

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. 55:10-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Your word, O Lord, brings forth life.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. 8:18-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:1-23

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore.



And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It



sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Tuesday 14th July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 15th July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
Thursday 16th July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 17th July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7.00pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at the presbytery

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

WINTER APPEAL:

Thanks for your help to the Winter Appeal for St Vincent de Paul last weekend. Parishioners should be proud of the \$1,805 collected at Mass and given to our local conference of the Society during this week. If you feel the Lord is calling you to be a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society don't hesitate to inform me or other members of the Society. Thanks in anticipation. They really do the help of good people. You just need common sense and others will work alongside you.

CHANGE OF PULPITS

Next weekend the Parish Priest of St Joseph's (Newport/ Spotswood), Fr Samuel will swap pulpits with me just for the weekend only. After the 10:00am Newport Mass I celebrate on that day 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. 1600 consecutive Australian Sunday swims. When Overseas on Sabbatical Leave in 2003, 2010, and 2019 I never counted or took note of any Sunday swims overseas. When I arrived back in Australia, I continued my Australian streak but I have never been a streaker!! Anyone is welcome 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. Over 30 years of swimming is mainly through the grace of God helping me to keep fit and healthy.

EXCOMMUNICATION OF NEW BISHOPS:

Although warned by the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith not to consecrate four new bishops through the agency of the ultra-traditionalist Society of Saint Pius X (SSPX), it still went ahead just over a week ago. I informed parishioners last week of this not unlikely scenario. If you make your bed you sleep in it as the old saying goes. It seems that this is the final straw for the Vatican and after years of tolerance the Holy See has given its verdict. There was no papal approval of the new bishop consecrations, and it acted in defiance of repeated warnings from senior Vatican officials and even the Pope himself. The decree stated that those excommunications of those 4 supposedly new bishops are "reserved to the Apostolic See", meaning only the Pope can lift the penalty. The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith decree declared that the bishops involved in the illicit consecrations are excommunicated, while an attached explanatory note stated that those clerics and faithful who "formally adhere" to the Society of Saint Pius X schism have likewise incurred excommunication. In a letter published two days before the consecrations, Pope Leo XIV had warned the SSPX leadership that the illicit consecrations would have that consequence.

The SSPX was a society founded in 1970 by the controversial French bishop Marcel Lefebvre who opposed the logical liberal reforms imposed by the Vatican Council in the 1960's. The excommunication of certain members of the SSPX has been a long time coming but tolerating this ultra conservative group any longer and giving them space to air their views as truly Catholic was only going to do more harm than good in the long run. Long live the Pope and not the SSPX!

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.

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. The second of these sessions is on this Wednesday.

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 this session, 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/>

ASK MARY QUESTION OR REQUEST BOX

With the 'Ask Mary' box at back of Church the Parish Council has looked at all questions, insights or comments. Some we have acted on and some just did not seem suitable for our situation in this Parish. Please do keep putting in things that will help us all to move forward in some way or other.

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

The St Mary's Parish has been present at most of the important milestones in your life: your Baptism, your 1st Eucharist, at times of great celebration and at times of great sadness. By leaving a gift to your parish in your Will, you will leave a legacy of faith, a legacy to help ensure that the mission and pastoral outreach that has been important to you will continue both for today's needs and for those of our children, our grandchildren and beyond.

VIETNAM'S FIRST BEATIFICATION CEREMONY ATTRACTS 70,000 PEOPLE!!

About 70,000 Vietnamese people, including Catholics and people from other faiths, witnessed the beatification ceremony for Francis Xavier Truong Buu Diep, a Catholic priest martyred for this faith 80 years ago.

The event sparked enthusiasm among Catholics, forcing the authorities to close the national highway running through the pilgrimage centre to accommodate the crowds.

Rosters for this Week 11th & 12th July 2026

Counting Team 3	Ian Veal, Frances Moloney, Susan Jamieson, Larry Rigoni
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Josie Penna 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

Rosters for next Week 18th & 19th July 2026

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Karen Colla, Gerard Colla 10.30am Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Cecilia Balson
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, Finn Pennisi, Guiseppina Caputo

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Rosa Vitale, Fr. Austin Cooper OMI, Lucrezia Debono, Joseph Falzon, David Kelly, Maria D'Angelo, Dean Maher, Patrizia McBride-Sagona, Elliott Willets, Patricia Woodruff, Rita Zahra, Bob Dye, Verna Routley, Vera McAuslan, Carmelo Mangion, Dave Meehan, Monsignor Pietro Sambi, Thomas Nolan, Vince Ganley, Melanie Wrekmeister, Lou Riley, Patrick Geddes, Mary Magee, Sammy Guerzon, Mary Mew, Frank Moloney, Evelyn Cuffe, Domenico Acquaro, Harry Forecast, Nick Kurkowski, Mary Reifschneider, Gerard Finn, Giovanni Dudine, John Pepper, Kath Eddy, John Hilton O'Keefe, Antonio Morelli, Pietro Sokolic, Ada Major, Lesley Dobbyn, Nancy Helmore, Tom Hewitt, Carrie Thompson, Angelina, Natalino and Michael Meilak, Blondina and Lawrence Sammut, Luciana Rigoni, Ida Rigoni, Nadala Sokolic, Dumica Zuklic, Stefano Zuklic, Concetta and Giuseppe Camilleri, Laurie Sammut, Brian Begley and Joan Spiteri; whose anniversaries are at this time.

**I found \$20 in a
parking lot and
thought to myself,
What Would Jesus
Do?**

**So, I turned it into
wine.**

