

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*

16th August, 2026



116 Cecil Street, Williamstown 3016

Telephone: 9397 6066

Email: williamstown@cam.org.au

www.melbcatholic.org/s/williamstown

Parish Priest

(Fr.) Greg Trythall

0400 524 363

Email:

greg.trythall@cam.org.au

Parish Office Staff

Pastoral Associate & Parish Secretary

Monique Julian

9397 6066

Tuesday 9:00am – 3.00pm

Thursday 9:00am – 3.00pm

Friday 9:00am – 2.00pm
0450 789 951

Wednesday Parish Secretary

Kylie Skinner

9:30am–1:30pm

Safeguarding Officer

Frank Schobben

0427 416 184

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah 56.1, 6-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 11.13-15, 29-32

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW: 15.21-28

Then Jesus went from that place and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon."

But he did not say a word in answer to her. His disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did him homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that hour.



Tuesday 18 August	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church . 11: 00am Communion Service at 'the Village' (Fr Greg)
Wednesday 19th August	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church. 7.00pm Parish Finance Team at the Presbytery.
Thursday 20th August	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 21st August	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

WAY OF THE WEST COLLECTION OF ITEMS:

Things are going along very well. Thanks to the many who have brought "Toiletries" items for our second collection week. Next weekend it is our last collection of what we term **"OTHER HOUSEHOLD GOODS"** – Dishwashing detergent, laundry liquid and powder, household cleaning products, nappies (all sizes), wipes, Gift Cards (Kmart, Big W, Coles, Target) Asian sauces – soy sauce, chilli sauce, fish sauce, oyster sauce.

COLLECTION FOR TIMOR LESTE SEMINARIANS:

Last Wednesday Fr Michael Kalka took the monetary gift for three of the poorer seminarians that his parish sponsor and I handed him three envelopes containing \$700 US dollars each for our three seminarians at the Dili seminary to help them through the year.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES – POPE SENDS MESSAGE

Pope Leo XIV has sent a message to Catholic Social Services Australia, marking the organisation's 70th anniversary. This acknowledgment from the Pope underscores CSSA's enduring witness to the Gospel and its vital contribution to Australian society over seven decades.

NEW PARISHIONERS LUNCHEON:

Please note new parishioners of the Parish over the last 18 months we always have a new parishioner's luncheon. You are welcome to join myself and our Parish Council members at a luncheon immediately *after 10:30am Mass on Sunday September 13th at the Parish Centre – next to Church.*

BAKE AND MAKE AVAILABLE!

On Sunday morning tea after the 8:30am Mass there is a small roster going for 3 Sundays in a row. It would be good if we had another two families who would bake and make available some more cake type food on an extended roster. If able to help please contact Ivonne Cram on 0400005937

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.

This week I would like to centre on Formation and Participation.

Understanding Formation

In the Catholic tradition, *formation* is the ongoing, transformative process of shaping a person to live as a disciple of Christ. Grounded in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit, it involves theological reflection, dialogue and discernment.

Formation is life lifelong. It integrates belief, practice and attitude, helping individuals grow in their relationship with God and live out their faith at every stage of their life. As such, formation is never complete; God continually shapes each person throughout their life.

At its heart, formation enables all people to participate more fully in the life and mission of the Church. Formation in faith shapes the heart and mind for the work of evangelisation, the sharing of the Good News about Jesus Christ and inviting others to respond to this message of faith.

Formation flows from Baptism

Formation is grounded in baptism and in the dignity and vocation of all the People of God. Through baptism, all – lay, ordained, religious – are called to:

Discipleship: a lifelong journey of following Christ, deepening knowledge of him and leading others to him.

Co-responsibility: shared responsibility for the Church's life, mission and witness

Missionary engagement: active participation in God's mission in the world.

Formation nurtures this calling by fostering conversion of heart, maturity of faith and the capacity to interpret the signs of the times in light of the Gospel. As faith deepens, participation in the life of the Church naturally grows.

FORMATION IS PARTICIPATORY, RELATIONAL AND MISSIONARY

Formation in a synodal church is:

Participatory – engaging all the baptised as active contributors

Relational – formed through community, accompaniment and shared experience

Missionary – directed outward in service, witness and evangelisation

ANNUAL CLERGY CONFERENCE AT CAPE SCHANK

While I have typed the above, I know much of it is on a head level, not always the practical details. Accordingly, from my experience with the Clergy of the archdiocese during week of August 10th – 14th, as we are going to tease out those three main aspects of the future Melbourne Synod, I hope to look at the following:

- Where do people in our Parish experience growth in faith and discipleship
- What prevents some people from participating more fully in the life and mission of the Church?
- Which groups might be needing further formation ?
- What three priorities could the archdiocese seek to implement to strengthen formation and participation in the near future ?

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

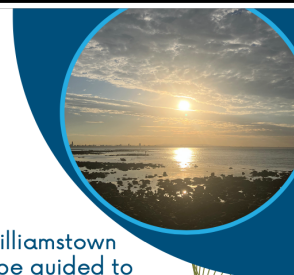
SAFEGUARDING - 'Safeguarding Essentials' group training session

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 10:15AM-12:00PM MEETING AT:
ST JOSEPH'S BY THE SEA 16 ESPLANADE WILLIAMSTOWN**

PROVISION TO BE SEATED WILL BE MADE FOR THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY

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 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

Rosters for next Week 22nd & 23rd August 2026

Counting Team 2	David Jamieson, Marguerite Buckley, Bob Paz, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Doreen Mitchell, William Mitchell 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Chris Maine, Jan Maine 10.30am Cindy Kotevski, Charlize Kotevski
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Herb Zimmer

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Mario Kalafatis, Nell Morley, Helen Nicholson, Antonia Kucich, Prisca Reddy, Augustinho Fernandes, Bev Curtis, Dalia Lucia, Angiolina Saragozza, Stella De Luca, Anna Dubiel, Vito Massaro, Pat Brannick, Edith Lovell, Marjory Renton, Gerry Franken, Len Roper, Norm Quale, Ron Grima, Dean Ballantyne, Catrina McInney, Clare Oliver, Kay Hollo, Dorothea Albinson, Lillian Connors, Joan English, Aileen Sandri, Victor Pezzani, Neddy Dawson, Ray Bryan, Anna Spence, Pasquale Fabbro, Herbie Cole, Leo Rogan, Anna Matson, Nellie Heaps, Kath Jones, Kath Dowling, Fay Forbes, Bill Brydon, Patrick Wilkinson, Michael Tuck, Lawrence Meehan, Edna Ross, Anne Smith, Rose Ashkar, David Templeton, Wilma Ulmer, Albert Kennedy, Kerrie Knot, Mary Emilie Meerwald, Aurelio Sagona, Warwick Smith, Paolo Pecora, Salvatrice Pecora, Aristea Sagona, Antonio Sagona, Salvatore Sagona, Berta Geremia, Patricia McBride, Annie Costa, Natalino Mifsud, Anthony Sammut, Joseph Sammut, Elena and Anthony Banavage, Maria and Lucio Falzon, Teresa and Giuseppe Sciciereff, Lawrence Galea, Olga Cutajar, Joseph Cutajar, Cristina Santucci, Blondina and Lorenzo Sammut; whose anniversaries are at this time.

