

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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Tuesday 9:00am – 3.00pm

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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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos 6:1, 4-7.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy 6:11-16.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

GOSPEL: LUKE 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." "The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."



Monday 29th September	11:30am Funeral Prayers for John Martinkus at St Mary's church (former ABC Foreign Correspondent)
Tuesday 30th September	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7pm – 8pm Continuation of Rite of Christian Initiation at presbytery.
Wednesday 1st October	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
Thursday 2nd October	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 6.30pm Parish Council Meeting at the Presbytery.
Friday 3rd October	11.30am Senior's Mass at St Mary's Church. Followed by luncheon in the Parish Centre. ALL WELCOME.

Dear Parishioners,

I have no control over the matter, but I hope some of you enjoy the happiness of your AFL Team winning the Grand Final this weekend.

What I do mostly have control over though is the timing of my retirement as Parish Priest here in Williamstown in 2027. Recently Fr Samuel and I met with representatives from the Newport/Spotswood Parish Pastoral Council and that of St Mary's, along with a representative of the Archdiocese. **The purpose of the meeting was to initiate discussions on how the two Parishes might form some type of collaborative partnership.**

The background to the proposal to partner lies with the Archdiocese strategy known as "Take the Way of the Gospel" which outlines a strategy to assist Parishes grow to be "Vibrant, Vital and Viable" in a changing world. Central to this is the understanding that Parishes will need to work more collaboratively, particularly as there will be fewer priests available.

The discussions with St Joseph's Parish namely Newport and Spotswood, have been brought forward by the recent announcement that I will retire in June 2027 and the advice from the Archdiocese is that from that time it is **highly unlikely St Mary's will have a stand- alone Parish Priest.** The foreshadowed arrangement is that St Mary's will share a priest with St Joseph's Parish priest in all likelihood. As I will be retiring into the Williamstown area, I will under normal circumstances be able to assist the Parish Priest of most likely our two parishes with Masses, particularly on the weekends.

In our discussions so far between the leadership of both our parishes, we have emphasized the need for a process of close consultation with parishioners at each stage of the evolution to partnership with Newport/Spotswood over the next two years. It will be important that the aspirations of our respective Church communities be heard and taken into account in decision making.

We are intending as 'steering committees' to meet again in the next month and hope to draft some memos of understanding, timelines and associated consultation methods that might be followed in developing some kind of partnership model.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

- A) **FIRST READING:** Amos the great courageous prophet continues his trenchant attack on the debased social life of Israel. The prophecy that they would be exiled was fulfilled when Assyria overran the Kingdom of Israel in 721 BC.
- B) **SECOND READING:** The letter to Timothy has ranged over many issues such as worship, church officials, false teachers and the position in the Church of various sections of the community. Paul encourages Timothy to keep the highest standards.
- C) **GOSPEL:** Only Luke records the parable of Dives and Lazarus, the last in a series dealing with the misuse of wealth. It is not the having of wealth that Our Lord condemns, but the misuse of it.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS:

Having just received 25 of them I will put the always colourful Columban Calendars for 2026 on table at back of the Church - \$10 each. If no cash on you take one and put money on plate next time you are here.

Yours 'in Christ'

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Green Team Sustainability News

Thanks to everyone who placed items in our recycling tubs at mass over the past couple of weeks. We are pleased that the following items will now go to recycling rather than into landfill and polluting the soil.

Electronics 4 off, Blister Packs 28 off, Light bulbs 2 off, X Rays 37 off, CDs 2 off, Button Batteries 251 off and regular Batteries 99 off. We hope to be able to do this again next year and would like to remind you our Williamstown library takes these items for recycling all year round.

Our screening of "The Letter" from Pope Francis to all peoples of the world was a success and prompted some very good discussions about the environment, spirituality and what we can do.

COMBINED PARISHES YOUTH GATHERING

Our next Combined Parishes Youth Gathering will be held on Saturday 4th October 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.

'SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS' on-line training

Many parish volunteers still need to complete the one-hour Safeguarding Essentials on-line training.

Go to: <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org> to access the module.

To login, enter either your unique Working with Children Check ID or VIT ID number and email address.

To register, **volunteers** will need to select our **parish** from the dropdown menu as their Primary Organisation of Service. Feel free to contact Frank Schobben at 0427 416 184 for any assistance.

JUBILEE PRAYER:

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us

In your son, Jesus, our brother,

And the flame of charity enkindled

In our hearts by the Holy Spirit,

Reawaken in us the blessed hope

For the coming of your Kingdom.

May the grace of the Jubilee

Reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,

A Yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer

Throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed.

Be glory and praise for ever.



Rosters for this Week 27th & 28th September 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro
Welcomers	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Volunteer Needed

Rosters for next Week 4th & 5th October 2025

Counting Team 3	Ian Veal, Frances Moloney, Toni Cutroni, Larry Rigoni, Susan Jamieson
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Eilin Taylor 10.30am Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Mareena Peter
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Mariza O'Keefe

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Finn Pennisi, Dominic Piccolo, Yeme Reddy,
Sarah Rodgers, Charlie Galea

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Bishop Hilton Deakin, Marino Kucic, Kevin Featherson, Basil Kalka, Ema Rawnik, Emilia Matkovich, Fr. Urbano Paz, Publio Paz, Mary Newington, Pierluigi Grech, Joseph Dibattista, John Mallia, Mavis Jamieson, Maria Gusman, Noel Darmanin, Connie Darmanin, Veronica Coen, Lawrence Meehan, Maureen Morgan, Pasquale Saragozza, Marlene Dunham, Peter O'Sullivan, Mark Penfold, Les Hodder, Nancy McGinty, Maureen Cartledge, Bill Burton, Tony McGuigan, Tuc Le, Joseph Micallef, Maria Meloni, Win Woodruff, Bernard Brown, Noel Kenwery, Vera Rice, Jack Meehan, Fr. Carmine Tricarico, Mariantonina Patania, Roland Zammit, Margherita, Concettina and Felice Lanzon, Josephine Lorient and Maria Cassar, whose anniversaries are at this time.

