes the priestly order, he gives us the Holy Eucharist, and he commands fraternal charity. The three are inseparable. Jesus taught us to love God with ***all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind*** (Mt 22:37) **and to love your neighbour as yourself** (Mt 22:39). He did as he preached, and the Church is to do likewise. Giving his own Body and Blood, the sacrament of charity to us, Jesus said, Do this in memory of me (Lk 22:19).

In the Agony in the Garden, Jesus reveals how love has affected him: My soul is sorrowful even until death (Mk 14:34). Saint Paul says, God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us (Rom 5:8). On the cross, our great High Priest spreads out his arms to embrace the world in the sacrifice of his love. By dying to our sins, Jesus shows us that love conquers sin and death.

At the Easter Vigil, we proclaim that Jesus rose from the dead. Because his love is stronger than death, the Church leads sinners to the baptismal font for the forgiveness of all their sins and a big welcome into the Church. We also have brothers and sisters in faith from around the world being confirmed and receiving the Holy Eucharist for the first time. When we let that love made presence in the sacraments mark our hearts, we join the faithful of every time and place in being overcome with Easter joy.

As all who turn up to the Holy Week liturgies are not always Catholics it reminds me that I will be starting **new sessions for non-Catholics or others who have not completed their sacraments on Tuesday April 30th at 7pm** at the presbytery. Sessions go to 8pm and no later.

Being with God in Nature:

Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality in Kew conducts contemplative walks and quiet times in nature retreats. Go to jisa.org.au and look under retreats.

PROJECT COMPASSION:

Please bring your project compassion boxes or envelopes back by next week. Thanks for your generosity in this important matter for keeping the important projects of project compassion continuing for the poorer members of our world on behalf of Caritas Australia

SENIORS MASS:

Next Seniors Mass (and Luncheon) at 11:30am is on Friday April 5th.

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg 27/3/2024



GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY TIPS THIS WEEK:

Only use your dishwasher when it is fully loaded. Save power and water.

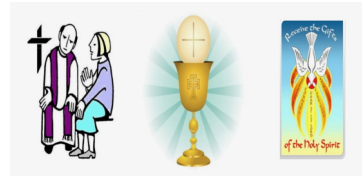
If you would like to write to federal members of parliament about climate change and the Duty of Care Bill regarding the effects of climate change on the next generation, please go to **Letition.org** where you will find a sample letter you can use or modify.



Sacramental Program 2024

For children who do not attend St Mary's school and are in the Parish area who would like to be part of St Mary's Sacramental Program in 2024 please contact Monique Julian: monique.julian@cam.org.au to request an enrolment form. The dates for the Sacrament Programs are:

Sacrament	Sacrament Program Dates	Sacrament Dates
First Eucharist	29/4, 6/5, 13/5 (6-7pm)	18th, 25th May and 1st June
Confirmation	12/8, 19/8, 26/8 (6-7pm)	27th, 28th and 29th August



ST MARY'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

Our Memorial Garden plays an important role in our St Mary's community, providing a lasting memorial and quiet place for reflection and prayer for beloved parishioners and family members.

Plaques can be purchased for those already deceased and, if required, a Reservation Cross or crosses can also be purchased and placed so that family plaques can be placed together on the Memorial Wall in the future.

We have had several recent enquiries and before placing the next order for plaques, we wanted to give other families the opportunity to consider doing so. The plaques are of a standard size with consistent wording – to help maintain the respectful nature of the Garden.

The new order will be placed before Easter – so if you are considering a plaque or would like more information, please email your interest to the Parish Office williamstown@cam.org.au and one of the Memorial Garden Committee will be in touch.



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*Interest rates subject to change. View current rates on the CDF website.



**ST MARY'S
WILLIAMSTOWN**



2025 PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS

**March 26th
9:30 am or 7:00pm**

About the School

All Children Welcome
Established 1842
Calm Classrooms
Academic Excellence
Faith Community



**Use the QR Code to register
for one of the sessions**



**Call the school to book an
individual tour**



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Rosters for Holy Thursday 28th March 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	7.00pm Jeanette Thompson, Ivonne Cram
Mass Readers	7.00pm Anthony Vassallo, Chris Longman, Himali Peter, Kevin Perera

Rosters for Good Friday 29th March 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	Karen Colla, Gerard Colla
Mass Readers	Marcia Schobben, Frank Schobben, Peter Kirwan, Jenny O'Sullivan, Anthony Vassallo, Himali Peter, Mareena Peter, Kevin Perera

Rosters for Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil 30th March 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	7.30pm Mary Soppitt
Mass Readers	7.30pm Frank Schobben, Herb Zimmer, Anthony Vassallo.

Rosters for Easter Sunday 31st March 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	8.30am Mary Frisby, Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Di Collins, Alison Silke
Mass Readers	8.30am Anthony Verhoef, Himali Peter, Mareena Peter 10.30am To Be Advised.

Rosters for next Week 6th & 7th April 2024

Counting Team No. 4	Leanne Spiteri, Greg Morgan, Herb Zimmer, Steven Sagona
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Peter Kirwan, Stephen Littleton 10.30am Maylene Clayton, Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Rosemarie Smith 8.30am Himali Peter 10.30am Eilin Taylor
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Charles 10.30am Joe Covelli

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Sarah Rodgers, Cathy Reid,
Assunta Delgrosso, Yemme Reddy, Anne-Marie Pelikinakis, Tita Lopres, Adrian Loprestti.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Jacobus Toonen, Graeme Skinner, Joan Kirwan, Brian Begley, Laurie Sammut, Carlo Falzon, Angelina Pace, Peter Ward, Kathleen Anthony, John Kennedy, Vasil Necevski, Annette Taliana, Pat Harney, Bess Wood, Elaine Jones, June Dibbs, Marie Anderson, John Brennock, Rosario Guastalegname, Rita Sargasso, Robert Morton, Kate Dawes, Marie Farrelly, Joso Djuric, Steven Drozdek, Frank Galli, Veronica Knight, Peter Black, Robert Barry, Rita Holdworth, Brian Williams, Joseph Maguire, John O'Grady, Ivy Shields, Alan Urban, Lena Cassar, Frank Woodruff, Mary McLinden, Mary Dyson, Michael Frawley, Agnes McDonagh, Joyce Zammit, Kay Green, Peggy Price, Laura Palumbo, June and Nedyka Celic, Peter Zahra, Emmanuel Taliana, Charles Tabone, Paul and Elvira Taliana, Lora and Lui Micallef, Maria Mesiti, Sergio and Lucia Geligrisio, Angela and Natalino Meilak, Blondina and Lawrence Sammut, Michael Meilak, Joan Spiteri, Carla Pisano and Michael Mangion, whose anniversaries are at this time.