

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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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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 15:1-2, 22-29

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING:

A reading from the book of Revelation. 21:10-14, 22-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:23-29

Jesus answered and said to him, “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.”

“I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name – he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you ‘I am going away and I will come back to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe.”



Tuesday 27th May	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. (Fr Greg celebrating Masses at Port Phillip Gaol). 7.00pm Meeting of the 4 parish reps and Parish Preists at Newport.
Wednesday 28th May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church
Thursday 29th May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 30th May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 1.00pm Funeral Prayers for Ray Horsey at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

While I am celebrating the Masses at **Spotswood and Newport**, we welcome their Parish Priest, **Fr Sam Kapani to celebrate our Masses** here in Williamstown this weekend. On another note, unfortunately, due to various circumstances there are very few priests available to celebrate the Masses at Port Phillip Gaol this year. Accordingly, until the Gaol gets closed this year, and prisoners transferred to a brand new prison, I will need to celebrate the Masses there at Port Phillip every 2-3 weeks instead of every 4 – 6 weeks as in the past.

Congratulations to our parishioners for their commitment to Project Compassion. \$4, 276.15 dollars 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.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PARISH:

We will work to a tight schedule on **next Sunday June 1st Annual General Meeting**. So parishioners , please be there when we start at 11:15am in the Church itself and finish within a few minutes of 12 noon. Remember those who sit on the fence will get splinters. Thus, next Sunday show your commitment to us – together we stand divided we fall – initiating a strategy for the year 2030 – for the next 5 years. We need you to stand with us as we strive to inculcate a:

Vision: of a thriving Catholic Community for the 21st century.

Values: put some of the following into action: Faith, Service, Respect, Collaboration and Accountability.

Purpose: among other things to be a Vibrant, Vital and Viable Catholic Community through authentic worship, gospel driven mission and inspired leadership guided by the Holy Spirit.

We await your presence, your ideas, your questioning as we try as a group to joyfully desire to share the gift of faith in Jesus, understanding each person is uniquely called and gifted, and able to embrace new opportunities for service. There will be a short but comprehensive financial report as well on the program.

PAPAL NAME:

Last week I wrote why I believed **Leo** was more than an appropriate Papal name giving the example of the greatest popes of the Church's history. Following Pope Francis, who chose a completely new name in Church history, Pope **Leo opted for a name steeped in tradition that also conveys an openness to engaging with the modern world**. The Pope's choice of name is a " direct recall of the social doctrine of the Church and of the pope that initiated the modern social doctrine of the Church, " Matteo Brunio, director Vatican press office told reporters after the election of the new pope. Pope Leo X111, who was pope from 1878- 1903, is known for publishing the encyclical letter **Rerum Novarum'** on worker's rights – considered the foundation document of the Church's social teaching. The document emphasised the dignity of workers and condemned the dangers of unchecked capitalism and socialism. Pope Leo X111 also opened the Vatican secret archives to scholars, founded the Vatican observatory to demonstrate the Church's openness to science and was the first pope to be filmed on a motion picture camera.

Tied to the new pope's first words to the faithful: "May peace be with you all," his namesake Pope Leo X111 was also a peacemaker who reconciled the Church with the governments of France, Russia, Germany and Great Britain during his pontificate.

Certain people get stuck on the fact that our new pope is American. Give us a break – it is more complicated than that! His mother was of Spanish descent and his father was of French and Italian descent. Also he has spent about two decades working in Peru and has Peruvian citizenship. In Peru he lived among the people, spoke their language, and shared their daily lives. This model of missionary discipleship, deeply grounded in presence and accompaniment, echoes the style of the Columban Fathers in the regions of Peru, such as Lima, Arequipa, and the coastal and mountainous communities where Columbans have served for decades. Pope Leo XIV's years as bishop in Chilayo involved similar priorities. He supported lay leadership, advocated for indigenous rights, and worked to strengthen local Church structures in a region often overlooked by both government and ecclesiastical authorities. **With his background he should be a missionary Pope for a missionary Church.** His election comes at a critical period for the Church. As societies grapple with climate change, migration crisis, and growing secularism, the Church is called to be a sign of hope and a beacon on justice.

Leo is among the most frequently taken names by a pope, with only Benedict, Gregory and John having been chosen more often. Of the 13 previous popes named Leo, five are canonised as saints.

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.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

If you have only been a new parishioner for a year or have made a come back to Church recently then please sign up at the back and join us at **11:30 onwards for a light lunch on Sunday June 15th** in the Parish Centre, next to the Church.

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

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.

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.

9 Newcastle St Newport, VIC 3015, Ph: (03) 9391 1201 Website: <https://www.stjosephs3015.com.au/>

Rosters for this Week 24th & 25th May 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Peter Kirwan 10.30am Di Collins, Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Himali Peter 10.30am Eilin Taylor
Welcomers	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Joe Covelli

Rosters for next Week 31st May and 1st of 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

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Ray Hornsby who passed away recently and Audrey Doherty, Maria Messina, Noreen Bagnell, Agnes Hogan, Peter Driscoll, Sr. Bernadette Heath rsj, Maria Kirkwood, Maurie Kirwan, Salvatrice Pecora, Leslie Cross, Joseph Cutajar, Malcolm McAuslan, Tess Mullens, Walter Small, Joseph Cantarella, Thomas Statton, Alice Giels, Neil Fitzpatrick, Russell Dixon, Arthur Leslie, David Wilson, Carmel Close, Patricia Dorgan, Kath Charles, Vera Anderson, Helena Nahas, Bernie Diamond, Anthony Herley, Baily Blake, John Steinthal, Elsie Winifred Martin whose anniversaries are at this time.

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