

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*

1st 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 ASCENSION OF THE LORD—YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 1:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

God mounts the throne to shouts of joy:

a blare of trumpets for the Lord

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. 9:24-28, 10:19-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Go and teach all people my gospel:

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

GOSPEL: LUKE: 24:46-53

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 from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.



Tuesday 3rd June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 4pm – 6pm 1 st Reconciliations for Grade 3 (families attending)
Wednesday 4th June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church 4pm – 6 pm 1 st Reconciliations for Grade 3 (families attending)
Thursday 5th June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 6th June	11.30am Senior's Mass at St Mary's Church. Followed by luncheon in the Parish Centre. ALL WELCOME. 1:30pm Funeral Mass for Joseph Sagona <u>at Altona (St Mary's)</u> 4pm – 6 pm 1 st Reconciliations for Grade 3 (families attending)

Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to our parishioners for their commitment to Project Compassion. \$4,276.15 was sent to Catholic Caritas this week and St Mary's School raised \$1,297.50 of that. I think the videos help us all to appreciate the wonderful work of Catholic Caritas on behalf of those in much poorer circumstances than ourselves. Thanks also to our parishioners generosity on May 3rd/4th weekend for CatholicCare as \$1,561 was raised and sent in.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PARISH:

We will work to a tight schedule after the 10:30am Mass this Sunday June 1st. So, **please be there when we start at 11:15am in the Church** itself and we will try to finish within a few minutes of 12 noon.

As I said last week 'our purpose' is to progress to be a 'Vibrant', 'Vital' and 'Viable' parish for the long-term future. For this to occur and to have a firm basis we need to have the right resources or support such as the following identified by our Parish Council:

- Our community of parish priest, people and local businesses.
- Our nearby parishes, archdiocese, Sisters of St Joseph and other Catholic organisations.
- Our local parish primary school and families.
- Beautiful historic land and buildings.
- Active engaged laity.
- Community fellowship and fundraising events.

A VIBRANT PARISH: 'Vibrant Parishes are life-giving communities that foster holiness and discipleship among their members., joyfully desiring to share the gift of faith in Jesus Christ with those they encounter. Understanding each person is uniquely called and gifted, vibrant parishes help form and equip them to live that call. They know people are searching for a deeper spiritual connection in their lives, where their hopes, joys and anxieties can be expressed, and they embrace new opportunities for service.' (Archdiocesan statement from 'Towards the Way of the Gospel').

To continue to be a Vibrant Parish this means much of the following we already have in place:

- Vibrant engaging weekend Mass services, school masses and weekday masses.
- Vibrant special masses, celebrations and feasts of the Catholic Year (Christmas, Holy Week).
- Monthly Seniors Mass and Luncheon, Wednesday adoration hour in Church.
- Children's Liturgy at 8:30am Mass monthly.
- Altar servers on Saturday night Mass.
- Annual Christmas Eve Children's pageant.
- Sacristy Team, Reading Ministry, Special Ministers, Welcomers Ministry
- Music Ministry especially for all weekend Masses.
- Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation Teams.
- Monthly Youth Group.
- Rite of Christian Initiation in place.
- Annual Parish BBQ.
- Annual fellowship events with parents of the School Community.
- Annual Memorial Mass + Supper.
- Annual New Parishioners welcome luncheon.
- Sunday morning cuppa after 8:30am Mass

GREEN TEAM HERB GARDEN:

Our Parish 'Green Team' is soon going to plant a small herb garden. This is to make herbs available and cheaper for parishioners to use at home. This new garden between the Remembrance Wall and the Grotto will be somewhat discreet but still significant. There will be appropriate signs to clarify the herbs to be used.

REMINDER: Please sign on for New Parishioners Luncheon – on back small tables.

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

NEW PARISHIONERS LUNCHEON: Sunday 15th June

New parishioners' are invited to a luncheon after the 10:30am Mass in the Parish Centre on Sunday June 15th. Please add your name to the sheet on the back table of the Church if you wish to attend. For all enquiries please contact Monique in the office. Hope to see you there. Fr Greg.

WORKING BEE AROUND CHURCH GARDENS

SATURDAY 7th June, 2025—9.00AM—11.00AM

*Come along and help clean up our beautiful church gardens,
even if it is only for an hour or two.*

If you could bring your own equipment, it would be greatly appreciated.

COMBINED PARISHES YOUTH GATHERING

Our next Combined Parishes Youth Gathering will be held on Saturday 7th June 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.

GREEN TEAM NEWS—WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

Thursday 5th June 10.30 am – 12 pm. Free event

Thursday 5th June is World Environment Day. To mark this day, Williamstown Library is holding an event covering simple and effective ways to decrease energy consumption, use water more mindfully, make sustainable food choices, cut down on plastic and food waste and become a more conscious consumer.

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 31st May & 1st June 2025

Counting Team 2	David Jamieson, Marguerite Buckley, Bob Paz, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Mary Frisby, Gerard Colla 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Family Mass
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Teofila Hunt 10.30am Family Mass
Children's Liturgy	8.30am James McCutcheon, Ros Jacklin

Rosters for next Week 7th and 8th of June 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Karen Colla, Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Eugene Yi, Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Herb Zimmer

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Joseph Sagona who passed away recently and Terry Holdsworth, Brian McCarthy, Peter Vincent, Terry Winship, Salvatrice Pecora, Brunina Rando, Stepjan Ivelja, Sr. Joan Guiry, Noel Bonnici, Jim Charles, Michael Henry, Leslie Cross, Bernice Mill, Norma Honeyman, Vic Routley, Mavis Reed, Helen Bartlett, Ersilia Portelli, Vera Webb, Helen Kucic, Owen Whelan, Pat Talbot, Doreen Curtain, Helen Ambrose, Leo Wise, Trevor Joseph, Elizabeth Trainor, Maria Corbo, Sr. Joan O'Shea, Antonio Santoro, Gerarda Cordijn, Rosina Bottoli, Jack Rusick, Sebastiano Sirgiovanni, Giuseppina Timpano, Francesco Caputo, Carmela Darmanin, Stella Magri, Antionetta Azzopardi, Maria Meloni, Carlo Giacomelli, Nadala Sokolic, John O'Neill, Margaret Simms, Louie Tweedly, Cecilia Hctor, Vera Harnett, Loretta Stirling, Bernice Diamond, Nance Tweedly, Harry Hart, Bella Morgan, Joyce Deller, Helen Nahas and Frank Buntz; 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 either, or both,
of these positions, please share the above links.

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