

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

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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 9:26-31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of John. 3:18-24

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8

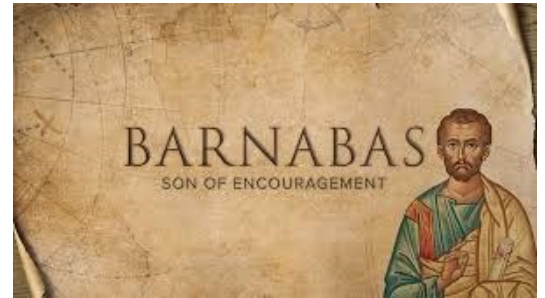
"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does, he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him, will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."



Tuesday 30th April	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church 7.00pm Start of another round of those wanting to look more into the Catholic Faith at the presbytery.
Wednesday 1st May	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. (Fr Greg celebrating Mass, St Paul's Campus)
Thursday 2nd May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 3rd May	11.30am Senior's Mass at St Mary's Church. Followed by luncheon in the Parish Centre . ALL WELCOME.
Sunday 5th May	All weekend Masses Catholic Care Appeal

Dear Parishioners,

Time is elapsing since the early Church members experienced the results of the Resurrection of Jesus, and as we see in the first reading of the Holy Scriptures, time has also elapsed since St Paul's dramatic conversion on the Damascus road in Syria. Ready now to join those whom he has once persecuted he found that they naturally distrusted him. Barnabas who has been described as one of the most lovable characters in the Acts of the Apostles, with great charity took Paul by the hand and brought him into the company of the Apostles. It was incredible that the arch-persecutor had been converted by God's intervention and grace and now became the greatest missionary the Church ever experienced over its long history.



SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN:

In this parish we need to make sure we uphold appropriate behaviours in regard to children or teenagers who grow up or visit our parish. Indeed, in its policies the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne has zero tolerance to any form of child abuse, harm, racism or discrimination and like ourselves is committed to protecting children and young people from harm. Accordingly, thanks to the many of you this week who responded to signing our parish Code of Conduct and to provide a Working with Children Check. Please note in the latter it will cost volunteers in our parish nothing to undergo a Working with Children Check – you just have to mark that it is under St Mary's Parish Williamstown and that you are a volunteer.

In both the short and the long term we need to keep our standards as high as possible and that must mean following our archdioceses '**Safeguarding children and young people CODE OF CONDUCT**'. This CODE OF CONDUCT helps to create a positive, respectful and safe environment by setting expectations in relation to all of us in our interactions with children and young people. **Every three years volunteers must sign our CODE OF CONDUCT which is the red and white document on the back table of the Church.** All volunteers in a parish are also required to undertake a Working with Children Check.

NEW SEMINARIANS AT MASS:

Two seminarians will be joining us from Corpus Christi College, Carlton on a Sunday morning over the next year. They are Channa Tilakarathna and Josh McDermid. Josh is a former secondary teacher and although from Adelaide he has signed on for the Melbourne Archdiocese. Channa as you heard last week has signed on for the Ballarat diocese. It was good to hear part of the vocation story of Channa. Some interesting facts if you were not here last weekend were the following about him:

- There were from 400 in his major seminary in Sri Lanka before he applied to help Ballarat diocese.
- His identical twin brother will be ordained a diocesan priest in California in the same year as himself in 2027.
- He has written two books and one of those was a history of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers which he had originally joined but discerned later that he was meant more to be a diocesan priest.

Channa informed me during the week that he was very pleased with the welcome he received from the parishioners of St Mary's. It was the Lord's wishes that we pray for vocations. Subsequently , I have left a small pamphlet at the school side back table as it contains a prayer for vocations to the priesthood or religious life.

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg 24/4/2024

INQUIRY INTO CATHOLIC FAITH:

St Mary's Parish is now entering a new period of sessions for those wanting to look more into the Catholic faith. This is an opportunity for at least furthering your knowledge, asking questions, being open to new insights or even in the end becoming a Catholic Christian. There is no obligation to proceed to become a Catholic as one can drop out of the sessions at any time. Accordingly, new sessions on the Catholic Faith will be commencing on Tuesday April 30th: 7pm – 8pm at the presbytery. Usually, sessions occur two out of every three Tuesdays in the month. If you wish to find out more, please ring Fr Greg on 0400524363 or email: greg.trythall@cam.org.au



Mary Care

Who are we and what do we do?

Our philosophy is taken from a quote from St Mary McKillop, Mary Cares patron saint

'Never see a need without doing something about it'.

We are a volunteer group of caring parishioners whose role is to reach out pastorally to those in need in our parish community. We support those who may be unwell, socially isolated, lonely or may have recently experienced a loss in their lives.

Mary Care also assists on the first Friday of each month with the seniors Mass and Lunch in the Parish Centre. At times we are asked to assist with catering for this monthly lunch.

Are you interested in volunteering and becoming an active member of this Committee? Do you have the time to occasionally visit someone in their home or bake a cake, or make some sandwiches for our seniors' lunch?

Or do you know someone who could benefit from some pastoral support at this time?

Please feel free to contact Joe, Ivonne, or Mary through the Parish office 9397 6066.



*"Never see a need
without trying
to do something
about it"*



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CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal



Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.



Rosters for this week 27th & 28th April 2024

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

Rosters for next Week 4th & 5th May 2024

Counting Team No. 2	David Jamieson, Marguerite Buckley, Bob Paz, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Maryann Wenzel, John O'Keefe 10.30am Maria Laudato, Maylene Clayton
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Teofila Hunt 10.30am Herb Zimmer

IN OUR PRAYERS

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



"The pain of grief may lessen with time, but the memories of our loved ones will never fade."



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Viktor Grech, Charlie Fenech, Michael Taylor, Les Murray, Crispin Bevington, Rose Pattison, (Sr.) Eileen Carr, Kathryn and Joseph Bojanowski, Alicja and Jan Oruba, John Fewster, George Olsen, Gerald Laws, Michael Burrows, Ron Murphy, Ivica Ostrugnai, Bishop Joe O'Connell, Natalino Meilak, Giuseppe Pungitore, Joan Gallivan, Patricia Mary Dumble, Ivy May Jones, Pat Raffle, Josephine Fisher, Nanette Gloury, Eugenio Scolaro, Emmanuel Taliana, Lisa Dell-Antonio, Bess Whitehurst, Peter Destallis, David Adams, Daniel Keegan, Carmen Duggan, Dorothy Pierik, Jack Lourey, Daisy Cahill, Anne McTaggart, Lorna Patterson, Olive Maguire, Jason Smith, Lisa Garrity, Elizabeth McGuigan, Sue Geddes, Geitano Vella, Kathleen Moore, James Wright, Thomas Telfer, Laurena Becroft, Ivy Hughes, Philip Cronin, Leo Mangan, Catherine Woodruff, Con Gleeson, Richard Sammut, Patricia McBride and (Fr.) Kevin Smith; whose anniversaries are at this time.

GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY THIS WEEK:

"If you would like to write to any federal politician with concerns about Woodside, Australia's biggest coal and gas company and their planned Northwest Shelf project, go to petition.org.au where you will find a pre-written letter you can modify and send."