

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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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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Zechariah. 9:9-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. 8:9,11-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW: 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said in reply, "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father.



No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

Tuesday 7th July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 8th July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
Thursday 9th July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 10th July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

1st READING:

Not unlike the Old Testament book of Isaiah, the book of Zechariah has two authors centuries apart, and then the final editor puts together what he (or she) believes is what God means to be stated. Although there is turmoil in neighbouring nations this passage reveals that the Messianic King (Jesus) will enter Jerusalem on an animal of peace and humility. War will be no more; universal peace will be established. The reading brings back thoughts of Palm Sunday.

GOSPEL:

Jesus proclaims the cleverness and wisdom of the Father and he reminds all of us under any real stress to trust in Him. "Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest."

WINTER APPEAL:

Financial Winter Appeal for St Vincent de Paul will take place this weekend.

CHANGE OF PULPITS

In 2 weeks time the Parish Priest of St Joseph's (Newport/Spotswood), Fr Samuel will swap pulpits with me just for that weekend only. After the 10:00am Newport Mass, the 19th July, I will be preceding down to Williamstown Beach as (unless sickness gets to me!) I will be celebrating the fact that I have not missed a Sunday swim in Australia since the 2nd Sunday of November 1994. I tried to form a habit at the time of 10 Sunday swims. I think I have formed that habit by now! It will be 1600 Sundays without missing one when in Australia. When Overseas on Sabbatical Leave in 2003, 2010, and 2019 I never counted any Sunday swims overseas. When I arrived back in Australia I continued my Australian streak but I have never been a streaker!! Anyone is welcoming to swim with me or be present with your family on Sunday July 19th at midday just in front of Williamstown Swimming and Life Saving Club. The beach kiosk will be open on that day for the celebrations.

MOVEMENT TOWARDS SCHISM OF FORMER ARCHBISHOP :

Every Pope walks on a tightrope or eggshells! If he adapts too quickly to a more modern world, he faces the chance of a split or what we know as schism within the Catholic Church. If he or the leaders of the Church such as the Bishops or Cardinals go too slowly in facilitating not changes of doctrine, but lack of strategies for a more modern world then thousands potentially leave the Church. On the former side we have an incredibly conservative former French Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre. He was a big opponent against the reforms of the Vatican Council in the 1960's even though a huge percentage of bishops voted for them! Archbishop Lefebvre left himself on a limb of his own when he was against ecumenical dialogue with any of the other Christian Churches. He somehow obtained permission to establish a priestly society (the Society of Saint Pius X) in the diocese of Lausanne, Geneva, and Switzerland became a SSPX stronghold. In 1975 the new bishop of Lausanne withdrew the society's authorisation in 1975 as the SSPX movement was far too conservative for his liking. Then not long after the SSPX positioned itself in direct opposition to Rome where it was half heading anyway. This was notably illustrated in 1977 when members forcibly took over the Parisian parish of Saint Nicolas -du- Chardonnet. The Vatican has had great difficulty dealing with the SSPX for several decades now. Consequently, even after toing and throwing, on Wednesday July 1, the Society of Saint Pius X was scheduled to ordain several bishops without the approval of the Holy See. From its 1970 founding in Switzerland, the SSPX has maintained an international dimension, even though its core has historically been French and Swiss. How it will go in the long run no one knows but I don't think always celebrating the Latin Mass is going to bring in large crowds of young people to their Churches! They may still have black and white TV's in their presbyteries rather than colour Television. So, I expect they will die away eventually probably in several decades time. I don't mind that as I think Church movements to the far right or to the far left are equally dangerous. I won't be joining either!!

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY TODAY

The Church in Australia is enriched by the cultures, spirituality, and presence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. You would have noticed the beautiful artwork near our main organ – it was painted by the former leading Catholic aboriginal head of aboriginal affairs for the Melbourne Archdiocese, Vicki Walker – a significant and courageous Aboriginal elder and leader for many years in our Melbourne archdiocese.

