

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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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:- 5:27-32, 40-41

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the book of Revelation 5:11 - 14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.

GOSPEL: JOHN 21:1- 14

After this, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Peter Simon heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish.

This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.



Tuesday 6th May	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 7th May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church
Thursday 8th May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 9th May	9.15am Mother's Day Whole School Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

Due to a very close friend's marriage late afternoon in Clifton Hill I have asked retired priest, Fr Barry Hughes to celebrate the 6pm Saturday night Mass next weekend.

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

The First Reading this weekend is from that magnificent New Testament book called the Acts of the Apostles. This reading tells of the opposition the apostles encountered from the Jewish authorities. Persecution did not come as a surprise. Jesus had predicted it (Lk 21:12-13) It became an opportunity for them to bear witness for him. They refused to be silenced. As always the central point of their witness is the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families, and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma.

Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call 99672515. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PARISH:

If we are going to move forward as a parish, we need to keep making a few giant steps in regards to being Vibrant, Vital and Viable. All the last three being worthwhile challenges from our Archdiocese but essentially stem from another great promulgation and indeed challenge of Pope Francis who wrote 'Evangelii Gaudium' in 2013 – an exhortation on how to live in joy and mission in today's world. Pope Francis's dream 'for a missionary option', that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today's world. In line I presented to you last week some models which can hinder us in our progress as a vibrant parish. As I stated the following models have strengths, but they can divert us from a better path. The models I presented were

PARISH AS A SOCIAL CLUB:

PARISH AS A SERVICE STATION:

PARISH AS A MUSEUM:

PARISH AS A BANK:

PARISH AS A SCHOOL:

PARISH AS A SOUP KITCHEN:

I suppose none of us have all the solutions, least of all me as your priest, but somehow, I think we can head in the right direction as we come more to grips with a useful model for a parish which priorities the making of missionary disciples. In line with Pope Francis' dreams and the push of our Archdiocese **I would see our main challenge is to form competent apostles who are equipped and ready to meet the challenges that face them in this world.** For instance, each of our parishioners is called by God and has a special role to play – a unique mission to accomplish. Accordingly, our Parish and its leadership through such things as our Parish Council needs to help and encourage you to be effective witnesses of God's love in your workplaces, local community and our world. How we are trying to achieve that will come up at our **Annual General Meeting on June 1st straight after the 10:30 am Mass at 11:15am.**

AUSTRALIAN CARITAS – URGENT – LAST CALL

Please bring back your Project Compassion boxes and financial offerings so that as a Parish we can send these on to Australian Caritas – this is now urgent.

NATURE WALK:

I hope as per item(ST MARY'S PRAYER + Nature Walk) you can join several others in this worthwhile experience. The leader of it is a very gifted connector with prayer and nature. One can sign on by the QR code.

ROSARY IN MAY: Even if only a decade a day it is a wonderful devotion and worth doing as an individual or a family in May.

MAY MASS COUNT:

As I have Mass count sheets could someone at each of the three Masses volunteer to fill out the sheets I can give to you. It is simply a count of members at each Mass on the four weekends of May.

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME:

At a minimum we have a new parishioner welcome and luncheon straight after 10:30am Mass at least once during year. By putting your name on clipboard on back table you are welcome to join myself and our Parish Council members on Sunday June 15th.

Yours 'in Christ'

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ST MARY'S PRAYER + *Nature Walk*

Walk through the beauty of Williamstown Esplanade and connect to faith.
Lead by Peter Hay you will be guided to reflect upon the nature that surrounds us and connects us to God.

**MAY 10TH 10:30AM MEETING AT: ST JOSEPH'S BY THE SEA
16 ESPLANADE WILLIAMSTOWN**

COST: Suggested
donation amount \$20
or what you can afford

BOOKINGS AT: www.trybooking.com/DAUDS



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS LONGMAN 0411483571 OR MONIQUE IN THE OFFICE 93976066

You're Invited!

Experience Our College at Open Day — Mount St. Joseph Girls' College

We are delighted to invite you and your family to our Open Day at Mount St. Joseph Girls' College - a wonderful opportunity to experience firsthand the vibrant learning environment, strong community spirit, and outstanding opportunities that await your child.

Date: Sunday 18th May

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

During your visit, you will have the chance to:

- Take a guided tour of our facilities
- Meet our dedicated teachers and student leaders
- Learn about our academic programs, co-curricular activities, and faith-based values
- Discover how we nurture students to become confident, compassionate and capable young people

Please register your intention to attend. Phone: 8398 2000 www.msj.vic.edu.au

Mount St. Joseph Girls' College, 133 Maidstone Street, Altona

Rosters for this Week 3rd & 4th May 2025

Counting Team 4	Leanne Spiteri, Greg Morgan, Herb Zimmer, Steven Sagona, Eugene Yi
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel, John O'Keefe 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Rosemarie Smith 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Di Collins
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Doreen Mitchell, James McCutcheon

Rosters for next Week 10th & 11th May 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Doreen Mitchell 10.30am Maria Laudato, Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Chris Maine, Jan Maine 10.30am Mareena Peter
Welcomers	6.00pm Simone Pinzone 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Herb Zimmer

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Pope Francis and Jim Allen who passed away recently and Kay Conlin, Philip Barclay, Ray Luttick, Eric Pinzone, Palmirino Regini, Anthony Hynes, Hattie Zammit, Maurie Kirwan, Margaret Jones, Christine House, Emma Amati, Les Wishart, Charlie Broadfoot, Kath Kelly, Mick Nolan, James Wright, Kevin Reilly, Maria Taliana, Les Sharp, Nora Bloedorn, Charlie Axelson, Carmel Featherston, Laurel Bennett, Felice Lanzon, Carmela Darmanin, Jack Bevis, Allan Absalom, Anne Rogerson, Geoff Dooley, Winifred Graham, Rolly Butterworth, Alma Jenkins, Joseph Pace, Panusz Piahoviak, Lina Sharp, Rita Zahra, Carmen Stocks and Tom Verhoef, whose anniversaries are at this time.

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.*