

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 – 3.00pm

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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 A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Genesis. 12:1-4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to Timothy. 1:8-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

This is my beloved Son, hear him.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW: 17:1-9

After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." while he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."



Tuesday 3rd March	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 4.00pm—6.00pm 1st Reconciliations for Grade 3. Families attending.
Wednesday 4th March	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church. 4.00pm—6.00pm 1st Reconciliations for Grade 3. Families attending.
Thursday 5th March	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 6.30pm Parish Council meeting at the Presbytery.
Friday 6th March	11.30am Senior's Mass at St Mary's Church. Followed by luncheon in the Parish Centre. ALL WELCOME. 4.00pm—6.00pm 1st Reconciliations for Grade 3. Families attending. 6.30pm Stations of the Cross at St Mary's Church.
Saturday 7th March	10:00 am – 12.00pm 1st Reconciliations for Grade 3. Families attending. 6.00 pm Youth Mass at St Mary's Church 7:00pm - 8:30pm Youth Group gathering in Parish Centre: Spiritual input, games, pizza. All 13 – 18 years Welcome.

Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday night 14 of us had an incredibly good evening at a restaurant in the middle of Melbourne in China town. Our original Seminary Year was celebrating 55 years since we entered the seminary on February 21st 1971 . 27 were in the original year, nine are deceased and two left in the first few months and have never been seen again! Out of 16 possibilities, it was a wonderful sign of our long-time friendships that 14 of us could come together! – the other two had reasonable excuses: one was overseas and one had just started running a diaconate program for the Archdiocese of Perth.

Although rarely quoted in the secular press, **Pope Leo is putting out a prodigious number of quality statements** and insights on various topics. He is obviously a man of deep prayer and wisdom. Much of his stuff comes in Cath News (just google Cath News Australia – Cath standing for Catholic) . I liked much of his statements this week on Lent and one interesting observation he made about AI. He urged priests not to use artificial intelligence to write their homilies or to seek “likes” on social media platforms like TikTok. He remarked that “Like all the muscles in the body, if we do not use them, if we do not move them, they die. The brain needs to be used, so our intelligence must also be exercised a little so as not to lose this capacity.” His further remarks on the subject made sense. Personally, I would not normally use AI unless I needed some extra help to write a tricky letter or compose something that needed that extra icing on the cake – not even thought of it for sermons though!

LENT:

In regards Lent Pope Leo XIV urged Catholics this week to switch off their phones to create room for silence and prayer, while also calling for an immediate ceasefire in Ukraine as the war approaches its fourth year.

“Let us create space for silence by turning off televisions, radios and mobile phones for a while.....Let us meditate on the Word of God, approach the Sacraments, and listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit who speaks to us in our heart. Let us listen to one another – in our families, workplaces and communities.

The Pope also urged care for those on the margins: “Let us dedicate time to those who are alone, especially the elderly, the poor and the sick”, he said, adding that by giving up what is superfluous , “we can share what we save with those in need.”

Yours ‘in Christ’.

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COMBINED PARISHES YOUTH GATHERING

Our next Combined Parishes Youth Gathering will be held on Saturday 7th March from 7:00pm—8:30pm, at St Mary's 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS LENT at 6:30pm on Fridays:

6th March at Williamstown, Cecil Street.

13th March at Spotswood, Hick Street.

20th March at Williamstown, Cecil Street.

27th March at Newport, Newcastle Street.

DIFFERENT READERS ARE REQUIRED FOR LONG GOSPELS IN LENT:

The long gospels of Lent such as 3rd Sunday in Lent, March 8th (Samaritan woman at the well); 4th Sunday in Lent, March 15th (man born blind); March 22nd (rising of Lazarus from the dead); 29th March (long passion Sunday readings) **need a number of different voices**, male and female. I do not have the time to ring around for every Mass every Sunday – so **please put your names down** for the various Masses as listed on back table. Thanks in anticipation. I will then get the long readings to you before that particular Sunday and your own part in it. **Fr Greg**

SACRAMENT PROGRAM AT ST MARY'S

For children who do not attend St Mary's school and are in the Parish area who would like to receive their Sacraments in 2026 please contact Monique Julian:

monique.julian@cam.org.au to request an enrolment form. Dates for 2026 are:

FIRST COMMUNION: 27th April, 4th May and 11th May 2026 - 7.00pm in the Parish Centre.
Communion Masses on the weekend of 16th and 17th May

CONFIRMATION: 17th August, 24th August and 31st August 2026 - 7:00pm in the Parish Centre. Confirmation Masses TBC but likely the first week September.

CONGREGATION PLEASE LEARN FOR LENT

MYSTERY OF FAITH:

We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection
until you come again.



Green Team

Recycling Tubs - Recycling of small household items:

- On Sunday 1st March (second Sunday of Lent), there will be an opportunity for recycling of items which cannot be disposed of in the yellow household bin.
E.g. outdated mobile phones, batteries, packaging for medication (must be empty), light globes, CDs. **No large items please. The recycling tubs will be at the back of the church.** The Green Team will arrange for immediate removal and recycling.
- The Victorian government website below has a list of money saving tips for households to save energy and reduce power bills.
www.energy.vic.gov.au/households/save-energy-and-money

Rosters for this Week 28th February & 1st March 2026

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Karen Colla, Gerard Colla 10.30am Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Kevin Perera
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Jenny O'Sullivan 10.30am Herb Zimmer

Rosters for next Week 7th & 8th March 2026

Counting Team 2	David Jamieson, Marguerite Buckley, Bob Paz, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am John O'Keefe, Ivonne Cram 10.30am Maria Laudato, Maylene Clayton
Mass Readers	6.00pm Youth Group 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Bryan Perera
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Chantel Castelino

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Dominic Piccolo, Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers,
Charlie Galea, David Hume

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Tino Lechich who passed away recently and Marijan Peros, Jo-Anne Pearson, John Keohoe
Cathy Kelly, Thelma Luft, Gilbert Augustin, Fr. Joe Micallef, Giovanni Trifilo, Roger Dawson,
Herbert Augustin, Frederick Lazarus, Kevin Hynes, Maria Guastalegname, Mary Lewis, Joyce Rudd,
Sheila Webster, Silvana Rossi, Blaze Phillips,-Mitchell, Carmel Harrison, Brian Mitchell, Dennis Vanstone,
Chiara Lubich, Mike Linehan, Anthony Kennedy, Vittoria Paone, Gwen Sturrock, Sue King,
Maria Scabelloni, Hilda Wood, Tanya Pickergill, Margaret Dooley, Daniel Rudd, Mary McLinden,
Muriel Bowes, Marjory Cuthbert, Giovanni Raunik, Peter Wentworth, Cynthia Frawley, Nance McRae,
Carmelo Pisano, Giuseppina De Bono, Roger Wilson, Cath Wickham, Doris Dean, Serafina Basilone,
Eileen Storey, John Day, Vincenzo Timpano, Agnes Lynch, Giuseppe Nardo, Francesco Galle and
Immacolata Laudato; whose anniversaries are at this time.