

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*

10th November, 2024



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Monday, Tuesday

Parish Staff

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Tuesday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Thursday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

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9.30am–1.30pm

Safeguarding Officer

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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.

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the first book of Kings. 17:10-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. 9:24-28

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Blessed are the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

GOSPEL: MARK 12:38-44

In the course of his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go around in long robes and accept greetings in the market places, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets. They devour the houses of widows and, as a pretext, recite lengthy prayers. They will receive a very severe condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."



Tuesday 12th November	No Church services today.
Wednesday 13th November	9:15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.
Thursday 14th November	9:15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.
Friday 15th November	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

OUR 2024 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM

As you would be aware, I am going on my annual holidays tomorrow, so I wanted to give you a brief update on our Parish Renewal Program.

The Program has challenged us all to reflect on and then commit to our role in parish life. These aren't easy times for many families, and it is no different for the Church and our Parish. I am always appreciative of your support and contributions and particularly so in today's climate.

Whilst there is still quite an amount of follow-up work to do, the early indications are that we are in for a pleasing result. There has already been quite a positive response to our call for a renewed commitment to engagement in parish life through our parish groups and ministries. This is particularly pleasing as we can all be a little "time poor" in modern life.

The early signs are also good for a pleasing financial result. I am particularly thankful for our older parishioners and those on restricted incomes who continue to support the parish so well. Your continued support is very much appreciated. A high percentage of current contributors have responded to the challenge to "review and renew" in the light of our current circumstances, and we have been joined by a good number of parishioners coming on board for the first time. Thank you one and all!

A reminder that your new financial commitments will take effect from Sunday 1 December and acknowledgment letters (with new envelopes where appropriate) will be available at all Masses on the weekend of Sunday 17 November. In the interim, our Renewal Program Co-ordinator, Stephen Littleton will be conducting the necessary follow-up and communications with parishioners.

I look forward to coming back "refreshed and re-invigorated" after my annual holidays to begin the special Advent period for you all.

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 3/11/24

ADVENT DAILY REFLECTIONS:

Last year pre-Lent and Advent our parish purchased 100 small reflection booklets. These have proven to be very successful for parishioners to use and to help both reflection/prayer time. These will be available at the cost of \$5 on the weekend of November 30th /December 1st

CHANGE OF MASS TIMES

Due to our annual Music night and the need to set up immediately after Mass, the **6pm Mass on Saturday November 30th will be changed to 5:30pm on that night only.**

VISITING CLERGY:

We welcome Fr Tony Cox from the Columban Fathers to celebrate our Masses over this and the next two weekends.

GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY TIP THIS WEEK:

Swap out plastic wraps for beeswax wraps or reusable containers

St. Mary's Church Williamstown

Annual Parish BBQ – All Welcome

1st December, 11.30am in the Parish Centre.

Meat, bread and drinks will be provided.

We would ask that attendees with surnames beginning with the letters A-M bring a salad to share and attendees with surname's beginning with N-Z bring a dessert to share.

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.

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

“It's a Grand Night for Singing”

Our very popular ‘**Opera Night**’ returns to St Mary's Church on **Saturday 30 November**.

It will be a grand night indeed!

Following the wonderful feedback received from last year, along with the acclaimed **Michael Lapina** (Tenor), we will also welcome back **Eleanor Blythman** (Soprano), **Karen Van Spall** (Mezzo Soprano) and **Adam Miller** (Baritone). These gifted artists will again provide wonderful entertainment with classics and favourites from the world of Opera and Musical Theatre. Also make sure you enjoy a pre event drink and catch-up in the Parish Centre!

Ticket sales have been strong and with just 3 weeks to the big night, you are encouraged to book now to avoid disappointment. To secure your tickets go the parish website melbournecatholic.org/s/williamstown and download the booking form, or contact Event Organiser Stephen on 0458 358 116 or stephen@parishfirst.com.au



Thursday 21 November 2024

5:45 pm - 7:45 pm

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre
362 Albert Street
East Melbourne
03 9926 9300

\$40 per person

Refreshments at 5:30pm

Facilitator: Peter Hay

03 9926 9300 | admin.mmhc@sosjspirit.org.au



Mary MacKillop
HERITAGE CENTRE

Awakening to the Divine in Nature

This interactive seminar will enable you to deepen your spirituality through interconnection with all of life. Includes input, sharing of ideas and a reflective experience in Fitzroy Gardens.



Peter Hay is a passionate explorer of ecological spirituality as a way of bringing us into a more authentic way of living in these critical times. He is a spiritual director, professional supervisor and a lecturer at Heart of Life.

Scan QR code for more info



Rosters for this Week 9th & 10th November 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Eilin Taylor, Doreen Mitchell 10.30am Di Collins, Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Joe Covelli
Welcomers	6.00pm Claudia Hall 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Chantel Castelino

Rosters for next Week 16th & 17th November 2024

Counting Team 4	Leanne Spiteri, Greg Morgan, Herb Zimmer, Steven Sagona
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Maylene Clayton, Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Herb Zimmer

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 Jim Sheedy, David Faraday, Caitlin Brunton, Bill Dooley, Barbara Sawyer, Antonio Basilone, Maria Camelotti, Lucy Muscat, Raymon Gunn, Leo Bohan, Lorenzo Giacobbe, Ellen Box, Peter, Josephine and Rolando Zammit, Peter, Cornelia, Felice, Concettina and Margherita Lanzon, Rosa Taliana, Bob Alexander, Rosalia Nastasi, Janos Gerai, Carmel Penfold, Gerald O'Brien, Helen Thompson, Mary Mayne, Peter O'Day, John Wilcox, Rosaria, Alberto, Celestina, Emanuele, Giuseppe, Ersilia, Margherita, Natalino, Carmelo, Felice and George Mangion, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Rita, Pietro, Francesca, Benedetto, Ignazio, Giuseppina and Angeolina Saragozza, Salvatore and Carmela Darmanin, Maria Melone, Natalino and Angelina Meilak, Rosario DeBono, Joseph Sammut, Michael Meilak, Lawrence and Blondina Sammut, Joan Spiteri, Carmela Pisano, Ersilia Portelli, Richard Sammut, Mario Camilleri, Patrizia McBride (Sagona); Tony & Polly Caruana, Cecilia Muscat, Joe Abela, Joe Mifsud, Tom Azzopaldi, Joseph Nguyen Van Quang (Bishop Long's Father) whose anniversaries are at this time.