

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

20th April, 2025



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Tuesday 9:00am – 4.00pm

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9:30am–1:30pm

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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.

Baptisms 12:30pm Sunday

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD — EASTER SUNDAY YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 10:34, 37-43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING:

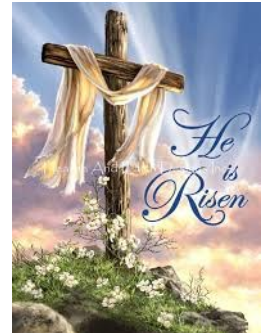
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians. 3:1-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned home.



Tuesday 22nd April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church 7:30pm 'Way of the West' at Parish Centre.
Wednesday 23rd April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church
Thursday 24th April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 25th April ANZAC DAY	9.15am Special ANZAC Day Mass at St Mary's Church.

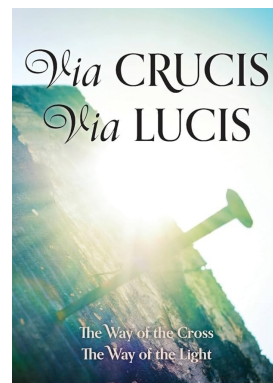
Dear Parishioners & Visitors for Easter,

Welcome one and all who come to our Easter Services.

Since the main end of the pandemic period there has been a steady and growing number of old and new parishioners converge within our walls. It is a nice resurrection of the parish in many forms through not only consistent Mass attendance but the thriving of certain groups within the parish. Nevertheless, there is no true resurrection to new and greater life within our parish unless the "Resurrection of Jesus" is at the heart of our spiritual life and worship. To come to know Jesus is to know not only him as a friend but as a friend for eternity. Accordingly, to those who have joined us in the past, join us now at Easter and those who join us in the future may the peace of Christ stay in your hearts and in your homes.

WAY OF THE LIGHT:

For some time now I have wanted to **celebrate a devotion called "Via Lucis" – Way of the Light** but somehow never got around to it. However, for those who want to come then you're welcome to join me in **St Mary's Church this Friday (Anzac Day) at 5pm**. The Paschal Way of the Light or Via Lucis is a religious practice proper to the post Easter liturgical period. The features of this devotion resemble the Way of the Cross, or Via Crucis, and can be prayed individually or with others. This devotion will take about 30 minutes. The 'Via Lucis' includes fourteen stations for reflecting on Christ's Easter victory, which includes events from his Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday.



Naturally also on **Anzac Day we will have our regular 9:15am Mass** with special emphasis on the importance of Anzac Day for our country. No doubt it will be a privilege to see many of our St Mary's folks at the earlier Dawn service at the Williamstown Cenotaph in which I will as usual lead some prayers in light of our precious Anzac Day traditions.

NICEAN CREED:

It is the 1700th Anniversary of the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea (325 – 2025). Either in Catholic parishes the Apostles Creed or the Nicene Creed is recited every Sunday at Mass to state our main beliefs. We can be thankful for those many bishops who came together 1700 years and gave us such a beautiful and concise summary of the tenets of Christianity. At Easter we do not actually recite the Creed but are prompted in question form by the presiding priest to answer "I do" if one agrees with the same faith of both the present and early church. Those same faith statements are held by the Eastern Orthodox Christians which leads me on to rejoice in the most recent award given to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

TEMPLETON PRIZE AWARD TO PATRIARCH BARTHOLEW

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the spiritual leader of 300 million Eastern Orthodox Christians, has been awarded the 2025 Templeton Prize. The annual award, valued at \$ 2.3 million dollars, is named for American- British investor, banker and philanthropist Sir John Templeton(1912 – 2008). Patriarch Bartholomew was recognised for making faith- based environmentalism a "central commitment" in his religious leadership. "Ecology is not a political or economic issue. It is mainly a spiritual and religious issue because God created and gave it to us to protect it, cultivate it, to use it, but not abuse it" , Bartholomew said in a video address after the announcement last week. Both he and Pope Francis have similar views and have thankfully shared these with each other in more recent times.

MAINTENANCE:

Due to a number of factors including shortage of skill labourers – tradesmen and women – it has been somewhat frustrating to start or finish some jobs over the last 4 years. However, we as a Parish have been lucky as skilled people have presented themselves more recently and we have managed to get done a number of jobs particularly within and outside St Mary's Church. Inside the Church the main cracks have been replastered and painted to a high standard, all the bottom side walls have been repainted, all the skirting boards have been painted and 'Mary's Altar area' has been replastered and painted after external water damage a few years back. Most of you would have noticed the updated foyer area – no more signs of rising damp but looking rather beautiful with a new tone of yellow, and no peeling plaster whatever. Some may have also noticed all the railings outside the church have been repainted in a lovely black gloss, lower pipe areas painted in black, and all the outside large lights repainted in a nice modern matching colour.

