

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 October, 2026



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Tuesday 9:00am – 3.00pm

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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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Exodus. 22:20-26

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING:

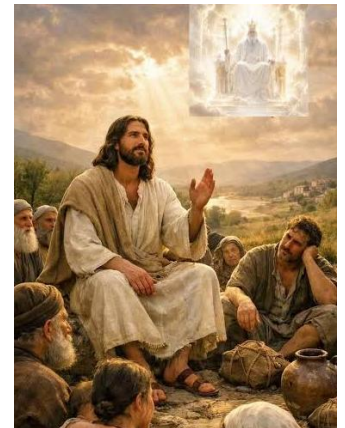
A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians. 1:5-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22: 34 - 40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them [a scholar of the law] tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."



And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God
with **ALL YOUR HEART** and
with **ALL YOUR SOUL** and
with **ALL YOUR MIND.**
This is the great and first commandment.

Tuesday 27th October	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 28th October	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
Thursday 29th October	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 30th October	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

The brochure with numerous opportunities to be involved with the Parish was enclosed within the Parish bulletin last weekend. This is only open to “new volunteers” or other parishioners who wish to take on an extra ministry for the Parish. Please bring your parish brochure back next weekend if not already done so today or drop into the parish letterbox. Those who have kindly filled out their brochure with details are welcome to put their completed brochure on our normal back table in the basket. Thank you for your continued commitment.

MARY GROTTO BLESSING:

This Sunday there will be the unveiling of a special new plaque directly after the 10:30am Mass at the Mary Grotto area. The Ceremony will only take 5 minutes, so you are welcome to join us after Mass.

80 years ago, the very renowned Archbishop of Melbourne, Daniel Mannix came to Williamstown to bless the new grotto behind the present Parish Centre. On that 27TH May 1945, the Shrine modelled exactly on our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Southern France was blessed by his grace, that very famous Archbishop of Melbourne. By that time, he had stood up for Catholic rights for the previous 30 years against some very bigoted and strong opposition and had even stood up against the then Prime Minister Billy Hughes who wanted males at that time to be conscripted for the 1st World War. His voice swayed not only the Catholic vote at both the 1916 & 1917 referendums but a broader community sentiment against young men being forced into the army at that time. Mannix's view was that we as a nation were already doing enough to help the war effort overseas. 60,000 Australian soldiers dying probably proved his point.

HEALTH OF POPE LEO:

Pope Leo XIV returned to the Vatican four days after undergoing surgery to remove a growth from the lung, sooner than initial forecasts of a weeklong hospital stay. At the conclusion of the Angelus on Sunday, Pope Leo thanked all who had been praying for him. The Pope had undergone a successful procedure that discovered a malignant tumour in his right lung and removed its lower lobe. His surgeon said there was no clinical reasons to prevent Pope Leo's planned trip to Latin American next month. Even while in hospital, Pope Leo spoke by telephone with Russian President Vladimir Putin, calling for a ceasefire in that nation's war on Ukraine and humanitarian aid to Ukrainian civilians. After the holding of his conversation with the Russian President, Pope Leo spoke by telephone with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. The telephone conversation with the Ukrainian President marks another step in a diplomatic effort involving Kyiv, Moscow, and the Holy See that began with visits by Cardinal Matteo Zuppi, the Pope's special envoy, first to Kyiv and then to Moscow.

CATHOLICS WORLDWIDE INCREASING:

The number of Catholics worldwide rose by 16.9 million to 1.422 billion. This represents about 17% of the world population.

FUTURE PURCHASES:

This weekend and next weekend the Advent & Christmas daily reflection booklets from Wollongong diocese are available so that parishioners will have them ready for the 1st Sunday of Advent – November 29th. It is \$5 a booklet into tin box or use tap and go. We have also ordered the Brisbane program, but it has not turned up yet. Either choose one or the other is the best bet. Our longest standing program has been the Wollongong one as above. *Late News Flash*: Booklets from Brisbane Archdiocese have just arrived called “The Way of the Heart” which are the same price \$5.

Yours ‘in Christ’

Fr Greg.

