

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

28th July, 2024



116 Cecil Street, Williamstown 3016

Telephone: 9397 6066

Email: williamstown@cam.org.au

www.melbcatholic.org/s/williamstown

Parish Priest

(Fr.) Greg Trythall

0400 524 363

Email:

greg.trythall@cam.org.au

Pastoral Associate

Monique Julian

0450 789 951

Monday, Tuesday

Parish Staff

Sharon Vassallo

Tuesday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Thursday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

Kylie Skinner-Wednesday

9.30am–1.30pm

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the second book of Kings. 4:42 - 44.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

You open your hand to feed us, Lord; you answer all our needs.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians. 4:1-6.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:1-15

After this, Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him. "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little bit." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.



Tuesday 30th July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7pm Continuation of faith sessions for those interested in the Catholic faith at St Mary's Presbytery.
Wednesday 31st July	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Thursday 1st August	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 6:30pm Parish Council at presbytery.
Friday 2nd August	11.30am Seniors Mass at St Mary's Church Luncheon to follow in Parish Centre. All welcome.

Dear Parishioners,

SOME HELPFUL BACKGROUND TO THE BIBLE READINGS:

1.FIRST READING:

There was from the days of Samuel (early prophet) a prophetic order. Elisha belonged to these "men of God." The practice of making an offering to the prophets is attested in 1 Samuel 9:7. In any case there was an obligation to bring the first fruits of one's crop to the Lord God.

2. SECOND READING: Writing from his prison in Rome St Paul implores his readers to preserve the unity of the Spirit.

3: GOSPEL: The miracle of Feeding the Five Thousand is the only one recorded in all four Gospels. We see the use of the apparently insignificant (5 barley loaves) to serve a tremendous purpose.

CHANGE OF PULPITS:

As we are trying to engage more in cooperation with our neighbouring 4 parishes there will be a merry go round change of pulpits next weekend:

The new administrator priest of Newport/Spotswood, Fr Sam Kapani will be in Williamtown for all the three Masses.

Fr Michael Kalka of Altona will be at Spotswood and Newport next weekend.

I will be celebrating the three Masses at Altona which happen to be the same exact times as ours!

LAST CALL FOR NEW PARISHIONERS LUNCHEON:

We already have 6 relatively new families who have put their names down for our new Parishioners lunch in August.

If you are new to St Mary's Parish over the last year or so you are welcome to attend our Welcome Luncheon. Please fill out your contact details on one of the back tables and join us for lunch in the Parish Centre on Sunday, August 11th straight after the 10:30am Mass. Usually, half of our Parish Council join us. If you want to find out who is on the Parish Council then look up on the back pin board for the photo and name.

POWDERPOST BEETLE:

As informed to parishioners last weekend we have a serious pest infection in our pews of the Powderpost Beetle. Powderpost beetles are a group of 70 species of woodboring beetles classified in the insect subfamily Lyctinae. They get their common name from the flour like powder they leave behind as a byproduct of feeding on wood. The major pest company, Dawsons identified 15 pews which had signs of this beetles activities. Hopefully we have been on to it in time as I made sure the Church was fully fumigated last Monday by Dawsons. In all it is not a cheap exercise as inspection and fumigation cost us in round figures \$3,000.

REFUGEE and ASYLUM SEEKER SUPPORT: If you weren't here last Sunday please pick up the bulletin insert regarding our 10th Annual 'Way of the West' Food and Living Essentials Collection for refugee and asylum seeker families. Please put the dried food collection of goods for next Sunday in one of the boxes at the back – thanks.

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN:

Follow-up continues of those parishioners who haven't provided their Working With Children Check to the parish office, as well as their signed parish Code of Conduct. Frank Schobben, our Safeguarding Officer, is also contacting parishioners whose specific volunteer role requires a Police Record Check, e.g. Children's Liturgy; Collectors; Counters; Mary Care; Pastoral Council; Finance Committee; Special Ministers visiting hospital, private residences, care facilities etc. Please continue to assist and fulfill our safeguarding obligations by handing in your checks as soon as possible to the Parish Office in the presbytery, or put in the slit of the presbytery front door.

Yours 'in Christ'
Fr Greg 17 /7/2024

MARY MACKILLOP FOR TODAY

Join us on Thursday, August 15, from 7:30pm to 9:00pm, for an inspiring session centered around the spirit of Mary MacKillop.

Our presenters include:

- Sr Moya Unthank: Sharing insights about Mary MacKillop
- Sr Colleen O'Dwyer: Discussing Flora MacKillop (Mary's Mother)
- Mr Eamon Pollard: Exploring Josephite Ministries Today

The session will be followed by a delightful supper.

Entry by donation: Suggested amount \$20



**Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Convocation
(12–14 September 2024)**

Please join us as we spend time together learning and sharing about how we can all care for creation.

We will gather online during Thursday 12 and Friday 13 September to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. On Saturday 14 we encourage participants to attend one of 11 diocesan hubs to transform our learnings into action. If there is not a hub near you, we will continue online together.

Attend for 1, 2 or all 3 days! Group discounts available.

GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY THIS WEEK:

Reduce Paper Consumption by printing on both sides.

Rosters for this Week 27th & 28th July 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Gerard Colla, Eilin Taylor 10.30am Maylene Clayton, Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Evol Farrelly 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Volunteer Needed 10.30am Di Collins

Rosters for next Week 3rd & 4th August 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Evol Farralley 10.30am Eugene Yii, Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Joe Covelli
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Charels Hili 10.30am Maylene Clayton

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Sarah Rodgers, Assunta Delgrosso, Yemme Reddy, Anne-Marie Pelikinakis, Tita Lopres, Lazarus Wilson, Michael Dillon, Silvana and Emma Ursini.



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES



We pray for Vincent Ellul, Andrew Formosa, Stephen Martin, Ida Luciano Rigoni, Sebastiana Succuzzo, Marianna Covelli, Meran Edwards, James Lynn, Gabriella Pazzi; Anthony Pace, Lino Lechich, Kevin Broadfoot, Charles Broadfoot, Mary Elaine Hyland, Elio DeCleva, Graeme Tweedly, Aurelia Jones, Elizabeth Kenwery, Denise O'Connell, June Durdin, Michael McClelland, Frank Mulholland, John Arnold, Raymond Russell, Grace Kritikides, Pauline Farley, Margaret Harris, Judy Travers, Joe Saidy, Agnes Bugden-Maguire, Julianna Emmerson, Charles Buttigieg, Frank Jamieson, Norma Dooley, Javid Yilmaz, Santina Pecora, Iris McFarlane, Carmelo Farrugia, Joseph Mifsud, Albert Haddad, Antonia, Adriano, Michele and Rosa Azzopardi, Rosa, Cini and Maria Falzon, whose anniversaries are at this time.

NEWSLETTERS BY E-MAIL

If you would like to receive the St Mary's newsletter in your InBox each week, please register at our website www.melbcatholic.org/s/williamstown or use the QR code.

