

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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. 5:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians. 4:6-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will last.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:33-43

“Hear another parable. There was a land owner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey.

When vintage time drew near, he

sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.’ They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?” They answered him, “He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times.” Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the scriptures:



**‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
by the Lord has this been done,
and it is wonderful in our eyes?’**

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit.”

Tuesday 6th October	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 7th October	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
Thursday 8th October	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 9th October	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

WEDDING VOWS:

For next weekend so far we have the following renewal of weddings and blessings on their future marriage:

- Saturday 6pm Mass – one for 10 years and one celebrating 30 years
- Sunday 8:30am Mass – one for 35 years and one for 60 years
- Sunday 10:30am Mass – one for 60 years.

Any other couple is welcome to join us but you need to put your details on one of the pads at the back of the Church in order that our Parish Office Manager/Secretary Monique can be in touch with you in regards the content of the small ceremony.

ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN :

The two main reasons I think it appropriate at this time to give some information on our parish bulletin of Fulton Sheen, are that he was so famous back 60 years and the not too surprising fact of his eventual beatification on September 24th as a saint of the Catholic Church.

Fulton Sheen was an American priest who served as the Bishop of Rochester from 1966 to 1969. He was known for his preaching, especially on television and radio. Ordained a priest in 1919, he became quickly known as a renowned theologian. He was appointed an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of New York in 1951.

For 20 years as “Father Sheen”, later monsignor, he hosted the night-time radio programme ‘*The Catholic Hour*’ on NBC before he moved to television and presented ‘*Life is Worth Living*’ (1952-1957). Sheen’s final presenting role was on the syndicated ‘*The Fulton Sheen Programme*’ (1961-1968) with a format that was very similar to the earlier ‘*Life is Worth Living*’ show. For that work, Sheen won an Emmy Award for Most Outstanding Television Personality and was featured on the cover of Time magazine.

PAPAL VISIT TO FRANCE:

Pope Leo XIV issued a firm call to conversion from sin and error in the Church when he spoke at Lourdes last Monday. He said that recognising our own faults is essential to our spiritual growth.

The Vatican confirmed that Pope Leo held a private meeting in Lourdes with seven victims of sexual abuse. After meeting with each victim, the Pope met with them together and thanked them “for their painful testimony.” Mr Delbo, 80, who was abused as a child while attending Notre-Dame de Betharram boarding school, said that despite having left the Church six decades ago, he was overwhelmed by emotion. “When he saw what state I was in, he took me in both arms,” Mr Delbos recalled . “ I never imagined it would be the Pope holding me. It as an extraordinary moment.”

Earlier in the morning, Pope Leo met with France’s bishops at the shrine, where he praised their courage in opposing the recent legislation of euthanasia and assisted suicide in the country.

I have been to Lourdes in 2019! Having just walked and completed one of the most famous pilgrimage routes in France, I caught the train to get to Nice station, in order to get a plane back to Australia from Nice International Airport. On the way the train stopped briefly at one station at the back of nowhere and I looked out the window and their was a platform sign ‘ Lourdes’. I could hardly believe it – so I have been to Lourdes!

CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

This weekend at the Sunday Masses only, a few members of the Catholic Development Fund will address us on some present happenings and future possibilities for the Fund – an invaluable help to the archdiocese and country diocese.

VOLUNTEERS AND MINISTRY:

I would like parishioners to consider filling some gaps or support needed in the following areas before a Ministry/ Volunteer brochure is put in two weeks time. The following are some of them: Sacristan assistant, Liturgy Team member, Music support, Wedding helper (assist set up/put away), Eucharistic visits to homes, Asylum Seeker & Refugee support, join Green Team, Pastoral Council, Working Bee Assistant Supervisor, General Maintenance person, Trimmer of church hedges etc etc . These brochures inviting help from new volunteers will be put out on the weekends of October 17th/18th . I believe several of you can come to the party. Please see if there is an area of ministry in which you can help.

GREEN TEAM NEWS:

Our Green Team Leader, Anthony Verhoef stated that we had a good result from the recycling tubs at the back of the church and thanked parishioners who brought in items for recycling especially for diverting the following items from landfill:

Blister packs 82, Batteries 94, Print cartridges 7, Light globes 6, CD'S 4. Phone 1.

FUTURE PURCHASES:

The 2027 popular Columban calendars is on back table for \$10.

In 3 weeks time I will put out the Advent & Christmas daily reflection booklets so that parishioners will have them ready for the 1st Sunday of Advent – November 29th. \$5 a booklet.

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



RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS October 10th and 11th at All Masses

If any couple would like a blessing and to renew their wedding vows, especially if celebrating a significant anniversary, you will be able to do this at all Masses on this

weekend. Please leave your name on the form at the back of the church or contact Monique (monique.julian@cam.org.au) or Fr Greg.

EVENING WITH PATRICIA LONG “Ecological Conversion”



Pat is involved in local community action transitioning to more conscious consumption, energy use and utilising local skills for a more resilient future in the face of climate change. She loves growing food and bush walking.

**OCTOBER 15TH 7:30 - 9:30PM AT:
ST JOSEPH'S BY THE SEA
16 ESPLANADE WILLIAMSTOWN**



COST: ENTRY BY DONATION ON THE NIGHT - ALL WELCOME & SUPPER PROVIDED
BOOKINGS AT: www.trybooking.com/DPWUV

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

Rosters for this Week 3rd & 4th October 2026

Counting Team 1	Robyn Jones, Paul Francis, Kimberley Jones
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Doreen Mitchell, William Mitchell 10.30am Maria Laudato, Maylene Clayton
Mass Readers	6.00pm YOUTH GROUP 8.30am Chris Maine, Jan Maine 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Chantel Castelino

Rosters for next Week 10th & 11th October 2026

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Karen Colla, Gerard Colla 10.30am Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Mareena Peter
Welcomers	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Jenny O'Sullivan 10.30am Di Collins

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, David Hume

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Allan Francis Rogers who passed away recently and Antonio Rigoni, Frank Guastalegname, Lido Fontanini, Anthony Zahra, Tagore Yenigenne, Nonie Ward, (Fr.) Bill O'Halloran, Michael Kennedy, Michael Darmanin, Joe Pinzone, Rosario De Bono, Brian Debenham, Mark Penfold, Sheila Maguire, Joan Hudson, Angela Teuma, Joseph Cogan, Maria Meloni, Mark Gerada, Michael Rogerson, Andrew Dory, Kathleen Anderson, Johanna Wilkinson, Andre Portelli, Mary Quinn, Ellen Maguire, Roger Dawson, Edna Gregory, Mary O'Keefe, Doris Gleeson, Florence Hamment, Luigi Vivone, Elizabeth Perram, Priscilla Dresser, Joseph Magdziara, John Meehan, Bernard Brown, Bianca Carwana, Rita Zahra, Paul and Lorenza Dimeck, Les Sharp, Franca Napoli, Willy Colton and Nicky Colton; whose anniversaries are at this time.



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