COLLECTIONS IN FUTURE:

- JULY 25TH & 26TH This will be for the three seminarians we sponsor for priesthood at the East Timor Seminary.
- AUGUST 15TH & 16TH This will be for the Archbishop's Campaign to restore St Patrick's Cathedral and to promote some other causes.

BIRTHDAY: Somehow many people learned of my birthday last Monday (79) and I was more than surprised by the number of cards and even more so by the wonderful presents. I certainly never expected so many lovely gifts intended for my new home of the future. Much appreciative.

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

Adult Faith Formation Series

Join St James Parish, Hoppers Crossing North for two engaging and thought-provoking evenings! Whether you are a lifelong Christian, someone seeking answers, or simply curious about the relationship between faith and contemporary issues, these sessions will provide an opportunity to learn, reflect and discuss.

Can a Scientist Believe in God?

Wednesday 8th July, 7pm-9pm at St James Church, 336 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing

This session will explore the so-called "conflict myth" between science and Christianity and examine how many scientists throughout history—and today—have understood scientific discovery and religious faith as complementary rather than contradictory.

Artificial Intelligence & Transhumanism: A Christian Response

Wednesday 15th July, 7pm-9pm at St James Church, 336 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing

Artificial Intelligence is rapidly changing our world. At the same time, movements such as Transhumanism envision a future where technology enhances, modifies, and perhaps even surpasses human capabilities.

What do these developments mean for Christians?

To help us prepare for these sessions, kindly register your attendance using this QR Code.

We look forward to seeing you!



Caritas Australia — Venezuela earthquake appeal

On the evening of 24 June 2026, two major earthquakes, measuring 7.2 and 7.5, struck northern Venezuela within minutes of each other.

The impact was felt across the capital, Caracas, and throughout central and coastal regions. Buildings, homes and infrastructure have collapsed and been severely damaged, and there has been widespread disruption to essential services.

Rescue efforts are slow, hampered by damaged infrastructure and limited resources. So far 1,700 people are confirmed dead, with tens of thousands still missing.

Funds raised through the appeal will support Caritas Venezuela's emergency response and recovery efforts delivered in partnership with local communities and the Church. Please donate to:

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/venezuela-earthquake/venezuela-earthquake/>

Rosters for this Week 4th & 5th July 2026

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Marisa Foroni, Elaine Garner 10.30am Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Chris Main, Jan Maine 10.30am Olga Reginato
Welcomers	6.00pm Simone Pinzone 8.30am Teofila Hunt 10.30am Joe Covelli

Rosters for next Week 11th & 12th July 2026

Counting Team 3	Ian Veal, Frances Moloney, Susan Jamieson, Larry Rigoni
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Doreen Mitchell, William Mitchell 10.30am Maria Laudato, Lui Sammartino
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Chantel Castelino

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, David Hume, Finn Pennisi, Guiseppina Caputo

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Valentina Matthews, Mick Coolahan, Anna Scotto Mary Dalton, Bruno Zorko, Maria D'Angelo, Guiseppe Cini, Muriel Kelly, Francis Costoloe, Antonio Sagona, Jesse Ochenden, Nicola Nardo, Roman Kin Senior (NZ), Ercole Taliana, Jim Charles, Kevin Tweedly, Helen Nahas, Emmanuel Darmanin, Edwin Poliness, Joe Pecora, Eileen Cooney, Christopher Cooney, Eddy Welsh, Rene Hynes, Rolfe Erdman, Martin Woods, Bill Stone, Giovanna Scolaro, Nancy Sexton, Deano Cosma, Jack Lauder, Lloyd Croall, Jerome Creaney, Concetta Lo Piccolo, Alf Swallows, Mary Hyland, Michal Camilleri, Des Laurie, Clare Ryan, Aristeia Sagona, Michael Daly, Geoffrey Reid, Paul Dargo, Mona Ellis, Catherine Torrisi, Rachel Mangan, George Ulmer, Edna Kelly, Jack Richardson, Sonja Hodell, Fr. Bozo Zovko, Richard Bunting, Anthony Caccamo, Ted Hill, Domenic Edes, Salvatrice Pecora and Margaret Campitelli; whose anniversaries are at this time.

