

St Mary's Parish

We proudly acknowledge the
Boonwurrung People of the
Kulin Nation as the Traditional
Owners and Custodians of
the 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

CHRISTMAS TIME - YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. 9:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to Titus. 2:11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Good news and great joy to all the world;
today is born our Saviour; Christ the Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrolment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a saviour has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you; you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to
those on whom his
favour rests.



Greetings One and All

As I contemplate Christmas and the New Year I come with much peace in my heart. I suppose the peace I feel is not only as a gift from Christ, but it is also based on the memory of so much success with our common endeavors in 2025.

I think of the more than 100 volunteers within our Parish! I am thinking of the helpful leadership of the Parish Council and the Parish Finance Committee. We have had a brilliant year with both our Mission and Maintenance projects. I am thankful that the work and generosity of so many has left us financially so much more secure than in our previous few years.

The quality of membership of our Parish Council has been quite remarkable. Together we tackled so many things and working with the archdiocese, I believe we realized our goal of running a Vibrant Parish. The series on Vibrant parishes run by the archdiocese throughout their five sessions in 2025 helped us to clarify what is needed in those major areas such as worship, fellowship, evangelization and service. We know there is much more to do with bringing the reign of God, the kingdom of God into our Parish area but 2025 has provided a firm footing for the future.

I am so thankful not only for the many volunteers but also for the many groups within our parish. How could we do without the hidden work of the St Vincent de Paul Society! Our Mary Care group were not only active within such places as Wintringham and 'the Village' but also very importantly to a number of individuals who needed spiritual support through our team of eucharistic ministers. "Way of the West" continues its great work for refugees and its offshoot "Crisp" has not only helped the sponsoring of a Syrian family but now there are big steps being made to accommodate a Sudanese refugee family under a new government scheme. Our 'Green Team' has tried a number of things during the past year. Who could forget the joy brought to us by our musicians, singers, and the unforgettable Christmas Pageant. Each note and performance has lifted our spirits and enriched our celebrations. Without our office staff. Monique Julian and Kylie Skinner both our Parish and myself would be so much poorer in countless ways. To all of you thank you for the gifts you share so generously. You make our community stronger, brighter, and deeply blessed.

Christ came that we could be at one with God and with each other. Our Parish with its so many good people is generating the same energy to be at one with God and each other. I am so thankful! And I wish a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year to all who continue to pray with us now and hopefully in the future.

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg Trythall, Parish Priest Williamstown.

