

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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Wednesday Parish Secretary

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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.

Baptisms 12:30pm Sunday

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST—YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Genesis. 14:18-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

You are a priest for ever; in the line of Melchizedek.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 11:23-26

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

GOSPEL: LUKE 9:11-17

The crowds, meanwhile, learned of this and followed him. He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached him and said, “Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here.” He said to them, “Give them some food yourselves.” They replied, “Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people.” Now the men there numbered about five thousand. Then he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty.” They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish,



and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.

Tuesday 24th June	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church (Fr Greg on Port Phillip Gaol Masses roster) 7pm- 8pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at presbytery. All Welcome.
Wednesday 25th June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
Thursday 26th June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 27th June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

You will find some **new developments in our Mary Grotto area**, especially behind the Memorial Wall. It is a new herb garden with Parsley, Sage, Rosemary, Thyme, Chives, Basil and so forth. It reminds me of the fascinating Simon + Garfunkel folk canticle hit way back in 1966, 'Scarborough Fair' – "Are you going to Scarborough Fair,/parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme/ remember me to the one who lives there/she once was a true love of mine!" There are no Simon and Garfunkel song lyrics quoted in this new extended area but there are some interesting and thought-provoking Old Testament quotes from the Psalms on placards in regard to the beauty God leaves with us to tend. Please use those little steps provided for you to look around one of those main areas behind the Memorial Wall, and in some months' time some of those herbs will be ripe for the picking for parishioners. We can thank our "Green Team" for this new initiative.

IRAN AND ISRAEL WAR:

As far as I am concerned vengeance only gives way to vengeance. I believe there would be no "Hamas" voted in by the general Palestinian population if the Palestinian people were not given a hard time over many decades by some hard right Israel governments, who unfortunately have had the wrong people in charge, and as I see it have come to power due to fear thrown at the voting population - more than just common sense to try and ease tensions and give people a better standard of living whether Jew, Arab or Christian. Accordingly, many Palestinian children have grown up from parental influence to hate 'their so-called enemy'. This is truly unfortunate as from me spending a month in Israel twenty years back and visiting Palestinian territory such as Bethlehem several times, the average Jewish person in Israel I found to be a decent person, as is the average Palestinian. But now we have seen an escalation of this conflict which should have been resolved many years ago with a two-state policy. This escalation of hate has surged over the border to nearby states or countries. As I stated as far as I am concerned **vengeance only leads to vengeance, and becomes wide spread**, and in future years this hatred can only lead to obliteration of medium to larger cities, as those brought up in hate will have the means to destroy huge populations of their enemies containing mostly good people who would prefer peace to war. Didn't Jesus say one of the best policies is "love your enemies and do good to those who hate you." The present Pope I believe sees this dilemma and he has appealed to Iranian and Israeli leaders to step back from war and engage in dialogue for the common good.

HOUSING FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES:

It is nice to see the former presbytery in Altona Parish now a completely new sight as it in the near future will house at least different types of units for four people with disabilities run by the Catholic organisation, St John of God. The Parish and Parish Priest who lives in another parish facility are to be applauded for letting several people in future years have not only comfort but also freedom to live more independently. These purpose-built little homes are designed to empower people with disability to live the life they choose and represent another positive step in inclusive housing.

TWO DIFFERENT ARTICLES FROM TWO DIFFERENT COUNTRIES: VIETNAM AND THE PHILLIPINES:

On the back table I have left two different articles. The first is in the latest Swag edition. It is by a refugee who was a bishop for the Western suburbs before he became the bishop of Parramatta, Vincent Long. Vincent is a remarkable man and has himself an extensive history being a boat person himself. **The article is the best and most comprehensive article by far that I have ever read on the Vietnam War** and the reasons the general South Vietnam population dreaded the communist north. The other article is a much simpler article by a priest friend on a Columban priest named Brian Gore who was thrown into gaol in the Philippines for basically helping the poor and standing up for justice for his poor parishioners. Fr Brian Gore was a magnificent witness to Christ at the time. This article in the latest Columban magazine does not relate to his unfair gaol time but is like a mini eulogy as Fr Brian died in the same week as Pope Francis.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL:

Preparations are ramping up as Melbourne prepares to welcome more than 10,000 young people from Year 9 to 25 years of age later this year from 30th November to 2nd December. We are hoping to send a few of our parishioners to said event.

