

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: 2.14a, 36b-41

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Peter: 2.20b-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

GOSPEL: JOHN 10.1-10

“Amen, Amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all of his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger, they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers.” Although Jesus used this figure of speech, they did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, “Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”



Tuesday 28th April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 29th April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
Thursday 30th April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 1st May	11.30am Senior's Mass at St Mary's Church. Followed by luncheon in the Parish Centre. All Welcome. 7.00pm St Mary's Primary School Mother's Day Evening in the Parish Centre.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

THIS WEEKEND'S GOSPEL:

Drawing as usual from the common scenes of life, our Gospel writer John wants us to picture a farmstead and courtyard where shepherds take their flocks for nightly protection. The only door is guarded against those who would steal by force or cunning. The sheep recognise only their own shepherd's voice. It is not difficult to work out the application. The passage ends with the third of the "I am" statements. "I am the gate of the sheepfold". These "I am" statements are peculiar to John eg "I am the way, the truth, and the life". Or "I am the light of the world".

VOCATIONS OF THE RELIGIOUS LIFE:

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Leo tells us: "Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites us to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use(cf Matthew 25:14 -30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ." Accordingly, let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our own families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to the consecrated life or priesthood if meant to be.

PARTNERING FOR MISSION: Please take and reflect on the document available for your perusal and the new opportunity to explore options for working more closely in some form of collaborative partnership with St Joseph's Parish: Newport and Spotswood. On the back page our Steering Committee of Karen Colla, Joe Covelli and Stephen Littleton including myself are asking for your thoughts, ideas, queries, suggestions and any concerns you may have. Members of the Steering Committee will address our parishioners at all Masses next weekend, likewise with Newport and Spotswood from their Steering Committee on the same vein. After that your written feedback would be appreciated:

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PAPAL IMPACT ON OUR WORLD:

Since Pope Leo became Pope in 2025 he has made an impressive number of statements on a wide cross section of subjects. Accordingly, it is appropriate this week that the prestigious Time magazine has named him in its lists of the "100 Most Influential People of 2026". The accolade was announced on April 15, with the first US- born pope joining a diverse group of individuals – some famous, some lesser known – distinguished by their contributions as leaders, innovators, artists and pioneers. Filmmaker Martin Scorsese said in his commentary on Pope Leo that he was "struck by his bravery and his common touch".

I was thinking during the week what is the main difference between President Trump and Pope Leo. My take on that - is one is that in one case - you are revealing a mature man and on the other hand an immature man! Even non Catholics are appalled at the way President Trump spoke about the Pope. Pope Leo was giving a far broader message to the world than to the over reactive and sometimes irrational President of the United States when he stated recently in his trip to Africa: "Blessed are the peacemakers! But woe to those who manipulate religion and the very name of God for their own military, economic and political gain." This was stated in the context of his other remarks about violence, exploitation and the misuse of religion. Throughout his trip to Africa he has repeatedly framed peace as a global moral responsibility, emphasising the importance of working toward justice and the need to reject violence.

According to CathNews many thousands greeted the Pope in Angola during last week. His tour had covered so far-flung African places as Algeria and Cameroon. Speaking at an open air Mass, about 30 kilometres from the Angolan capital of Luanda Pope Leo stated: "Today we need to look to the future with hope and to build the hope of the future."

OLIVE TREE:

Our massive Olive tree in front of the Church seems to get bigger and bigger every year. There are now hundreds of ripe olives on it. Could someone pick those olives and use them for their families. Otherwise for the next month we will be squashing olives under our feet on the footpath!

MY AUNTY HELEN :

Last Tuesday she turned 108 and still looking pretty good! She is in a Canberra Nursing home and mum's younger sister was born in 1918 during the 1st World War!!

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg greg.trythall@cam.org.au 0400 524 363



WORKING BEE AROUND CHURCH GARDENS

SATURDAY May 16th 2026 — 9.00AM—11.00AM

Come along and help clean up our beautiful church gardens, even if it is only for an hour or two. If you could bring your own equipment, it would be greatly appreciated.

READERS/ LECTORS:

Thanks to the 14 Lectors who turned up last week for our session in St Mary's Church. There was still half a dozen away during the school holidays. Accordingly, I have put on two other opportunities so that we can all be on the same page in the future:

Sunday April 26th at 1:30pm or Wednesday 6th May at 7pm.

Thanks in anticipation of being at either session.



Joseph's Corner's Special High Tea

Date: Sunday 3rd May 2026

Time: 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Venue: Mount St. Joseph Girl's School,
133 Maidstone Street, Altona, 3018

Ticket Price: \$40 per person

If you wish to pay at the door email hightea@josephscorner.org.au or phone Rob Quail on 0407687003

JOIN US FOR A CUPPA

Please join us in the Parish Centre
for Morning Tea following
the 8.30am Sunday Mass.
All welcome

TAP AND GO.

This financial facility has helped
greatly with the financial
stability of our parish as it can
bring in another \$250 each week.
We wish to thank those who are
using the facility.

Rosters for this Week 25th (ANZAC Day) & 26th April 2026

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Peter Kirwan, Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Joe Covelli
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Joe Covelli

Rosters for next Week 2nd & 3rd May 2026

Counting Team 2	David Jamieson, Marguerite Buckley, Bob Paz, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Youth Group 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Cindy Kotevski, Charlize Kotevski
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Chantel Castelino

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, Charlie Galea, David Hume, Finn Pennisi

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Pope Francis, Viktor Grech, Charlie Fenech, Michael Taylor, Les Murray, Crispin Bevington, Rose Pattison, (Sr.) Eileen Carr, Kathryn and Joseph Bojanowski, Alicja & 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.

COMBINED PARISHES YOUTH GATHERING

Our next Combined Parishes Youth Gathering will be held on **Saturday 2nd May 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.

A Community Initiative Qigong Shibashi Tai Chi Exercises

A new initiative at St Joseph's by The Sea, 16 Esplanade, Williamstown. An introduction to Tai Chi exercises through form, posture and breathing. With these three together, we have Qigong Shibashi exercises. Come and experience, starting Term 2. Just turn up. Casual attendance welcome.

Day: Every Wednesday beginning 22nd April 2026
Time: 7.30am – 8.30am **Cost:** \$10 per person