

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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Sirach 27:30-28:7.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

SECOND READING:

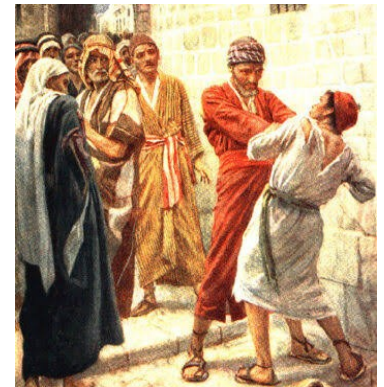
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. 14:7-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 18:21-35

Then Peter approaching asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him. 'Be patient with me and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had him put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart."



Tuesday 15th September	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 16th September	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
Thursday 17th September	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 18th September	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

MORE NEW BIBLES PURCHASED:

The new \$40 fancier bibles sold out like hot cakes last week. I have had to purchase 15 more and the courier should bring them before this weekend. The normal \$20 one which is a very good bible as well will be on sale again all this weekend.

By the way most of the New Testament of the bible was originally written in Greek. As Latin a few centuries later became the more normal language of the common people, we are indebted to it being translated into Latin. It is worth considering what occurred as a 4th century scholar made this new translation possible.

For centuries the Church has remained indebted to Saint Jerome, the 4th century scholar whose translation work made it possible for the treasures of the Bible to be opened more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of Gods' Word.

From a young age, Jerome (347-420) was immersed in the study of literature and languages. Not long after his baptism in 366, he placed his significant linguistic and literary talents at the service of the Word of God. The fruit of his long years of study was the collection of original and revised Latin translations known as the Vulgate, which became the official Latin text of Holy Scripture.

"Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ." These words attributed to St Jerome direct our gaze to Jesus Christ, who stands at the heart of Sacred Scripture. As former Pope Benedict XV1 stated: "We must not read Sacred Scripture as a word of the past, but as the Word of God that it is also addressed to us."

THE CRISP PROJECT & THE WAY OF THE WEST:

As you might know from last week that our parish group 'Way of the West' consists of community members who work together to support refugee families as they settle into life in the Western suburbs. Fatuously our generous Way of the West group offered in 2023 to be part of the CRISP Project (Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot). Our parishioners have helped us financially to get this going and we have already helped not only a refugee family from Syria to establish themselves in the Western suburbs but also in 2025 the group assisted another refugee family from South Sudan. Nevertheless, it is important we get just another couple of volunteers to be part of this group which has much expertise but more hands make lighter work for everyone else. Please consider this important humanitarian work and be in touch with either Gerrard Colla 0416 141 772 or Chris Longman on 0411 483 571 for further information.

THE SWAG:

The Swag winter edition has finally arrived. You are welcome to take one on the back table. The new editor is finding his feet! Accordingly, this edition is a little below average in content but still some worthwhile articles and knowledge in it. When reading I would like to point you to the following:

- Page 4 - the second half of page 4 details the importance of Pope Leo X1V first encyclical letter 'Magnifica Humanitas' on May 15. It addresses one of the most pressing issues of our era: the ethical and human implications of artificial intelligence (AI).
- Page 21 – The significance of our former Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical letter *Laudato Si* on caring for our common home. The Columban priests have been outstanding in the past in promulgating actions to address this climate crisis agenda. 6 simple (and not so simple!) actions are suggested by the Columban's to bring about practical change.
- Page 33-35 Two more obituaries. My next-door neighbour as a parish priest in the Geelong area was Fr Peter Foley. Although we did not agree on everything and occasionally butted heads, he was a very good and effective pastor. No less exceptional was Bishop Pat Power. I believe this Canberra man and outstanding human being was one of our best bishops over the last several decades. I feel privileged to have met him at the National Council of Priests Conferences and spoken to him.

I would not just call them 'temple zealots' as some may rightly do so, but I would imagine Jesus would call them 'pharisees' who through ignorance, stupidity or downright evil managed to twenty years ago have Rome dismiss that wonderfully pastoral Australian bishop Bill Morris, and also at times attack men of the calibre of Bishop Patrick Power.

