

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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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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Sirach: 35:12-14, 16-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy: 4:6-8, 16-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

GOSPEL: LUKE 18:9-14

He then addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am

not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and



would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



Tuesday 28th October	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 29th October	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
Thursday 30th October	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.
Friday 31st October	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.
Saturday 1st November	9.15am All Saints Day Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

In my nearly 50-year experience as a priest I have found that the vast majority of Catholics die in peace of soul, no matter what their illness. This is helped of course by good Palliative care and in particular the bringing of the sacraments to the potentially dying person. Also, I do not undervalue the support from concerned family and friends and not to mention the support of good medical staff. This is not the end of the argument on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide Laws, but it helps me to realise deep down that we are never meant to kill ourselves or participate in bringing about another's death through euthanasia. Unfortunately, these days Governments take the easy way out without helping the bringing about of an increase of supportive palliative care systems and practises. Accordingly, with a further weakening of euthanasia and assisted suicide laws it should be incumbent of us to contact our local Members of Parliament who have a conscience vote this time on the matter. If passed, the new Government's Bill would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for medical practitioners who conscientiously object to euthanasia and assisted suicide. All the bishops of Victoria are of this mindset and contained in this newsletter (bottom of the opposite page) is the opportunity to read their pastoral statement.

THREE DAY VISIT OF REGIONAL BISHOP FOR GEELONG AND THE WESTERN SUBURBS.

Although quietly spoken I think most groups appreciated the visit of Bishop Martin Ashe last weekend whether it be the School, Parish Council, various ministry groups, "the Village", Sunday morning coffee and so forth. Also, at the very least parishioners know his responsibility area for the Archdiocese and his approachability as well.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

- A) FIRST READING:** (Ecclesiasticus) a late composition of the Wisdom books giving a handbook covering wisdom on a wide range of life's situations. Our reading in particular shows God's concern for the oppressed.
- B) SECOND READING:** From St Paul in his last of his writings to Timothy he exudes a quiet and confident expectation of the end. Victory is assured for the good Christian.
- C) GOSPEL:** The parable illustrates the incorrect use of prayer and shows that God read these balance sheets of human virtues in a manner very different from the way the world does. The Pharisee sought to give himself status with God; the tax collector, admitting that he had none, was given status by God.

MASSSES DURING ANNUAL HOLIDAYS OF FR GREG :

Fr Barry Hughes: Retired priest living in Williamstown area will celebrate:

- a) Saturday Nov 1st: All Saints Day Mass at 9:15am
- b) Nov 7th First Friday: 11:30am Seniors.
- c) Nov 1st / 2nd weekend Masses (All Souls Day theme and feast) plus Nov 8th/9th Masses of weekend.

Fr Kelvin Barrett: Columban Missionary priest will celebrate all Masses of Nov 15th & 16th

Fr Kelvin Barrett + Fr Brian Glasheen: Saturday night Mass of 22nd with Fr Kelvin, and my retired parish priest golfing partner of Kooringal Golf Course will celebrate the Sunday morning Masses.

PARISH BARBEQUE SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

After 10:30am Mass all are welcome to join us in the Parish Centre.

If your surname is in the A – L bracket could you bring a Salad on the day. If in the M- Z bracket could you bring a dessert on the day.

FIRE DRILL: If someone has some expertise in this area, please do not hesitate to come forward to help us out. Thanks, in anticipation.

BACK AGAIN – SPRING EDITION OF THE SWAG:

There are only a few spare copies left of the 75 free copies put out last week.

Yours 'in Christ'

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SAVE THE DATE OPERA NIGHT

St Mary's Church Williamstown—Saturday 29th November 2025

For further information please contact: Stephen 0458 358 116 (m)

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****EARLY NOTICE MASS CHANGE: OPERA NIGHT MASS 5.30PM****

Mass will be at **5:30pm** for that **night only**. It will be the First Sunday of Advent weekend and a new year of bible readings – back to Year A .

The Way of the West (WOW)

The second refugee family WOW will sponsor, for the next 12 months, is scheduled to arrive in Melbourne on November 4. The family, originally from Sudan, consists of the father, Ding (31y.o.), mother, Ngawargak (25y.o.), first child, Changkuoth (5y.o.), and second child, Nyabuay (2y.o.). The family has been displaced in a refugee camp in Ethiopia for 10 years. The most pressing need is to arrange suitable on-arrival accommodation for the family for a period of 4-6 weeks, until longer-time housing can be arranged. Anyone who is aware of any short-term accommodation, at reasonable rent, is invited to contact Gerard Colla on 0416 141 772. The accommodation would need to have easy access to public transport: Williamstown, Newport, North Altona, or close to train stops to Footscray. A working mobile phone that could be passed onto the family would also be welcomed.

RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS

December 6th and 7th:

If any couple would like a blessing and to renew their wedding vows, especially if celebrating a significant anniversary, you will be able to do this at all Masses on this weekend. Please leave your name on the form at the back of the church or contact Monique

(monique.julian@cam.org.au) or

Fr Greg (greg.trythall@cam.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.*

A Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.



Rosters for this Week 25th & 26th October 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Peter Kirwan, John O'Keefe 10.30am Maria Laudato, Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Himali Peter 10.30am Olga Reginato
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Jenny O'Sullivan 10.30am Volunteer Needed

Rosters for next Week 1st & 2nd November 2025

Counting Team 1	Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones, Paul Francis
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel, Mary Frisby 10.30am Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Youth Group 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Di Collins

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Finn Pennisi, Dominic Piccolo, Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, Charlie Galea

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Ethel Rumble, Leo O'Brien, Sr. Henrica Jans, Sr. Sheila Edwards, Patrizia McBride, Doreen Rogers, Margaret Camilleri, Sr. Winifred Murphy, Luigi Vivona, Ignazio Kucic, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Rita, Benedetto, Pietro, Ignazio and Guiseppina Saragozza, Maria Meloni, Alberto, Celestina, Emanuele, Giuseppe, Natalino, George, Ersilia, Carmelo and Margherita Mangion and Mario, Paula and Helmut Eckardt and Evelina Lugnani, whose anniversaries are at this time.

