

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*

27th October, 2024



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Parish Staff

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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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah. 31:7-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord, has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. 5:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death
and brought us life through his gospel.

GOSPEL: MARK 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."

And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, he is calling you."

He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.



OUR 2024 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM

Welcome to the final week of our Parish Renewal Program – the Parish Commitment Weekend.

Last week we considered our **engagement** in parish life. How our involvement in parish ministries is central to building parish community – and central to actively living our faith through service to others. This week we turn our attention to **parish finances**.

WHY YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS SO IMPORTANT

Our current financial reality

We have operated with an effective combined deficit of \$109,000 over the last 3 years - \$56,000 in 2023 alone
A range of factors have contributed – whilst expenses have increased 7% in the last 2 years – the major factor is a fall in parish income - 14% in the last year alone
This is not sustainable and must be turned around
This is a challenge – but can be achieved with the support of ALL parish families

What does my support pay for?

Financing our parish mission, pastoral care, and outreach programs
The operating costs of the parish – professional parish staff, insurance, utilities etc.
The maintenance of our beautiful church and parish facilities
Support for our school families in the faith education of our children
Ensuring our ongoing financial stability

How much should I pledge?

Only you can answer this question. But an important reflection is “How do I use my discretionary income?” What is left after paying the essentials of life? How we do is a strong indicator of our priorities in life. We simply ask that your support is a meaningful one in your own individual circumstances
We unashamedly ask those with the greatest capacity to contribute the most – with special thanks for those on restricted incomes whose continued support is very much appreciated

How do I pledge?

Use the hard copy Commitment card at all Masses this weekend – Sat 26 & Sun 27 October
Use the Commitment form from the Program brochure
Return your completed pledge at Mass this weekend – or to the Parish Office no later than Wed 30 October

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

Q: Why do you think it is important to support our parish financially through our Stewardship Program?

“We all have a role to play – it is a shared responsibility.”

“Our commitment to a regular Stewardship pledge is not an expense or an impost. It is **OUR INVESTMENT** in our great parish. It is an offering of thanks – and a clear expression that we are committed to the parish – that it means something to us.”

“Our parish **cannot operate** without our strong, regular financial support. Parishioners provide our funds. Our parish provides **all parishioners, including our school families**, with so much and our support is needed now. Remember, if we don’t do it – who will?”

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.”



Tuesday 29th October	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7.00pm Meeting with those looking more into becoming Catholic Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at presbytery
Wednesday 30th October	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 6.30pm Parish Council Meeting at the Presbytery.
Thursday 31st October	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 1st November	11:30am All Saints Day and Senior's Mass at St Mary's Church. Followed by luncheon in the Parish Centre. ALL WELCOME.
Saturday 2nd November	9.15am All Souls Day Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE- ELECTRICITY INTERRUPTION

Jemena, the local electricity distributor are making a nuisance of themselves this weekend! Unfortunately, they have decided at very little notice that on this Sunday there will be an interruption to the power supply which should affect Church, Parish Centre and Presbytery! The latter does not worry me but the former does! Accordingly, we will try to maintain our public liturgy and worthy worship of God, but please bear with us having less appropriate means of providing the liturgy we would normally try to provide for parishioners.

THE LAST SUPPER

I will be having a Last Supper next Saturday night with the two seminarians allocated to us this year as they proceed to other pastoral experiences while I go on my annual holidays the following day. Fr Tony Cox from the Columban Fathers will be my replacement on the weekends and retired priest in Williamstown area, Fr Barry Hughes will provide some help to Masses weekday for two of those weeks. Since our good association with Deacon Tom(now Fr Tom Christie) we have been visited last year by Cameron Ryan (now 4th year next year) and the tall Joshua McDermid soon to be ordained Deacon. This year Channa Tilakarathna (4th year) and Luke Emslie (1st year) have visited Sunday Masses for their own pastoral experience. Channa and Luke will stay the night next Saturday night and have our Last Supper experience! Channa will have a full year pastoral experience in Ballarat diocese as his 5th year next year and Luke, on for Melbourne archdiocese will go on to 2nd year at Clayton seminary, the diocesan seminary for Victoria and Tasmania.

SYNOD SITUATION IN ROME:

The paramount Synod in Rome continues until this weekend. No doubt they have discussed much. The 368 synod members were to discuss an important working document through to the morning of Oct 18th. The final week of the Synod has been devoted to discussing, amending and approving a final document from the gathering. Voting on the final document is scheduled for this weekend and the closing Synod Mass is to be celebrated also on this weekend. We pray for all the delegates at this time.

ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY:

All Saints Day, next Friday November 1st , is for all those we admire, appreciate, respect as Saints who we now believe see God face to face.

All Souls Day, next Saturday November 2nd is the day on which we remember all others who have died, and whom we think may need our prayers. Accordingly, I hope you can join us either next Friday or Saturday to celebrate those particular special feast days. Details are on our calendar.

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

COMBINED PARISH YOUTH GATHERING—Saturday 2nd November 2024

All youth aged from 13 to 18 years old welcome.

We would love for you to come and join our monthly Youth gathering. The next Youth Gathering will be a movie and pizza night. Please join us on Saturday 2nd November (7.00pm –9:00pm) at St Mary's Parish Centre, 116 Cecil Street, Williamstown.

Rosters for this Week 26th & 27th October 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Peter Kirwan, John O'Keefe 10.30am Maria Laudato, Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Olga Reginato
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Volunteer Needed 10.30am Maylene Clayton
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Ros Jacklin, Joe Covelli

Rosters for next Week 2nd & 3rd November 2024

Counting Team 3	Ian Veal, Fran Moloney, Tony Cutroni, Larry Rigoni, Susan Jamieson
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel, Mary Frisby 10.30am Maylene Clayton, Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Evol Farrelly 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Teofila Hunt 10.30am Mariza O'Keefe
Children's Liturgy	James McCutcheon, Doreen Mitchell

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 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.

IN REMEMBRANCE



Matthew Robert Bruno

25th June 1994–22nd October 2019

cherished memories
MATTHEW ROBERT BRUNO
25 JUNE 1994 - 22 OCTOBER 2019

