

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

9th August, 2026



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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

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the first book of Kings 19.9, 11-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING:

The letter of Paul to the Romans 9.1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 14.22-33

Then he made the disciples get into the boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few

miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid. Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water towards Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."



Tuesday 11th August	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church .
Wednesday 12th August	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
Thursday 13th August	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.
Friday 14th August	9:15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church
Saturday 15th August	9.15am FEAST OF ASSUMPTION Mass at St Mary's Church 6.00pm Mass at St Mary's Church. 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

WAY OF THE WEST COLLECTION OF ITEMS:

Thanks to the many who have brought "TINNED FOOD" items for our second collection week. Next weekend it is a collection of what we term "Toiletries" – Shampoo, soap, toothpastes, sanitary products, shaving items. We do this in union with our Primary School which means we receive a really big collection of items from both parties to make something even more helpful. Thanks again.

COLLECTION FOR TIMOR LESTE SEMINARIANS:

This week the Parish Priest of Altona will take the combined collections of Altona and Williamstown to present to the Rector of the seminary in Dili, Timor Leste. This will be on our part a great help to the three seminarians who are directly helped by us. I don't know what is going to happen next year. I presume even in retirement from being Parish Priest of Altona(Oct 11th 2026) Fr Michael Kalka will be the main organiser again as he has known the overall situation there much more than any other priest.

MELBOURNE SYNOD:

THE THREE MAIN FOCUSSES OF MELBOURNE SYNOD:

The archbishop chose 3 main concerns for the Archdiocese in the Synod in December which will have many lay representatives besides the bishops, priests and religious. We pray for their deliberations which will centre on these main themes chosen by our Archbishop:

Formation, Missionary Leadership, Young Discipleship.

As from the pre-Synod notes last week it stated:

- True discipleship rests on three essential pillars:
- Encounter: meeting Jesus personally.
- Engage: a commitment to growing more deeply in faith.
- Embark: a commitment to living a life of mission.
- Also, as I stated last week I would pursue this much further the following week, also being mentioned in the pre Synod notes especially concerning the area of Youth Discipleship:

ENCOUNTER THE FOUNDATION OF DISCIPLESHIP

Encounter is the moment, or series of moments, in which a person becomes aware that God is real, present and personally involved in their life. It is the discovery of being known and loved by Christ, and the awakening of desire to respond to that love. Often, this begins quietly – through the witness of others, through a sense of belonging or through moments of reflection and openness. It is nurtured in environments where trust, authenticity and genuine relationships are present.....At its heart, encounter reveals that Jesus is not a figure of the past but one who is alive and active today. When this happens, faith shifts from abstract belief to lived experience – it becomes personal and transformative.

Much of the above is directed to Youth Discipleship but its truths also have many of the same aspects for adults. In regard to youth maturity and opportunities for growth we need at times to look back and see those opportunities that helped one to not only know Christ but to be a much more formed person. My experience is different from most of you but we may have some similar elements. For example, I first went along to the Strathmore Parish CYMS gathering of teenagers and young adults on a Friday night. Besides playing cricket with that CYMS group including the future archbishop of Brisbane, I also played cricket and met with similar YCW members when my parents shifted into the Mentone area. When I first started work, I was encouraged to come along to my Old Boys group which was looking every Thursday into the documents of Vatican 11. That was a wonderful opportunity to learn from slightly older and more mature young men. Again, I found a wonderful group of early twenties young men and women meeting at 163 Drummond Street Carlton under the guidance of a diocesan psychologist priest every Monday night. To meet more girls, I occasionally went to St Francis in the city with the Eymard Society. Meetings with young men and young women of similar faith helped my own formation to be a more mature person. Luckily for our young people mainly in the 15 – 19 age group we have a wonderful formation group which meets every 1st Saturday of the month here in our Parish Centre. Luckily we have excellent lay leadership. I get the pizzas – I know my place!

As it states in the pre Synod documentation aimed more at the Youth Discipleship area ‘an experience of encounter with Jesus can be difficult to understand, and accompaniment is essential. Through accompaniment, young people can come to see how this encounter shapes their identity and story.