THE DISMISSAL OF BILL MORRIS:

You can read this on page 9-11 and pages 29-31. The dismissal of bishop Bill Morris would never have happened under Pope Francis or Pope Leo. The Vatican representatives received the wrong information on bishop Bill Morris from those so called "temple police" and pharisaical types and refused to be open to the truth regarding a very fine and very well loved pastor. Common sense should have taught the Vatican reps otherwise if they had spent more time on the case. As the article on page 9 states, bishop Bill was denied natural justice and the Toowoomba diocese suffered because of this.

On page 10-11 we have that fine legal mind (son of the former High Court chief justice) and wonderful Jesuit priest, Fr Frank Brennan launching bishop Bill Morris' book regarding the background to his dismissal and the real tragedy of it all.

Page 29 -31 gives us further and thought-provoking words regarding the removal of bishop Bill Morris as an Australian bishop. Read it and weep at the injustice of it all. Thankfully this will never happen again in our life times.

The annual Australian Catholic Bishops Conference in May is a long three or four day conference and many good and wise decisions are made. Some of the happenings are given on pages 5-9 – nothing over exciting on that front though!

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

Safeguarding Sunday, 13 September 2026

Today is Safeguarding Sunday in the Dioceses of Australia. It is a day to pray for all who have experienced abuse or harm, to support their healing, and to renew our commitment to creating communities where every person is welcomed, respected and safe.

In the Gospels, Jesus shows particular care for those who are vulnerable and calls his disciples to do the same. Safeguarding is not simply a policy or procedure; it is a Gospel responsibility that reflects the dignity of every person and our shared commitment to love one another as Christ has loved us.

As we celebrate today, let us pray for all who continue to journey towards healing, give thanks for those who serve in safeguarding ministry, and recommit ourselves to building parish communities where trust, compassion and care are evident in all we do.

SEASON OF CREATION

To mark Season of Creation, the Green Team will leave recycling tubs in the church this weekend and next weekend 19th & 20th September. Suitable items are those that cannot be put in yellow recycling bins; outdated mobile phones, batteries, empty packaging for medication, light globes. No large items please.



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.

Rosters for this Week 12th & 13th September 2026

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Eilin Taylor, Yoshua Yii 10.30am Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Olga Reginato
Welcomers	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Herb Zimmer

Rosters for next Week 19th & 20th September 2026

Counting Team 4	Leanne Spiteri, Greg Morgan, Herb Zimmer, Steven Sagona, Eugene Yii
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maryanne Clayton 8.30am Peter Kirwan, Stephen Littleton 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Jenny O'Sullivan 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Mary Frisby 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 Sr. Helen Reed who passed away recently and Assunta Delgrosso, Patrick Augustin Josephine Zahra, Peter Wenzel, Frank Hornby, Colleen Littleton, Catherine "Mum" Willmott, Paul Falzon, Franca Azzaro, Concetta Azzaro, Maria Lorient, Romaine Augustin, Brian Campbell, Luciana Rigoni, Neil Dalton, Jack Oman, Giuseppe Sokolic, Pat Tuck, Sonia Schilich, Roland Zammit, Felice Falzon, Nicky Colton, Damien Grafen, Salvatrice Basso, Francesca King, Frank Cuffe, George Zammit, Rose O'Brien, Eileen Bull, Peg Dooley, Mary Wiltshire, Tony Dixon, Suzy Pomazan, Caterina Borghese, Tom Magee, Bridie O'Loughlin, Marie Morris, Rita Di Leonardo, Tim Forbes, Wendy Gosser, Olive Walsh, Connie Zammit, Catherine Elder, Wally Clarke, Maureen Tamlyn-Kelly, Michael O'Keefe, Peter McCutcheon, Peter Casey, David Casey and Jane Zahra; whose anniversaries are at this time.

GRAND FINAL WEEKEND MASS CHANGE OF TIME 7.00PM

So everyone can enjoy the post match celebrations of the AFL Grand Final on **Saturday, 26th September**, we are moving Mass back by an hour to 7.00pm.
It is for this weekend only.