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ANNUAL PARISH OPERA NIGHT

The annual Parish Opera Night will not be staged this year in its usual “last Saturday in November” timeslot. There is something else being staged that day – a little event called the Victorian State Election! We are working on a new date for early in the New Year – before Easter. We will advise further when the new date has been confirmed.

Chief Paul Tjolzhitsay

John Janaro

This is the moving story of Chief Tjolzhitsay of the Salish People, who in a sense personified the patience, magnanimity, and hope of countless generations of his own Native American ancestors. In the twilight of his once-great nation, he was blessed to receive the fulfillment of Christ who had shaped the lives of his forbears in so many hidden ways, and to lead the remnant of his people into the Catholic Church, to which most of their descendants adhere to the present day.

The advent of European colonization that began five hundred years ago permanently changed these ancient peoples in more ways than history can recount. By far the most catastrophic earthly force, sweeping away up to 90% of the pre-Colombian indigenous population, was the wave of Eurasian diseases that transoceanic ships unintentionally brought to the Americas. Many of those European colonists who sought primarily earthly riches then proceeded to perpetrate a multitude of injustices and vices that further reduced indigenous communities to faint shadows of their former stature.

Nevertheless, this era of immense suffering also opened up a way for Catholic missionaries to bring the “pearl of great price” to places where it may have long been implicitly sought and desired. The first Jesuits of North America were met with mortal violence, but their heroic martyrdom had a profound impact on the wider experience of indigenous Canadians, and drew many of the Iroquois and other nations to baptism and the Catholic faith. Moreover, one cannot help being impressed by how the impact of the miraculous charity and courage of the (Jesuit) “blackrobes” inspired the converted Indians to become bearers of the Gospel of Christ to other native peoples from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Northwest.

When Christian Iroquois accompanied European fur traders deep into the interior of North America in the early 19th century, they met the Salish and other peaceful tribes and settled among them. They brought their own testimony to the faith they had received from the Blackrobes. By God’s grace, Chief Tjolzhitsay and his people were powerfully moved by what they heard and learned from the Iroquois, and they sent four delegations between 1831 and 1839 all the way from Western Montana to Saint Louis, Missouri—then the westernmost Catholic diocese in the country—requesting that Blackrobes be sent to teach them the full truth about the Creator. Only in 1840, however, was it possible for missionaries to return with them: a group led by the great indomitable Belgian Jesuit Pierre de Smet, who was just beginning his long labors for the Native Americans of the West.

At nearly ninety years old, Chief Tjolzhitsay greeted the Blackrobes with immense joy in Montana, and immediately became the leader and primary example for hundreds of his people as Father De Smet taught catechism and prayers every day during the summer of 1840. In August, the elderly chief was the first of 350 Salish to be baptized at the Three Forks of the Missouri River. Months later, after receiving his first Holy Communion, “Paul” Tjolzhitsay died. Although the Salish would be further diminished in earthly lands by the American government in the decades to come, Chief Paul and Father De Smet had led them to the hope of an eternal inheritance.

Rosters for this Week 24th & 25th October 2027

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Eilin Taylor, Yoshua Yii 10.30am Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Joe Covelli
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Volunteer Needed 10.30am Joe Covelli

Rosters for Next Week 31st October & 1st November 2027

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Peter Kirwan, Stephen Littleton 10.30am Maria Laudato, Lui Sammartino
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Jenny O'Sullivan 10.30am Cindy Kotevski, Charlize Kotevski
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Chantel Castelino

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, David Hume

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Ethel Rumble, Leo O'Brien, Sr. Henrica Jans, Sr. Sheila Edwards, Patrizia McBride, Doreen Rogers, Margaret Camilleri, Sr. Winifred Murphy, Luigi Vivona, Ignazio Kucic, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Rita, Benedetto, Pietro, Ignazio and Guiseppina Saragozza, Maria Meloni, Alberto, Celestina, Emanuele, Giuseppe, Natalino, George, Ersilia, Carmelo and Margherita Mangion and Mario, Paula and Helmut Eckardt and Evelina Lugnani, whose anniversaries are at this time.