AUSTRALIAN CARITAS:

Please bring back your Project Compassion boxes and financial offerings so that as a Parish we can send these on to Australian Caritas to help some of the most worthy and needy in our world. Thanks for your generosity.

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

Update from the CRISP Team

March 7th 2025 marked 12 months since the arrival of Amina, Omar and Mirva in Australia. The refugee family from Syria whom the parish supported to settle into Australia through the pilot phase of the governments the Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot (CRISP) program, that supports refugees for their first 12 months in Australia.

Since its launched in mid-2022 as a pilot program, more than 500 refugees had been supported by church, community and sporting groups to settle in cities and towns across Australia. In February 2025, (with effect from mid 2026), the government announced that the CRISP program will become a permanent program role in our migration system. This is testament to the wide range of benefits of this community-led approach for refugee newcomers, local communities, and the everyday Australians, such as St Mary's parishioners who put their hands up to welcome a newcomer.

After being kindly hosted by Brian and Sally Rice for three months in Australia, the family then moved into a rented unit in Williamstown. Much of their first 12 months was spent at English school and making new friends and connections.

Today Amina is studying English and has her learners driving certificate. Omar has a job working with a builder, and in February Mirva started Year 10 at Mount St Joseph's and is studying towards a career in journalism. Special thanks to Mount St Joseph's whose Principal Kate Dishon has arranged for Mirva to attend on a fully paid for basis.

Thank you to the Parish of St Marys Williamstown for its generous support in allowing a refugee family to come to and settle in Australia, and for its part in contributing to the success of a program that will now be a permanent feature of Australia's migration system.

The Way of the West CRISP Parish Sub-Committee is now starting the process of welcoming a second family later in the year, or early next year. We are also welcoming new members to the CRISP team who wish to join. Please let Fr Greg know if you are interested.

ST MARY'S PRAYER

Nature Walk



Walk through the beauty of Williamstown Esplanade and connect to faith.

Lead by Peter Hay you will be guided to reflect upon the nature that surrounds us and connects us to God.

**MAY 10TH 10:30AM MEETING AT: ST JOSEPH'S BY THE SEA
16 ESPLANADE WILLIAMSTOWN**

COST: Suggested
donation amount \$20
or what you can afford

BOOKINGS AT: www.trybooking.com/DAUDS



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS LONGMAN 0411483571 OR MONIQUE IN THE OFFICE 93976066

COMBINED PARISHES YOUTH GATHERING

Our next Combined Parishes Youth Gathering will be held on Saturday 3rd of May 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.

Rosters for this Week 19th & 20th April 2025 (Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday)

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, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Teofila Hunt 10.30am Mariza O'Keefe

Rosters for next Week 26th & 27th April 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Eilin Taylor, Karen Colla 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Joe Covelli
Welcomers	6.00pm Volunteer Needed 8.30am Jenny O'Sullivan 10.30am Chantel Castelino

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Chris Hussey, Simon Bush, Bruno Rigoni, Harry Bunting, Richard Stone, (Fr.) Cyril Blake, Daniela Panzera, Antonio Pecora, Agnes Schobben, Bridget Fagan, Francis Xavier Borg, Jack O'Neill, John Fitzgerald, Nicola Nardo, Ann Brydon, Tessie Zahra, Cecilia Dalton, Maree Beaton, Hilda Lloyd, Josephine Dimeck, Marianne Gerada, Ernie Clare, Mary Sweet, Rene Hynes, May Sinclair, Lucia Scalia, Des Moore, Francis O'Loughlin, Matilda Luczyc, Annie Broadfoot, Jack Cronin, Miles McGrath, Rita Consolandi, Giselda Darmanin, Tess Hannebery, Lyn Trojkovic, Stella Costa, Natalino and Angelina Meilak, Blondina and Lawrence Sammut, Michael Meilak, Joan Spiteri, Ersilia Portelli, Sheila Easdon, Carmela Sammut, Rosaria Laudato; Emmanuelle and Annie Taliana, Luigi and Lorenza Micallef, Paulo and Elvira Taliana, Sergio and Lucia Gelicrisio, Rita Mulak, Charlie Tabone and Leslie Bernardo; whose anniversaries are at this time.

Green Team Sustainability News

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

Mobile phones 4 off, Electronics 6 off, Blister Packs 6 off and Batteries too many to count. We hope to be able to do this again in September