

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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Tuesday 9:00am – 4:00pm

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9:30am–1:30pm

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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.

Baptisms 12:30pm Sunday

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Wisdom. 18:6-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. 11:1-2,8-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

GOSPEL: LUKE 12:35-40

Gird your loins and light your lamps and be
like servants who await their master's
return from a wedding, ready to open
immediately when he comes and knocks.

Blessed are those servants whom the
master finds vigilant on his arrival.

Amen, I say to you, he will grid himself, have them recline at table, and
proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third
watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants.

Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when
the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.

You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."



Tuesday 12th August	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church 7pm- 8pm Continuing Faith sessions at presbytery Next topic : 'The Structure of the Mass'.
Wednesday 13th August	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church. 6:30pm – 9pm Continuation of Vibrant Parishes sessions with members of our Parish Council at Club Italia in St Albans.
Thursday 14th August	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7.00pm Confirmation with regional Bishop Martin Ashe at St Mary's Church
Friday 15th August	9.15am Whole School Mass for Feast of the Assumption at St Mary's Church. 7.00pm Mass – Feast of the Assumption at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

- A) **FIRST READING: (Wisdom)** This is an extract from a long section that recount's God's actions on behalf of Israel during their Exodus from Egypt. Simply put the passage establishes a historical basis for trust in God.
- B) **SECOND READING: (Hebrews)** This extols various figures in the history of Israel, but especially Abraham, as examples of faith.
- C) **GOSPEL: (Luke)** The emphasis here in on the readiness for the return of the Lord at the end of time.

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.

Toiletries:

Shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, sanitary products, shaving items.

ARCHBISHOP CAMPAIGN:

Last year in August 2024, the Archbishop's Campaign was launched in Parishes. According to the Archbishop, the response from the faithful was overwhelmingly positive and he wanted to express his gratitude. This year he invites us take part in this Campaign which means the following:

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.

VIGIL FOR THE DECEASED:

Since the 1980's the Catholic Church has recommended, especially for practising Catholics a Vigil prayer service before their Requiem Mass the following day. The many appointments, such as for marriage plus numerous parish meetings not gazetted in bulletins, has probably meant many priests have not been able to provide the 'Vigil for the Deceased'. However, I would recommend it as it contains many beautiful prayers, rites and scriptural readings. If a family wants to have a decade or two of the rosary within the Rite I am happy to oblige, although it is not the norm. As many funeral directors are ignorant of our Rites and want to only come to the Church once, they then semi pressurize a family to have a rosary before the Mass! Sorry, but this is never my preference as it takes away from the Mass being "the source and summit of our faith" and it only exhausts people. As stated, I am happy to do the recommended 'Vigil for the Deceased' the night or late afternoon before.

PORTRAIT OF NEW POPE:

The portrait of Pope Francis has been just inside the Church as you step inside the main entrance for many years now. However, you will find a nice portrait photo of Pope Leo there now.

Yours 'in Christ'

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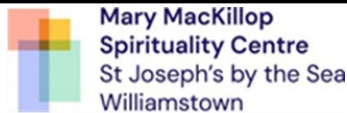
SAFEGUARDING - 'Volunteer Overview' & 'Activity Statement'

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.

COLIABORATION WITH NEARBY PARISHES

We met once again with the representatives and the parish priests of the four neighborhood parishes. In the grand scheme of the Archdiocese it was considered that Altona, Altona North, Newport/Spotswood and Williamstown could work much better together. From our most recent meeting we decided on the following:

- The mission meetings between all four parishes should be paused until after next Easter as with new Parish Priest in Altona in late September there is need for Fr Jude Johnson to acclimatize to his new role.
- Newport/Spotswood and Williamstown Parish to look at the possibility of developing a partnership by appointing partnership teams.



Mary MacKillop Spirituality Ministry, at St Joseph's by the Sea, Williamstown is a wonderful haven for people who seek to nurture contemplation, explore and celebrate the wonders of the Earth and universe, nourish the body, mind and spirit, and live into new ways of being.



At the centre we offer, Reflection Days and Retreats, Conference Spaces and Accommodation. Scan for more information or contact us on admin.sjbts@sosjspirit.org.au

JUBILEE PRAYER:

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us
In your son, Jesus, our brother,
And the flame of charity enkindled
In our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
Reawaken in us the blessed hope
For the coming of your Kingdom.
May the grace of the Jubilee
Reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
A Yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
Throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed.
Be glory and praise for ever.*



Rosters for this Week 9th & 10th August 2025

Counting Team 3	Ian Veal, Frances Moloney, Toni Cutroni, Larry Rigoni, Susan Jamieson
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Joe Covelli

Rosters for next Week 16th and 17th of 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

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Danuta Kurkowski who passed away recently and Sue La Fontaine, Bernard Ryan, Anna Cutroni, Patrick Ryan, Antonia Kucich, Leo and Rachel Mangan, Ralph McMenomy, Marie McAloon, Margherita Cini, Ignatius Ostojich, Romaine Augustin, Trish O'Driscoll, Giovanni Del Grosso, Pasqualina Pazzi, William John Dooley, Mary Elaine Hyland, Gina D'Angelo, Greta Ryan, Edward Charewicz, Gabrielle Mills, Gerry Franken, Frances Hussey, Peter Power, Josie Gilligan, Patrick McGlade, Raymond Pearce, Mary Conway, Mary Blenheim, Lillian Connors, Paul Bracken, Alice Kelly, Aurelio Sagona, Warwick Smith, John Leonard, Benito, Felicidad, Clotilde Lagahit and John Robert William Richardson, whose anniversaries are at this time.