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY:

On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia observes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. On this day we gather as one to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage, spirituality and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our Church. The theme of this year's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is 'Sent Forth in Strength and Hope'.

Yours 'in Christ'

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VACANT POSITIONS CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, NEWPORT AND SPOTSWOOD

The parish office for St Joseph is currently unattended and is advertising the following 2 positions:

- Parish secretary (15 hours/week) **Parish Secretary, St Joseph's Parish | Melbourne Catholic**
- Bookkeeper (4 hours/week). **Parish Bookkeeper, St Joseph's Parish | Melbourne Catholic**

If you, or someone you know, might be interested in these positions, please share the above links.

9 Newcastle St Newport, VIC 3015, Ph: (03) 9391 1201

Website: <https://www.stjosephs3015.com.au/>

LOOKING FOR A REWARDING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

St Mary's 'Way of the West' (WOW) group assists newly arrived refugees to settle into Australian life by partnering with the Australian Government's CRISP program.

(more information is available at <https://refugeesponsorship.org.au/what-we-do/crisp/>).

In 2024 St Mary's WOW group supported a Syrian refugee mother and her two children by providing housing, financial aid, and help connecting with essential services such as education, Medicare and Centrelink. Encouraged by their experience, the group plans to assist another family in 2025 and invites others interested in helping refugees to join them.

To learn more, contact Fr. Greg Trythall on 0400 524 363 or Gerard Colla on 0416 141 772.

COMBINED PARISHES YOUTH GATHERING

Our next Combined Parishes Youth Gathering will be held on Saturday 5th July from 7:00pm–8:30pm, at St Mary's Church, Williamstown Parish Centre, 116 Cecil Street Williamstown.

We invite all Youth aged 13-18 years to come and join us for a fun evening with food/snacks, faith topic discussion, and games.



Rosters for this Week 21st & 22nd June 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel, Peter Kirwan 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Volunteer Needed

Rosters for next Week 28th and 29th of June 2025

Counting Team 4	Leanne Spiteri, Greg Morgan, Herb Zimmer, Steven Sagona, Eugene Yi
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Eilin Taylor, Mary Frisby 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Chris Maine, Jan Maine 10.30am Mareena Peter
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Joe Covelli

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Colin Dundon, Luka Huddle, Joseph Falzon, Ida Luciarigoni, Mary Dalton, Ron Charles, Sr. Anne Cahir, Vivona Giuseppe, Frank Fenwick, Lina Duckworth, Fr. Michael Fitzpatrick, Alan Clark, Henrietta Augustin, Eileen Buckley, Leanne Barclay, Gulia Kucich, Martino Costanzo, Victoria Satalich, John Trimboli, John O'Meara, Sheila Hctor, Antonia Azzopardi, Adriano Azzopardi, Michele Azzopardi, Rosa Azzopardi, Antionette Azzopardi, Rosa Cini, Maria Falzon, Angelo Messina, Vincenzo Timpano, Noel Dykes, Olive Baker, Bon Smith, Francis Bloink, John Gillman, Mona Ellis, Pat Minogue, Maria Melone, Vittorio, Adele & Mario Rigoni, Salvatore & Antonio Sagona, Patrizia McBride Sagona, Romeo, Rosaria & Joe Camilleri, Antonio & Natalina Costa, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Rita, Pietro, Francesca, Benedetto & Ignazio Saragozza, Giuseppe & Concetta Camilleri, Clemente & Georgina, Natalino & Maria Mifsud, Alberto, Celestina, Ersilia, Giuseppe, Natalino, Margherita, Carmelo, George & Emmanuele Mangion whose anniversaries are at this time.

