

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

15th June, 2025



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Monique Julian

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Tuesday 9:00am – 4.00pm

Thursday 9:00am – 4.00pm

Friday 9:00am – 2.00pm
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Wednesday Parish Secretary

Kylie Skinner

9:30am–1:30pm

Safeguarding Officer

Frank Schobben

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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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY—YEAR C



FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Proverbs. 8:22-31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O Lord, our God,
how wonderful your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans: 5:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

GOSPEL: JOHN 16:12-15

"I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth.

He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you.

Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."



Sunday 15th June	11:30am New Parishioners Luncheon at Parish Centre
Tuesday 17th June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 11:00am Communion Service "The Village" – with Fr Greg. 7pm- 8pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at presbytery. All Welcome. 7:30pm 'Way of the West' – Parish Centre.
Wednesday 18th June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church 7.00pm Parish Finance Team at Presbytery.
Thursday 19th June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 20th June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

To be a Vibrant, Vital and Viable Parish for the long term future we need to know what our vision is, our values are, our purpose and our resources. I have already detailed aspects of all these over the last few weeks and hopefully it has made sense to yourself. Naturally our strategy as a Parish Council needs to be supported by parishioners in general. According to those suggested 'Focus areas' for the 2030 strategy need to be enhanced by parishioners giving adequate feedback with especially further suggestions of moving forward. Last week I detailed what makes up a Vital Parish, and the previous week what makes up a Vibrant Parish. This week I am homing in on what makes a Viable Parish.

Firstly, I would like to take the summary of a Vibrant Parish from the guidelines given by the archdiocese under the umbrella of 'Take the Way of the Gospel.' Here goes:

Vibrant Parishes have the financial, people and property resources and are able to mobilise these resources, for their vision and mission. They have sufficient income streams to resource and grow their mission and ministries. Their diverse sources of income enable them to serve their local communities in a sustainable way. They openly share their spiritual, ministerial and material resources with others for the benefit of the whole Archdiocese.

This leaves us to ask how we are implementing the above and our Parish Council have come up with the following as a sign of implementation:

- Parish Council and Safeguarding Officer.
- Parish Finance Team.
- Parish Secretary and Pastoral Associate.
- St Mary's School Advisory Council.
- Collection and Counter Teams.
- Triennial Stewardship Campaign.
- Annual Opera Night.
- Annual Report to the Parish Community – June 1st, 2025.
- Archdiocese contributions met.

The aspects of a Vibrant Parish are more to do with growth in holiness; the Vital Parish is more to do with missionary outreach, concern for others while above you would have noticed the third necessary aspect to a parish to survive is to be able to stand on one's two feet financially for the long term future: The Viable Parish.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

You will find the Annual General Meeting and our new Strategic Plans on our Website under "News" and then go to Parish News. Or just go to Documents and Forms. These plans especially under Pillars 1,2 and 3 are open to your suggestions of improvements or clarifications so that we can bring them back to the Parish Council. Your Parish Councils are me, Ivonne Cram, Christal Augustine, Elaine Garner, Rachelle Pantelleresco, Adrian Clifford, Frank Schobben, and Joe Covelli. Don't hesitate to give them feedback or email our office or text me at any time at your leisure.

COMBINED PARISHES MEETING:

Cath Garner, a **facilitator for the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**, came to a meeting two weeks ago at Newport of the four nearest parishes. Cath began by summarising the past three years, reflecting on the archdiocesan work on the three pillars of Leadership, Collaboration and Formation for Mission through the "Take the Way of the Gospel" framework. She discussed the need of parishes for parishes to collaborate, form partnerships and for some of them to amalgamate. **Cath explained the unique circumstances of Parishes** within each geographical concentric ring starting with inner city Parishes moving outward to the suburbs, outer suburbs and rural parishes. Our Parish has had initial discussions in the last month or so between our Parish Council members and the leadership team at Newport/Spotswood. The Parish Priest of Newport/Spotswood, Fr Samuel Kapani and I will be meeting with another of the responsible team for the Archdiocese, the experienced Suzanne Diaz on July 15th at the Williamstown presbytery. We will have a responsible discussion on keeping both our identities but entering a meaningful partnership rather than some parishes in the Archdiocese who have needed to or been forced to amalgamate. I don't see amalgamation as a desired outcome, but I think serious discussions about partnership should in the long run be beneficial to both our parishes. It means we would keep our separate identifies but likely as with shortage of priests to have just one Parish Priest for both parishes. My intended retirement date is 29/6/2027 on my 80th birthday but God willing, as I intend to live in the area long term, that I will retain my normally excellent health to help any Williamstown Parish Priest with weekend Masses and a certain percentage of marriages, funerals and even baptisms.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

