

# 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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Monday, Tuesday

## Parish Staff

Sharon Vassallo

Tuesday 8:30am – 4.00pm

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Kylie Skinner-Wednesday

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.

## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Wisdom. 7:7-11.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!

### SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. 4:12-13.

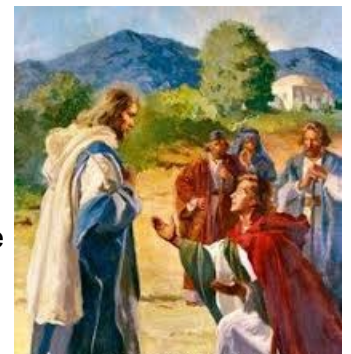
### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Blessed are the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

### GOSPEL: MARK 10:17-27

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good?" No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother.'" He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."



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| Tuesday 15th October   | 9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.<br>7.00pm At St Leo's Church foyer North Altona – meeting of all the parish priests and parish reps of neighbouring 4 parishes. |
| Wednesday 16th October | 9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church.                                                                                                                                 |
| Thursday 17th October  | 9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church.<br>7.00pm Baptism preparation night at the Parish Centre.                                                                       |
| Friday 18th October    | 9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church.                                                                                                                                 |

## **LAUNCH OF OUR PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM**

This weekend is the LAUNCH of our Parish Renewal Program, and we would love you to be involved! The Program is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our role in parish life, and to 'review and renew' our commitment to each other and the mission of our parish. The Program will feature at Mass, and you can also follow through regular updates via our parish website, the school newsletters, email, and SMS. This weekend parishioners will share their love of parish at each Mass and copies of the special Program brochure will be distributed.

### **THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION:**

**Q:** *Why is celebrating our faith as a parish community important to you?*

**R:** "Celebrating as a faith community enables me to become one in heart and mind with others at Mass. We listen to the words of Scripture, celebrate Eucharist, and together renewed and revitalised, go out to live and share our faith."

"Showing my children how to follow Jesus is important to me – how to come together at Mass as part of our faith community on a regular basis."

### **POPE FRANCIS SAYS**

*"The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel"* - Evangelii Gaudium 11



## **Gospel Message This Week—True Goodness**

One day a rich man came to Jesus and asked, 'Good master, what must I do to gain eternal life?' One wonders why he came to Jesus at all? Many in his position would have been more than happy with their lot. He came because he admired Jesus—he called him 'Good master'. And he came because he was still searching. This would have endeared him to Jesus.

The young man had firm ground under his feet. He could say in all truth, 'I have kept all commandments since my youth.' He was undoubtedly a good—living, respectable young man, the kind of son any parents could be proud of. A model? Yes—but only up to a point.

In essence what he was saying was 'I haven't killed anyone, I haven't stolen from anyone. I haven't committed adultery, I haven't dishonoured my father or mother...' In a nutshell: 'I haven't done anyone any harm.' We tend to regard this as the highest criterion of virtue. But it is a negative criterion.

Sure, he had no blot on his copybook. But did that mean he was an outstanding young man? One who had been through the mill and proved himself? No. He simply hadn't been tested. But he was about to be tested.

Keeping the commandments would get him to eternal life. But for Jesus keeping the Commandments was the bare minimum. He saw that the young man was capable of more. He offered him a new vision of goodness—a positive one. This consisted not merely in avoiding evil, but in doing good. He said to him, 'If you want to be perfect, sell what you have. Give it to the poor. Then come back and follow me, and you will treasure in heaven.'

Unfortunately the young man was not up to the challenge. He returned to his old comforts and securities. But he went away sad. Why sad? Because sadness falls on those who say 'no' to love, and choose to live for themselves.

Dear Parishioners,

### **WEDDING VOWS:**

Next weekend at all Masses we will have a small ceremony to renew wedding vows for a number of our married couples who are celebrating anniversaries from 10 – 55 years. We rejoice with those who have stuck together through thick and thin, through the joys and the sorrows, in good times and in bad! A special thanks to you all.

### **PRIDE IN THE CHURCH:**

I believe among our fundamentals as a Parish should be pride in our Church gardens as a more realistic sign of pride in our Parish. In this Springtime we may sometimes take for granted the beauty present in our gardens with flowers often showing the beauty of our world and reminding us most of all of our Creators' love for our World. With the results of another working bee this weekend Mass going parishioners might take note for instance of the six wonderful healthy and manicured hedges we have either in our Church or presbytery gardens, plus the wonderful budding of our numerous standard roses, not forgetting the beauty of our Church gardens generally. What about that lovely wedding type arch entrance into the presbytery – it is a true work of art. We have many parishioners to thank for this work mainly of their hands. Let us also always admire our magnificent St Mary's Grotto plus those incredible 14 cypress pencil pines who never fail to amaze. They stand tall and bend in any type of wind conditions as they proudly reach greater and greater heights.

