

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

25th February, 2024



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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B



FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Genesis. 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Romans. 8:31-34.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

This is my beloved Son, hear him.

GOSPEL: MARK 9:2-10

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice,

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."

Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.



Tuesday 27th February	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7.00pm Continuation of those interested at looking more in the Catholic Faith at the Presbytery.
Wednesday 28th February	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Thursday 29th February	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 1st March	11.30am Senior's Mass at St Mary's Church. MASS ONLY (No Luncheon, World Day Of Prayer) 2.00pm World Day of Prayer at St Mary's Church.
Put a note in the Diary Sunday March 31st	7:15am Easter Sunday Ecumenical Service at Time Ball Tower.

Dear Parishioners,

Although all going full steam ahead to get our Refugee family into Australia for March, it was found necessary to change the account number to the Parish Church one as indicated in notice on end of page 3. This was necessary as the CRISP account is a side account of the Parish Church Account and money can only be put in via our normal Church account. Sorry for any inconvenience for anyone from last week.

LENT IS CALLING:

In his love for us, God is calling us to a deeper and more authentic life. To answer God's call might involve painful changes in our way of living. We may not be guilty of great evil, yet it might be that we are very selfish, very demanding, and very inconsiderate of others. Here is where Lent comes to our aid. Lent is a window of opportunity, and at time of special grace. Lent is an opportunity to investigate our lives. It challenges us to change what needs to be changed. But even if we take up the challenge, it may amount to little more than to be putting a new patch on an old garment. Our efforts at renewing ourselves may not go deep enough. If we want a new garment, we must cast aside the old garment. The wearing of a new garment will involve a new way of living.

The change of heart to which Lent calls can be accomplished most of all through the power of prayer. Through prayer, the power of Christ becomes available to us.

ECOLOGY:

As most would know Pope Francis put out an important document in 2015 called 'Laudato Si' on care for our common home – an encyclical letter on ecology and climate. Then late last year he has put a refinement on the former called 'Laudato Deum': apostolic exhortation to all people of good will on the CLIMATE CRISIS. I don't want to appear a climate alarmist but like Michelangelo chipping away at a famous sculpture we need to chip away and then start to be more optimistic about the final product. Consequently, our Parish Green Team will attempt to put a few suggestions every week on progressing in this right direction. First tip is the following:

GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY TIP:

Cover garden beds with mulch as this will reduce evaporative water loss.

FOR 2024 CHANGE OF ACCLAMATION OF FAITH: - acclamation number one. Now we do the below:

***We proclaim your death, O Lord
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.***

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7pm :

Friday March 8th at St Mary's Williamstown.

Friday March 15th at Newport Church: 4 Newcastle Street Newport.

Friday March 22nd at Altona North: 387 Mason Street Altona N.



Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg 21/2/2024

St Mary's Parish Bulletin

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YOU ARE INVITED WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

St Mary's is very excited to be hosting this year's event.

When: March 1st, 2024 **Time:** 2pm **Where:** St Mary's Church followed by afternoon tea in the Parish Centre.

Guest Speaker: Marguerite Buckley

Take some time out of your day and join us to pray for World Peace with our neighbouring Christian communities.

WORKING BEE-CHURCH GARDENS SATURDAY 2nd March, 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.

EXCITING NEWS FOR CRISP: (Community Refugee Integration Settlement Pilot)

We are very pleased to announce that we have been officially advised that airline tickets have been booked so all being well, we should be ready to welcome our refugee family to Williamstown on or around **7th March 2024**.

The family comprises mother (Amina) widow of deceased husband and her two teenage children (Omar and Mirfa) from Syria.

The parish CRISP team has been extremely busy finalising **short term** accommodation and working through a comprehensive checklist of items that need attention prior to, upon arrival and post arrival of the refugee family to ensure their smooth assimilation into Australian life.

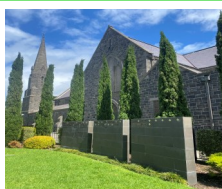
REQUESTS:

1. Last year our parishioners generously pledged donations to this cause so we are now calling on these pledges. Over the next two weeks we request that donations be directly deposited to the St Mary's CRISP bank account : **BS 083 347**; Bank Account number **65 836 5815**. We also ask donors to include the words CRISP and their surnames on the direct deposit so we can match it up once received.
2. We are also looking for **long term** accommodation for our refugee family. If you know of suitable, reasonably priced houses for lease or have contacts in the real estate business please reach out to Fr Greg.

Thanks once again for your generosity.

I was a stranger and you welcomed me ... Matthew 25:35-40

ST MARY'S MEMORIAL GARDEN



Our Memorial Garden plays an important role in our St Mary's community, providing a lasting memorial and quiet place for reflection and prayer for beloved parishioners and family members.

Plaques can be purchased for those already deceased and, if required, a Reservation Cross or crosses can also be purchased and placed so that family plaques can be placed together on the Memorial Wall in the future.

We have had several recent enquiries and before placing the next order for plaques, we wanted to give other families the opportunity to consider doing so. The plaques are of a standard size with consistent wording – to help maintain the respectful nature of the Garden.

The new order will be placed before Easter – so if you are considering a plaque or would like more information, please email your interest to the Parish Office williamstown@cam.org.au and one of the Memorial Garden Committee will be in touch.

ALL YOUTH AGED FROM 13 TO 18 YEARS OLD, WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO COME AND JOIN OUR

MONTHLY A FUN EVENING INCLUDING:
• GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER
• FUN GAMES
• PIZZA
• PRAYER
• BIBLE STUDIES

YOUTH GATHERING!

**WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH, 2ND
7.00-8.30PM**

**WHERE: ST MARY'S PARISH
CENTRE (116 CECIL ST
WILLIAMSTOWN)**



Rosters for this Week 24th & 25th February 2024

Counting Team No. 1	Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones, Paul Francis
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Mary Frisby 10.30am Eugene Yi, Maylene Clayton
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Family Mass
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Di Collins
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Joe Covelli, Trish Dykes

Rosters for next Week 2nd & 3rd March 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Ivonne Cram 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Evol Farrelly 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Volunteer Needed 10.30am Marlene Clayton
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Ros Jacklyn, James McCutcheon

IN OUR PRAYERS

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



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES



We pray for Margaret Harris who passed away recently and Mark Torjussen, Theresa Mifsud, Antonio Acquaro, Philip Webb, Lisa Di Donato, Stephen Kelly, John Paul Camilleri, Luigina Frlan, Mario Frlan, Ignazio Kucich, Elaine Jones, June Dibbs, Marie Anderson, John Brennock, Rosario Guastalegname, Rita Sargasso, Robert Morton, Kate Dawes, Marie Farrelly, Joso Djuric, Steven Drozdek, Frank Galli, Veronica Knight, Peter Black, Robert Barry, Rita Holdworth, Brian Williams, Joseph Maguire, John O'Grady, Ivy Shields, Alan Urban, Lena Cassar, Frank Woodruff, Mary McLinden, Mary Dyson, Michael Frawley, Agnes McDonagh, Joyce Zammit, Kay Green, Peggy Price, Laura Palumbo, Brian Begley, Sheila Easdon, Barry Dixon, Fr. Noel Oliver, Angelina Meilak and Natalino Meilak whose anniversaries are at this time.