

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*

24th November, 2024



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Monday, Tuesday

Parish Staff

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Tuesday 8:30am – 4.00pm

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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.

THIRTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CHRIST THE KING

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Daniel. 7:13-14

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the book of Revelation. 1:5-8

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Blessed is the one who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 18:33-37

So Pilate went back into the praetorium and summoned Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this on your own or have others told you about me?" Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews.

But as it is, my kingdom is not here." So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."



Wednesday 27th November	9:15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.
Thursday 28th November	9:15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.
Friday 29th November	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.

OUR 2024 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM

NEW STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS

Thank you to all parishioners for the generous response to our Parish Renewal Program. I am pleased to report a positive response! Our parish Ministries have been revitalized with existing volunteers renewing and new families offering their commitment. Stewardship Income has received a significant boost with existing families reviewing and renewing their pledges, and many new families pledging their support for the first time. Thank you!

Letters of thanks and acknowledgement of your new pledge are available for your collection in the church foyer at all Masses this weekend. These will be in **ALPHABETICAL** order. A reminder that the new financial commitments **TAKE EFFECT NEXT SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER.**

Those who have chosen to contribute by **DIRECT DEBIT** for the first time, will have the appropriate Direct Debit authorization form enclosed with their letters. We ask you to complete and return the form to the Parish Office during the week. For those who elected to contribute by **ENVELOPES**, a set of envelopes is enclosed with their letters.

There will also be a sheet available for those who are unable to find their letter – simply add your details and Sharon from the Parish Office will be in touch.

Thank you again for your wonderful support of our parish.

Stephen Littleton – Program Coordinator

"It is not enough to say we are Christians. We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions."



MEMORIAL MASS FOR RECENTLY DECEASED

Annual Memorial Mass for recently deceased parishioners and family will be held on
Sunday 8th December at 6:00pm at St Mary's Church.

All welcome and light refreshments in the Parish Centre to follow.

ADVENT BOOKS - *The Light*

100 Advent Books will be available to everyone next weekend on the back table.

For those financially able please put a \$5 contribution in the tin box at the back of the Church.

DON'T FORGET: CHANGE OF MASS TIME

On Saturday **November 30th** Mass will be held half an hour early at **5:30pm** in order to set up beforehand for **"IT'S A GRAND NIGHT FOR SINGING."**

"It's a Grand Night for Singing"

Our very popular 'Opera Night' returns to St Mary's Church on **Saturday 30 November**. It's a special night on our parish calendar and will be a grand night indeed!

Following the wonderful feedback received from last year, along with the acclaimed **Michael Lapina** (Tenor), we will also welcome back **Eleanor Blythman** (Soprano), **Karen Van Spall** (Mezzo Soprano) and **Adam Miller** (Baritone). These gifted artists will again provide wonderful entertainment with classics and favourites from the world of Opera and Musical Theatre. Also make sure you enjoy a pre event drink and catch-up in the Parish Centre!

Ticket sales have been strong and with just 2 weeks to the big night, make sure you don't miss out on what promises to be another magical night. To secure your tickets go the parish website melbcatholic.org/s/williamstown and download the booking form, or contact Event Organiser Stephen on 0458 358 116 or stephen@parishfirst.com.au

St. Mary's Church Williamstown ***Annual Parish BBQ – All Welcome*** ***1st December 2024, 11.30am in the Parish Centre.*** ***Meat, bread and drinks will be provided.***

We would ask that attendees with surnames beginning with the letters A-M bring a salad to share and attendees with surname's beginning with N-Z bring a dessert to share.



www.acrath.org.au
People are NOT for sale

The **16 days of activism against Gender-based violence 2024** campaign begins on 25th November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and the anniversary of the brutal assassination of activists Patria, Minerva and Maria Teresa Mirabel in the Dominican Republic in 1960 and ends on 10th December – Human Rights Day.

Please use ACRATH's resources for daily information and activities or as prayer stimulus over the 16 day campaign. <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/16-days/>

One significant event on the calendar for this 16-day campaign is the ecumenical service remembering victims and survivors of family and domestic violence to be held at Wesley Church, 136 Lonsdale St Melbourne at 5pm. This can be attended in person or via a live stream. Go to [HOLDING THE LIGHT - Catholic Social Services Victoria](#)

Little Known Saints—Blessed Alcuin of York

"Always work to the utmost for the honor of God Almighty." Alcuin of York, "the schoolmaster of Europe", was born around 735. It is said he could read Virgil and had memorised the psalms by eleven. Alcuin became a deacon, but was never ordained a priest. He earned a reputation as a fine teacher, and in 781, Emperor Charlemagne made him his educational advisor.

Alcuin's vision of education encompassed both Scripture and "the wine of ancient learning." He helped revive the classical liberal arts and establish their use for a millennium. He insisted on the copying of ancient texts, for which purpose he also saw to it that forests were stocked with animals necessary for making books: Boars, whose hair was used for brushes, and deer, whose skin was used for parchment. He stressed the need for friendship between teacher and student and taught deep truths with a light hand. He was known to give his pupils nicknames.

Alcuin is credited with helping to develop the use of lowercase letters inventing an early form of the question mark. He spent much time collecting and revising liturgical texts, compiling a Missal that helped increase uniformity in the celebration of Mass throughout western Europe. In 796, Alcuin became abbot of Saint Martin's monastery at Tours, where he died in 804.

***"Loving Father, through the prayers of the Blessed Alcuin, help us to find renewal
by adhering to the Truth, ever ancient and ever new."***

Rosters for this Week 23rd & 24th November 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Gerard Colla, Stephen Littleton 10.30am Eugene Yi, Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Chris Maine 10.30am Mareena Peter
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Joe Covelli

Rosters for next Week 30th November & 1st December 2024

Counting Team 1	Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones, Paul Francis
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Karen Colla, Peter Kirwan 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Himali Peter 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Herb Zimmer

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Sarah Rodgers, Assunta Delgrosso, Yemme Reddy, Anne-Marie Pelikinakis, Tita Lopres, Lazarus Wilson, Danuta Kurkowski, Ben Johnson.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Sally Cutmore, Diane Vlasak, Marie Kosowski, Sr. Eileen McHugh, Stephen Rush, Mladenka Obradovic, Mollie Maine, Dr. John Anchen, Ignazio Kucich, Teresa Rimbaldo, Dan Buckley, Ellen Croke, Gary Metcalf, Guiseppe Pecora, Maria Ivelja, Michael Hctor, Graeme Bloedorn, Patrick Kirley, Carmelo Pagliaro, Kath Allman, Joel Finn, Cecilia Penn, Edward Maguire, Roland Zammit, Francesca Oliveri, Margherita Mangion, Peter Wenzel, Cath and Ray Willmott, Pam Neely, Luiza Kucich, Emanuel and Rosaria Raffaele, John Newington and Vera Rice whose anniversaries are at this time.

Green Team

Free electric vehicle webinar hosted by Hobsons Bay City Council. Learn more about going electric and have your questions answered. Thursday 28 Nov, 7pm - 8.30pm Online via Zoom.

Williamstown Repair Cafe Saturday 7th Dec 2pm - 4pm, 119 Douglas Parade. Bring along your household items to be repaired, save money on repairs or replacement costs. Xmas activities for the kids, free barista coffee for the adults.