

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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Tuesday 9:00am – 4:00pm

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Wednesday Parish Secretary

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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Genesis. 15:5-12,17-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians. 3:17-4:1

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard.

This is my beloved Son, hear him.

GOSPEL: LUKE 9:28-36

About eight days after he said this, he took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said,

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.



Tuesday 18th March	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. (Fr. Greg attending National Council of Priests Conference in Sydney)
Wednesday 19th March	2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church
Thursday 20th March	9:15am Church closed. Renovations in progress.
Friday 21st March	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church

Dear Parishioners,

Please note for this year that our parish secretaries work Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – Kylie Skinner until 1:30pm of a Wednesday. Monique Julian will keep working from the Parish Office in the St Mary's presbytery Tuesday and Thursdays, but also needs to make the time to keep covering her former important parish work of Pastoral Associate in preparing the liturgies/music coordination for weekends and other liturgical celebrations especially hand in hand with Charlotte Lipnicki from St Mary's School – Monique will also keep covering the Government School program children – thus Fridays she will work from home- her mobile is listed for anyone to contact under the Fridays as per the Parish Bulletin front page. It means in future on a Fridays if you ring the doorbell it is likely myself answering the door, or if not my mobile is on the presbytery front door and I am hopefully not far away to come back to presbytery or answer any enquiry.

After last year with the 1st Acclamation of Faith, could parishioners make sure the following is learned by heart during the week, so that at both Masses and Funerals there is no problem with a good hearty response – thanks

Save us, Saviour of the world.

For by your Cross and Resurrection

You have set us free.

Last week the Parish Council met. In the hour and a half at our 1st Thursday of the month meetings we struggle to cover all of the agenda items as there is much going on. I will attempt to summarize some of the things we covered in our recent 1st Thursday of March meeting:

- We reviewed our calendar of events for the future.
- It was decided also to add New Parishioners Luncheon on our calendar of events. This will be held at our Parish Centre on Sunday June 15th from 10:30am onwards. We will give new parishioners plenty of notice.
- The official visit of the regional bishop of the West, Bishop Martin Ashe will take place over 3 days from October 17th to Sunday October 19th. One or two ideas came up on how we can dialogue in a meaningful way while he is here.
- We followed a suggestion from the Ask Mary box identifying the great work of our musicians and singers. The discussion came more general as we generally expressed our admiration for the vast variety of volunteers in various groups in our parish as we felt proud and thankful.
- Following suggestions from a few parishioners including Sister Therese of the Josephite convent it was agreed our Aboriginal Cross should be in a more prominent position rather than just inside the door of the Church at the back. As we no longer need to use our hymn books it was decided to be shifted where the hymn board is now located.
- We always discuss the governments regulations for Risk and Compliance especially in regard to Safeguarding of our parish children. Our Safeguarding Officer Frank Schobben is doing an excellent job in this area, and we thank him for his many hours involved in this particularly important area of compliance.
- I reported back from our Missions update with the other three parishes in the area. Fr Samuel, Administrator of Newport/ Spotswood parish was to arrange which parish was going to do Stations of the Cross in Lent and when. On the other hand I was to arrange the four main secretaries of each parish to meet with a session with "Change Management Leader", Suzette Diaz of the Melbourne Archdiocese at our Williamstown presbytery. (happening while this bulletin is being printed)

- We discussed what was occurring with Church Maintenance/Refurbishment. I was able to report cracks have been fixed up - mainly the two up high. All the side walls have been painted as high as those side posters go. Mary Altar area has been fixed and painted up high where water damage done a few years back – same with organ side area. Other things will be started over the next month such as the bad state of the front foyer. Already the rising damp issue has been sorted but this is just the initial background work to working on that area after March 22nd.
- As we discussed the work of “Mary Care” it was lovely to see that five new members have been added to that volunteer group:
Karen Colla, Claire Harrison, Branka Briffa, Sally Rice and Beata Sicat. It was commented about the quality of those volunteers.
- Our Parish Council has been working on a Vision Statement for the Parish of St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Williamstown. This will likely be presented at a General Meeting of the Parish set for Sunday 1st June straight after the 10:30am Mass.

LENTEN REFLECTION BOOK:

All the 95 Lenten Reflection books sold out! I hope you have found the material from Mgr Graham Schmitzer and Mother Hilda Scott worthy of your consideration. As you know we are on the spiritual journey for a change of heart – “metanoia” – ‘ the narrow road and only few take it’ !

