

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

Thursday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

Kylie Skinner-Wednesday

8.30am–3.30pm

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 3:13-15, 17-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of John. 2:1-5.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us;
make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:35-48

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning with Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.



Tuesday 16th April	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church 11:00am: 'The Village Williamstown' – service and communions with Fr Greg.
Wednesday 17th April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7.00pm Parish Finance meeting at the Presbytery.
Thursday 18th April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7.00pm Parish Education Board meeting at the School.
Friday 19th April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

EASTER CEREMONIES:

I am **very appreciative** as I have had some very nice reports from parishioners in general about how our Easter Services were conducted. Much of this was to do with the high quality of singing and music, good readers and nice atmosphere set by decorations and flowers. However, the Parish Council stated also how impressed they were by the **general commitment of Matthew Sy, Darcy Machado, Leon & Dominic Crowe as our altar servers** were present at almost every main ceremony from Holy Thursday to Holy Saturday night. Although I tried to do my bit **most of the thanks for the nuts and bolts was the work of our Pastoral Associate Monique Julian:** without her help all the services would have lacked organisational quality. We are lucky to have such a **gifted person in our parish as well as Evol** our sacristan. Praise the Lord!

WEEKEND COMMUNION SERVICE – IF EMERGENCY:

I have had an incredible run of health over the years: you could call it good management or luck! I think the latter has played a big part as I have never any complication of turning up to celebrate weekend Mass since I started celebrating my 1st Sunday Mass on August 21st 1977. However, as I will be 77 years of age in two months' time, I do not anticipate my good luck continuing for ever! Accordingly, with the guidance of the present St Mary's Parish Council I have assembled a small group of capable leaders to lead a Parish Communion Service, if it so happens that I fall sick close to the weekend, and cannot obtain another priest to supply for the Masses. Although I still feel confident of keeping good health, I have to be realistic as well. At least if I am laid low (with more than a man cold!) then you will hear the Scripture readings and receive the Eucharist from the spare hosts in the Tabernacle.

PROJECT COMPASSION:

Please bring your project compassion boxes or envelopes back by next week at latest. We have already collected around \$3,000 thanks to your generosity.



NEW SEMINARIANS AT MASS:

We should see one of our two new seminarians, Channa Tilakarathna and Josh McDermott turn up next week. As it is Vocations Sunday it is likely that 'the chosen' seminarian will give a bit of background about his religious vocation journey.

CHANGE OF ERA:

From my understanding Pope Francis under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit is leading the Church in not only an era of change **but a change of era**. This is not a change of doctrine for the Church, but it seems a change of shift in how Christianity and for us the Catholic Church has to come to grips with a different world out there, especially since our means of communication have escalated geometrically over the last decade or so. Nevertheless, the brilliant and visionary Czech priest- philosopher Fr Tomas Halik sees the crisis facing the Church heralding not the extinction of Christianity, but its transformation.

Fr Halik says the Church can lead our world into a new humanism. He suggests four ecclesiological concepts as guiding principles: **The Church as People of God journeying through history; the Church as a school of wisdom, helping people search for the truth. The Church as a field hospital and the Church as a place of encounter and conversation**, of accompaniment and reconciliation. And by the way all four are key themes that have also emerged from the Synod on Synodality in October last year and should progress further in Rome later this year under hopefully the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

If we take just one of those guiding principles such as the **Church as a place of encounter and conversation** I think we can see that our greater interactions with our surrounding parishes over the last year, and the continued meeting of our parish reps with the three other parish reps of Altona, Altona North and Newport/ Spotswood is a sign that we are in our place and time trying to meet the expectations of all those engaged with Synodality on a more global scale.

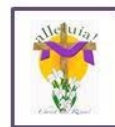
The **Latin American bishops** led the way in the first place as they spoke in recent times not about the extinction of Christianity but its transformation in this day and age. We can realise how we have lost ground as a Church of Jesus Christ in more recent decades, as we have appeared to the outside world as somewhat alienated from our original mission, aloof from contemporary questions and only seemingly interested in an inner world: a covered wagon approach. The Pope Francis model of a Field Hospital helping others on the outside - speaks against this tendency to be too insular.

In particular Fr Halik states that we need to need to build bridges between believers and nones ie the ones I spoke about last Sunday eg the 7,724 in the Williamstown area who put down on the 2021 census that they have no religion – the nones! **We will need to try different approaches**, different strategies that speak to not only our parishioners but the nones! This may mean we try things that do not appeal to all. Maybe they will seem radical to some. But if the Spirit is moving us then we should not fear. One sign of the Spirit will be that we are not changing our doctrine but at times changing our approach to meet the real needs of people who may appear to us as ‘nones’ but when we scratch the surface can be looking/ searching for the truth. May the Holy Spirit help us all to open up our horizons and lead more and more people to Him who is “the way, the truth and the life”.

Yours ‘in Christ’ Fr Greg 10/4/2024

INQUIRY INTO CATHOLIC FAITH:

St Mary's Parish is now entering a new period of sessions for those wanting to look more into the Catholic faith. This is an opportunity for at least furthering your knowledge, asking questions, being open to new insights or even in the end becoming a Catholic Christian. There is no obligation to proceed to become a Catholic as one can drop out of the sessions at any time. Accordingly, new sessions on the Catholic Faith will be commencing on Tuesday April 30th : 7pm – 8pm at the presbytery. Usually, sessions occur two out of every three Tuesdays in the month. If you wish to find out more, please ring Fr Greg on 0400524363 or email: greg.trythall@cam.org.au



CATHOLIC FAITH

Sacramental Program 2024

For children who do not attend St Mary's school and are in the Parish area who would like to be part of St Mary's Sacramental Program in 2024 please contact Monique Julian: monique.julian@cam.org.au to request an enrolment form. The dates for the Sacrament Programs are:



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Reconciliation
First Eucharist
and Confirmation

Sacrament	Sacrament Program Dates	Sacrament Dates
First Eucharist	29/4, 6/5, 13/5 (6-7pm)	18th, 25th May and 1st June
Confirmation	12/8, 19/8, 26/8 (6-7pm)	27th, 28th and 29th August

GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY TIPS THIS WEEK:

Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.

Rosters for this week 13th & 14th April 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Gerard Colla, Doreen Mitchell 10.30am Eugene Yi, Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Volunteer Needed 10.30am Maylene Clayton

Rosters for next Week 20th & 21st April 2024

Counting Team No. 1	Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones, Paul Francis
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Eugene Yii, Maylene Clayton
Mass Readers	6.00pm Evol Farrelly 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Mariza O'Keefe

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Sarah Rodgers, Cathy Reid, Assunta Delgrosso, Yemme Reddy, Anne-Marie Pelikinakis, Tita Lopres, Adrian



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Peter van der Merwe, Tina Dey, Barb Shea, Leslie Bernardo, (Fr.) Lou Heriot, Marga Mardesic, Ljubica & Ive Vuksevic, Benarda Milin, Mara Peros, Petar Mardesic Snr, 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, Carmela Pisano, Ersilia Portelli, Joan Spiteri and Alberto Mangion whose anniversaries are at this time.