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

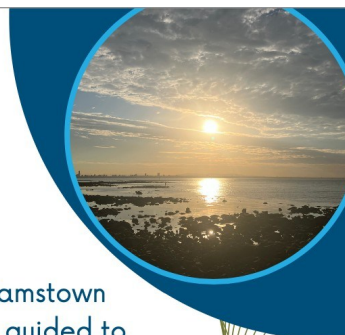
SAFEGUARDING - 'Safeguarding Essentials' group training session

Parish volunteers who have not yet undertaken the Safeguarding Essentials training module are requested to attend a group session on Thursday 20 August from 10:30 am - 12:00 noon in the Parish Centre. A PowerPoint version of the on-line training will be presented by Hailey Elkington (Safeguarding Officer, Western Region) and will include discussions.

The purpose of this mandatory training module is to provide simplified and streamlined information for all Church personnel in relation to safeguarding children, young people and adults at risk from abuse and harm. Frank Schobben will confirm volunteer attendance and arrange alternatives for those unable to attend on 20 August.

ST MARY'S PRAYER

Nature Walk



PRESENT TO GOD IN NATURE: Walk through the beauty of Williamstown Esplanade and connect to faith. Lead by Anne Slingo you will be guided to reflect upon the nature that surrounds us and connects us to God.

**SEPTEMBER 12TH MEETING AT 10:15AM AT:
ST JOSEPH'S BY THE SEA 16 ESPLANADE WILLIAMSTOWN**

COST: Suggested donation amount
\$15 or what you can afford

BOOKINGS AT:

www.trybooking.com/DOOQN



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

Rosters for this Week 8th & 9th August 2026

Counting Team 1	Robyn Jones, Paul Francis, Kimberley Jones
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Peter Kirwan, Marisa Foroni 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Eilin Taylor
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Chantel Castelino

Rosters for next Week 15th & 16th August 2026

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Elaine Garner 10.30am Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Himali Peter 10.30am Joe Covelli
Welcomers	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Teofila Hunt 10.30am Di Collins

IN OUR PRAYERS

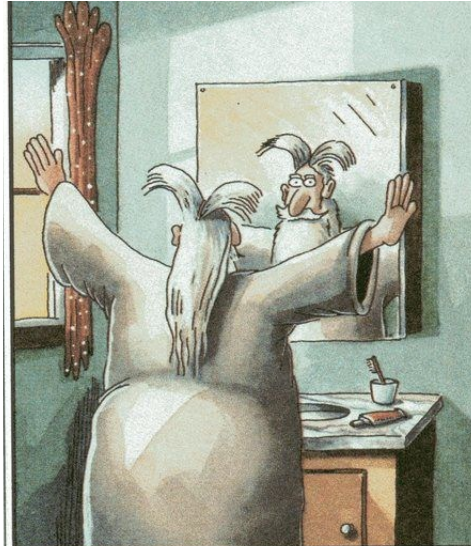
We pray for Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, David Hume, Finn Pennisi, Guiseppina Caputo

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Ines Mandato, John Martin, Danuta Kurkowski, Sue La Fontaine, Bernard Ryan, Anna Cutroni, Patrick Ryan, Antonia Kucich, Leo and Rachel Mangan, Ralph McMenomy, Marie McAloon, Margherita Cini, Ignatius Ostojich, Romaine Augustin, Trish O'Driscoll, Giovanni Del Grosso, Pasqualina Pazzi, William John Dooley, Mary Elaine Hyland, Gina D'Angelo, Greta Ryan, Edward Charewicz, Gabrielle Mills, Gerry Franken, Frances Hussey, Peter Power, Josie Gilligan, Patrick McGlade, Raymond Pearce, Mary Conway, Mary Blenheim, Lillian Connors, Paul Bracken, Alice Kelly, Aurelio Sagona, Warwick Smith, John Leonard, Benito, Felicidad, Clotilde Lagahit, John Robert William Richardson, whose anniversaries are at this time.



Impolite as they were, the other bears could never help staring at Larry's enormous deer gut.



Moses parting his hair