Following on from all the celebrations around the new Pope Leo, we have already had in the last three weeks three adult men between 30-45 years of age who wish to look seriously at the Catholic faith. If anyone else wishes to look further, we began the start of several sessions on the Catholic faith last Tuesday night at 7pm at the presbytery at 116 Cecil Street. Our sessions are mainly Tuesday night, and the duration is always one hour at the latest. We cover all types of topics from prayer, the bible, history of the church, the moral life to sacraments and social justice. Anyone for further clarification is welcome to ring me on 0400524363 or email me on greg.trythall@cam.org.au During our sessions there is no obligation at any stage to become a Catholic, but all the essentials are covered in order that a person can make what they believe is the right decision in the end. This Tuesday night we will deal with the topic 'The Holy Trinity'.

PROPOGATION OF THE FAITH:

This weekend there will be a Propagation of the Faith collection – a vital part of Catholic Mission's global work. This brings Christ's hope to some of the most vulnerable communities around the world.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL:

Preparations are ramping up as Melbourne prepares to welcome more than 10,000 young people from Year 9 to 25 years of age later this year from 30th November to 2 December. We are hoping to send a few of our parishioners to said event.

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

LOOKING FOR A REWARDING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

St Mary's 'Way of the West' (WOW) group assists newly arrived refugees to settle into Australian life by partnering with the Australian Government's CRISP program.

(more information is available at <https://refugeesponsorship.org.au/what-we-do/crisp/>).

In 2024 St Mary's WOW group supported a Syrian refugee mother and her two children by providing housing, financial aid, and help connecting with essential services such as education, Medicare and Centrelink. Encouraged by their experience, the group plans to assist another family in 2025 and invites others interested in helping refugees to join them.

To learn more, contact Fr. Greg Trythall on 0400 524 363 or Gerard Colla on 0416 141 772.

Rosters for this Week 14th & 15th June 2025

Counting Team 3	Ian Veal, Frances Moloney, Toni Cutroni, Larry Rigoni, Susan Jamieson
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am John O'Keefe, Stephen Littleton 10.30am Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Rosemarie Smith 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Joe Covelli
Welcomers	6.00pm Volunteer Needed 8.30am Jenny O'Sullivan 10.30am Chantel Castelino

Rosters for next Week 21st and 22nd of June 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel, Peter Kirwan 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Mariza O'Keefe

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Chelvan Kannusamy who passed away recently and Colin Dundon, Emmanuel Zahra, Luka Huddle, Natalie Borg, Valma Tweedly, Nellia Corva, Charlie Gatt, Kathleen Canavan, Mateja Gashi, Gerry Miller, Salvatrice Pecora, Marie Pinzone, Brendan O'Grady, Maria Djopa, Fr. John Cunningham, Vittorio, Adele & Mario Rigoni, Dorrie O'Neill, Mary Bell, Stewart Fisher, John Morris, Lyn Trojkovic, Brian Deagan, Mary Allsopp, Bruce Calman, Vin Hogan, Peter Page, Lawrence Kennedy, Martin Mahy, Jessie Pace, Bernie Kelly, Ernie Jackson, Eric Hudson, Carlo Misley, John Thompson, Peter McDonald, Noel Bean, Lino Lechich, Herbert Richardson, Lino Tominovi, Marcel McKay, Josephine O'Driscoll, Gordon Alexander, Nicholas Cassar, Emilio Cini, Angelina & Natalino Meilak, Maria Falzon, Michael Meilak, Joan Spiteri, Blondina and Lawrence Sammut, Carmela Pisano, Vincent Mifsud, Rosalba Failla, Antonio Basilone, Rosaria, Albert, Maria Meloni, Celestina, Ersilia, Guiseppe, Natalino, Margherita, Carmelo, George and Emanuele Mangion, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Rita, Pietro, Francesca, Benedetto, Igniazio, Angeolina Saragozza, Mario Camilleri and Giuseppe Azzaro, whose anniversaries are at this time.

VACANT POSITIONS CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, NEWPORT AND SPOTSWOOD

The parish office for St Joseph is currently unattended and is advertising the following 2 positions:

- Parish secretary (15 hours/week) **[Parish Secretary, St Joseph's Parish | Melbourne Catholic](#)**
- Bookkeeper (4 hours/week). **[Parish Bookkeeper, St Joseph's Parish | Melbourne Catholic](#)**

If you, or someone you know, might be interested in these positions, please share the above links.

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