

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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9:30am–1:30pm

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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 C



FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 13:14, 43-52

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

We are God's people, the sheep of his flock.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the book of Revelation. 7:9, 14-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:27-30

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."



Tuesday 13th May	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. (Fr. Greg celebrating Mass at Port Philip Goal)
Wednesday 14th May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church
Thursday 15th May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 16th May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

Fr Barry Hughes will be celebrating the Saturday Mass this weekend as I am at close friend's wedding reception. He originally joined the seminary with me in 1971. He discerned that priesthood was not meant for him. Now at 72 years of age finally he is getting married for the first time. He was the guy that almost all of our 27 guys in our original year liked most of our year: a simply wonderful human being and will make a great husband to his future wife, Margaret this weekend.

Now onto more worldly matters: the Papacy. Although I am typing this the day before the Conclave starts, I presume by now there is an 80% chance that we have a new Pope! Probably called Pope John, Paul, Benedict, Gregory, Leo or Urban! Does Europe still rule the roost or do we have a person from Africa or Asia who would be a more appropriate candidate at this time? Anyway, it was good fun running the Papal sweep. 133 of you took a \$5 ticket and got yourself a Cardinal. 12 priests mainly from the area took a candidate and have the same equal chance. If I had a bet I would think the following have the best chances of being elected: Aveline the Frenchman, Erdo the Hungarian, Grech from Gozo Island of Malta, Omella from Spain, Parolin, Pizzabella or Zuppi the Italians, Tagle the Phillipino, and last and probably not least, Turkson from Ghana. If it came down to two candidates, I would bet on Parolin or Tagle. And if someone else gets elected you will know I didn't have a clue!

NICEAN CREED:

No matter how good or bad the new Pope is, the Church will continue, if as we believe it is a divine institute. No matter what extreme problems come its way – it will always bounce back, it will always repel the storm. Name it and the Church moves on, especially one always hopes for it to improve itself and I could name storm after storm in various centuries and they vary from early martyrdom instigated by the Roman authorities, to the very unfortunate and unnecessary split with much of the Eastern Church, to black plague decimating a third of the Christian population, to indulgence stupidities, to Luther problems, to the unfortunate and also unnecessary Protestant revolution, to Enlightenment issues, to even today the terrible and rather sad scandal of paedophilia. Nevertheless, even though some of its members even some priests let down the Church badly, we do survive and millions in the world still thankfully live an exemplary Christian life: bishops, priests, religious laity. Thankfully we are not just blown by the wind and so we can proudly proclaim exactly 1700 years later, the faith expressed at Nicaea in Turkey and which we still express every Sunday through either the Nicene creed or the Apostles Creed. After persecution by the Jewish authorities and more so certain real severe persecutions over almost a 300-year period, Nicaea was the first real opportunity to bring together in a formal creed the main beliefs of the many numerous congregating bishops. How they formulated such a beautiful summary of their Christian beliefs could only be possible through the help of the Holy Spirit. The Council of Nicaea met in 325 in what is now Isnik, Turkey (formerly Nicea) was the first of the ecumenical councils that gathered bishops from all of the Christian communities.

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

This weekend is prayer for vocations to the priesthood or religious life. God only knows if at this stage I will be talking in my sermon about religious life, or mother's day, or zoning in on the scripture readings. Every week I must discern what God wants me to say and so I leave that to the Holy Spirit at this stage of my week. However, there is a pamphlet on the back table, and I would like those who want to pray to pray for vocations to take one and pray especially for our men currently in the diocesan seminary at Carlton for Victoria and Tasmania.

MAY MASS COUNT: continues this week. Last week 330 were at our Masses. 102 Sat night, 112 Sunday 8:30am and 116 at the 10:30am Mass.

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME:

At a minimum we have a new parishioner welcome and luncheon straight after 10:30am Mass at least once during year. By putting your name on clipboard on back table you are welcome to join myself and our Parish Council members on Sunday June 15th.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PARISH:

I would hope most of our parishioners turn up at this General Meeting of the parish, especially those in ministries of any kind on June 1st. We will be very transparent about our present and last year finances, without being too accountancy overwhelming and even more importantly our Parish leadership, our Parish Council will present a strategy for moving forward with a five-year plan. We will look into how to be a vibrant, vital and viable parish as we work with at least one other parish in the area to present certain focus ways of going about things. These plans are presented to you so that you can challenge a better way for us or agree to go along with these plans as practical and wise for your parish's future. You're the Parish and not just me or the Parish Council. Much work has gone into this and seeing the Meeting will only go from 11:15am – 12noon I would expect all available parishioners to be present on that Sunday. It is your parish and there is no point of grizzling or complaining if you were not there to help us all move forward. Sunday June 1st – straight after Mass at 11:15am – hope to see you there.

LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1ST MAY:

As well as preparing for the above which naturally took up most of our meeting we briefly discussed as well:

- Items for review of our future parish events(parish calendar)
- Mother's Day chocolates.
- New Parishioners Luncheon on Sunday June 15th
- Sending normally 3 reps from our Parish Council to each of the sessions led by Archdiocese to promote the Vibrant Parishes Formation. Anyone else in a leadership role in the parish is welcome to attend the sessions on May 14th, June 11th, July 2nd, August 13th and Sept 10th going normally from 6:30pm – 9pm at Club Italia – next to Sunshine Hospital. I will be going to all sessions as I believe it is that important for our Parish as an important part of the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

Good News and Challenging News:

I will leave the full 2-page letter from the Archbishop on one of the back notice boards. Very briefly the good news is that the **Federal Government** through Anthony Albanese and Minister for Multicultural Affairs Tony Burke have **committed \$60 million to begin the restoration and revitalization of St Patrick's Cathedral and its precinct**. Of course, this will not cover the inevitable massive extent needed of restoration. Just walk around that magnificent cathedral and you will see why. I may be wrong but I believe this could be a major focus of the new annual 'Archbishops Campaign' held in late August where parishes are expected to put in money for a number of various causes and I presume this will be part of it. I am not saying it is a bad thing, but I believe it will be an enormous task to restore and revitalize St Patrick's Cathedral and its precinct.

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

WORKING BEE AROUND CHURCH GARDENS

SATURDAY 7th June, 2025—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.

You're Invited! Experience Our College at Open Day — Mount St. Joseph Girls' College

We are delighted to invite you and your family to our Open Day at Mount St. Joseph Girls' College - a wonderful opportunity to experience firsthand the vibrant learning environment, strong community spirit, and outstanding opportunities that await your child.

Date: Sunday 18th May Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

During your visit, you will have the chance to:

- Take a guided tour of our facilities
- Meet our dedicated teachers and student leaders
- Learn about our academic programs, co-curricular activities, and faith-based values
- Discover how we nurture students to become confident, compassionate and capable young people

Please register your intention to attend. Phone: 8398 2000 www.msj.vic.edu.au

Mount St. Joseph Girls' College, 133 Maidstone Street, Altona

Rosters for this Week 10th & 11th May 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Doreen Mitchell 10.30am Maria Laudato, Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Chris Maine, Jan Maine 10.30am Mareena Peter
Welcomers	6.00pm Simone Pinzone 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Herb Zimmer

Rosters for next Week 17th & 18th May 2025

Counting Team 1	Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones, Paul Francis
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Joe Covelli
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Mariza O'Keffe

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Maria Sagona who passed away recently and Kay Magee, Clement Charles Peterson, Dr. Tony Huang, Andre Mande, Katica Bozanic, Desanka Repanic, Racheline Soccio, Maria Hoszylyk, Nicola Nardo, James Wills, Kathy Bednarek, Margaret Wills, Patrick O'Sullivan, Jack Taylor, Gordon Grainger, Vern Lawrence, Him McLaren, Patrick Quirk, Collin Maher, Ignazio Kucich, Frank Labb, Mary Geddes, Maria Napoli, Mary Lewer, Chris Carter, Charlie Axelson, John Bancell, Marion Brumby, Charles Brincat, Tony McKie, Chloe Avery, Margaret Black, Albert Baily, Eileen Cooney, David Rowan, Des Brophy, Joan Shumway, James McAleese, Leo Doran, Arthur McKean, June Ellis, Catherine Doyle, Lenore Hay, John Bartolo, George Lewis, Matthew Costello, Alicia and Jan Oruba, Kathryn and Joseph Bojanowski, Rosaria, Alberto, Celestina, Emanuele, Giuseppe, Carmelo, Margherita, Felice, Ersilia, Natalino and George Mangion, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Pietro, Rita, Francesca, Benedetto, Ignazio and Giuseppina Saragozza, Mario Camilleri, Maria Meloni, Natalino and Angela Meilak, Blondina and Lawrence Sammut, Michael Meilak, Susan Minton, Cath Willmott, Pam Neely and Joan Spiteri, whose anniversaries are at this time.