### **SYNOD IN ROME:**

The Second Assembly of the 16<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops (2- 27 October) brings together 368 bishops, priests, religious and lay people from around the world. There will also be 90 non-voting members. As well, Pope Francis has invited 16 reps of non- Catholic Christian faiths. Similar to last year leading Dominican priest Fr Timothy Radcliff presented a 2-day retreat. During the retreat among many other things he stated that some members may need to let go of old ways of doing things and others may need to let go of a desire to make everything new! Perth archbishop and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President Timothy Radcliff delivered the sermon at that same Synod retreat Mass. We can all pray for the success of this very important Synod in the life of the Church.

### **DAILY MASS BOOKS:**

There are some still left of the daily Mass book on the back central table for \$25 each for mainly 2025. However, this handy book starts with the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 1<sup>st</sup> until Advent next year.

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 10/10/24

## **Upcoming events for St Josephs by the Sea**

### **The Observant Eye of Jesus**

**Thursday 17 October – 7:30pm – 9:00pm**

How the parables show Jesus' appreciation of the natural world.

- Presenter: Fr Brendan Byrne
- Session followed by supper (Donations appreciated)

### **Garden Day**

**Sunday 24th November 10am–4pm**

Our Garden day is an event open to the community, it's a day to celebrate and come together to raise funds for ministries.

We hope it will also be a great opportunity for the community to get a sense of our space and enjoy all it has to offer. So please save the date in your calendars.

Garden Tours ~ Beehive café ~ Educational Ecological games for Children ~ Reflexology hub ~ Our little shop and much more.

**RSVP:** please call (03) 9397 6012 or email [admin.sjbts@sosjspirit.org.au](mailto:admin.sjbts@sosjspirit.org.au)

St Josephs by the Sea, 16 Esplanade, Williamstown

**Rosters for this Week 12th & 13th October 2024**

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| Ministers of the Eucharist | 6.00pm Mary Soppitt<br>8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Maryanne Wenzel<br>10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins |
| Mass Readers               | 6.00pm Frank Schobben<br>8.30am Anthony Verhoef<br>10.30am Eilin Taylor                              |
| Welcomers                  | 6.00pm Frank Schobben<br>8.30am Stephen Littleton<br>10.30am Joe Covelli                             |
| Children's Liturgy         | 8.30am James McCutcheon, Doreen Mitchell                                                             |

**Rosters for next Week 19th & 20th October 2024**

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| Counting Team 2            | David Jamieson, Marguerite Buckley, Bob Paz, Lauren Dittmar                                         |
| Ministers of the Eucharist | 6.00pm Gail Tull<br>8.30am Karen Colla, Stephen Littleton<br>10.30am Maria Laudato, Maylene Clayton |
| Mass Readers               | 6.00pm Rosemarie Smith<br>8.30am Himali Peter<br>10.30am Eilin Taylor                               |
| Welcomers                  | 6.00pm Imma Marguglio<br>8.30am Charles Hili<br>10.30am Di Collins                                  |
| Children's Liturgy         | 8.30am Ros Jacklin, Rachelle Pantelleresco                                                          |

**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, Silvana & Emma Ursini.

**RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES**

We pray for Frank Guastalegname, Lido Fontanini who passed away recently and We pray for Fr. Noel Oliver, Tony Rigoni, Michael Hynes, Tommy Ward Jnr, Kevin Kelly, Ersilia Meilak, Pauline Tweedly, Laurence Tweedly, Roberta Carlon, Mabel Pinto, Patricia McBride (Sagona), Kevin Woodruff, Paul Gauci, Rose O'Brien, Rosalia Nastasi, Lucy Kostraby, Maria Bongiovanni, Noah Zovko, Janos Gerai, Carmel Penfold, Roland Zammit, Gerald O'Brien, Helen Thompson, Mary Mayne, Peter O'Day, John Wilcox, Rosario Portelli, Peter Luckhurst, Gwen Meilak, Mariella Azzopardi, Patrick Doherty, Dot O'Loughlin, Kathleen Hobbs, Frances Holland, Robert Del Grosso, Lorna Scott, Laurie Cassar, Pietrino De Bono, Cecilia Penn, Kathleen Grieve, Roland Elias, Agnes Micallef, Denis Robinson, Richard Darmanin, Paul Falzon, Concetta Azzaro, Franca Azzaro, Giuseppe Azzaro, Angela Falzon, Giuseppe Falzon, Mary Loriente, Giovanna Slobbe, Carmela Fusco, Claudio Slobbe; Natalino and Angelina Meilak, Brian Begley, Carla Marchese, Franca Ficarra, Felix Lanzon, Dolores Farruggia, Ersilia Portelli, Maria Meilak, Arthur Aylward, whose anniversaries are at this time.

**GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY THIS WEEK:**

***Bring your own cup when ordering coffee and or hot drinks.***