PROJECT COMPASSION:

For the next 3 weeks of Lent there will be a Project Compassion video of individual stories -hope you find these videos encouraging of what we as an Australian Church keep doing for Project Compassion on behalf of Australian Caritas. This week it will centre on clean drinking water in Samoa. One primary school with 400 children until 2023 has no reliable access to fresh water.

COMBINED STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Again, this year Stations of the Cross will be offered by the four neighbouring parishes as it was so successful last year with greater numbers for all. Accordingly, you are welcome to any of the following:

Friday 21st March at Sacred Heart Newport at 6pm – Newcastle Street – east to get to as first street left after Mason Street on Melbourne Road.

Friday 28th March at St Leo’s Altona North at 6pm

Friday 4th April at St Mary’s Williamstown at 6pm

Such meetings and session are uplifting and assuring in our faith journey – personal and communitarian.

COMBINED CHURCHES EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE.

Please note that there is an Easter Sunday Ecumenical Service at 6:45am on April 20th at the Williamstown Timeball Tower.

CRISP PROGRAM:

You will see something reported on this in this bulletin. However, I must emphasize that we cannot help another refugee family as we did in 2024 without two or three more people putting their hands up to help a new family acclimatize. We cannot apply for a new family until that happens.

GREEN TEAM:

Recycling of small household items: This Sunday 16th March, (second Sunday of Lent), there will be a further opportunity for recycling of items which cannot be disposed of **in the yellow household bin**. Eg outdated mobile phones, batteries, packaging for medication (must be empty) and light globes. **No large items please.**

The recycling tub will again be at the back of the church. The Green Team will arrange for immediate removal and recycling.

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

Update from the CRISP team

An exit meeting was held on February 24th with the refugee family to wrap up CRISP program #1 as it approaches its 12-month end date. The family has settled in well and now self-sufficient. The CRISP team is now looking at going again with program #2 in 2025 so is seeking new members who are willing to join. Please express your interest via Fr Greg at one of the masses.

Rosters for this Week 15th & 16th March 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Karen Colla, Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Maria Laudato, Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro
Welcomers	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Joe Covelli

Rosters for next Week 22nd & 23rd March 2025

Counting Team 1	Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones, Paul Francis
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am John O'Keefe, Eilin Taylor 10.30am Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Rosemarie Smith 8.30am Chris Maine, Jan Maine 10.30am Cecilia Balson
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Di Collins

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, Assunta Delgrosso,
Anne-Marie Pelikinakis, Evol Farrelly, Ruth Francis.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Angela Tarascio, Filomena Rubbo, Lillian Magri, Nell Morley, Helen Nicholson, Antonia Kucich, Prisca Reddy, Augustinho Fernandes, Bev Curtis, Dalia Lucia, Angiolina Saragozza, Stella De Luca, Anna Dubiel, Vito Massaro, Pat Brannick, Edith Lovell, Marjory Renton, Gerry Franken, Len Roper, Norm Quale, Ron Grima, Dean Ballantyne, Catrina McInney, Clare Oliver, Kay Hollo, Dorothea Albinson, Lillian Connors, Joan English, Aileen Sandri, Victor Pezzani, Neddy Dawson, Ray Bryan, Anna Spence, Pasquale Fabbro, Herbie Cole, Leo Rogan, Anna Matson, Nellie Heaps, Kath Jones, Kath Dowling, Fay Forbes, Bill Brydon, Patrick Wilkinson, Michael Tuck, Lawrence Meehan, Edna Ross, Anne Smith, Rose Ashkar, David Templeton, Wilma Ulmer, Albert Kennedy, Kerrie Knot, Mary Emilie Meerwald, Aurelio Sagona, Warwick Smith, Paolo Pecora, Salvatrice Pecora, Aristeia Sagona, Antonio Sagona, Salvatore Sagona, Berta Geremia, Patricia McBride, Annie Costa, Natalino Mifsud, Anthony Sammut, Joseph Sammut, Elena and Anthony Banavage, Maria and Lucio Falzon, Teresa and Giuseppe Sciciereff, Lawrence Galea, Olga Cutajar, Joseph Cutajar, Blondina and Lorenzo Sammut, Giacomo Caterina and Lino Lugnani;
whose anniversaries are at this time.