

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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Kylie Skinner

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

ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: 1.1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

God mounts the throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians 1.17-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him they worshipped but doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them. 'All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold that I am with you always; until the very end of the age.'



Tuesday 19th May	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. 11:00am Funeral Mass for Vic (Jay) Formoso
Wednesday 20th May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
Thursday 21st May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 22nd May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7.00pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at presbytery.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PARISH:

Following on from last year's successful annual general meeting we hope to have as many parishioners as possible to our **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY MAY 31ST** at 11:30am – 12:15pm in St Mary's Church – straight after 10:30am Mass – all parishioners' welcome. Our Annual General Meeting will provide parishioners with updates on activities, financial reports, and strategic planning from 2025/2026.

VOLUNTEERS – Thank you for a Year of Service

During Volunteer Week we would like to acknowledge all our wonderful volunteers. Over the past twelve months, our parish has been blessed by the generous hearts and steady hands of our volunteers. Your willingness to show up, serve, and care for our community has strengthened our parish family in ways seen and unseen. Whether you offered time, talent, or quiet acts of kindness, please know how deeply grateful we are. Thank you for embodying the spirit of service that keeps our parish vibrant and welcoming.

From Fr Greg and the Parish Pastoral Council .

PARISH COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS:

There are some many things that have crossed our desk as a Parish Council that it is hard to keep up, but in order of timeline over the last two months the following have been discussed in some way or other:

- **SAFEGUARDING:** Frank Schobben continued to inform us of the standards we need to follow as a parish. These were given in an appropriate detail. I relayed also from our priest quarterly general meetings with the Archbishop that 25 parishes and 12 agencies of our archdiocese were audited recently. A good percentage of the 39 parishes or agencies were shown to be proficient in safeguarding while 9 were shown to be still developing. The audit showed mainly the strengths of the parishes or agencies in this area and one particular weakness was highlighted and that was not enough sufficient engagement with vulnerable people such as with physical or mental disabilities.
- **MARY CARE UPDATES:** There was another successful 1st Friday Mass and Luncheon on May 1st. Communion services are being held at Wintringham and "The Village," and Communion is also being taken to several elderly or unwell individuals at this time. There has also been some follow-up support offered to grieving families following the loss of loved ones. Other acts of care and support continue to be carried out discreetly.
- **SYNOD OF ARCHDIOCESE:** The Archdiocese hopes to have further sessions in June and July to further the opportunities of creating a climate of synodality. Along this line, our encounters with each other should be characterised by listening and dialogue whether in the Parish Council meetings, other meetings or by other strategies and means.
- **ARCHBISHOP CAMPAIGN:** The Archdiocese is running the Archbishop's Campaign on August 9th – 23rd over the three Sundays. A major focus will be the need for a significant restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral.
- **SPECIAL MINISTERS:** There will be an evening for new Special Ministers on June 3rd from 7.00pm - 7:45pm in St Mary's Church.
- **CHALICE REINTRODUCTION:** It was decided that we will start again (after Covic hiccup) to reintroduce the Eucharist under the form of both the bread and the wine.
- **FIRE DRILL:** This will take place towards the end of May.
- **NEW PARISHHIONERS LUNCHEON:** This has been organised for Sunday September 13th for all new parishioners over the last year or so.

- **GROTTO PLAQUE:** For some months now we have been trying to get a recent plaque with suitable words to honour Archbishop Mannix blessing of our St Mary's Grotto in 1945. This should be placed in the Grotto area within the next two months.
- **PARTNERSHIP STEERING COMMITTEE:** This meets again with reps from both St Joseph's and St Mary's at the end of May. We will meet with dinner in the Parish Centre then get on with the feedback from our two parishes.
- **LECTORS FORMATION:** I relayed to the Parish Council that I have met with 90% of our lectors who came to work on improvement in our Sunday Mass reading presentation.

MOTHERS NIGHT: I hosted a mothers night for all St Mary's School mothers. 80 turned up and we had a great night in the Parish Centre with live band, photo booth, yummy finger food and drinks such as cocktails, prosecco and limoncello. It was a great night for all and I am thankful to the support of Chantelle Glasic and her school friends, plus those men who came and helped on the night.

ROSARY: The Mass remains always the source and summit of our faith but different devotions can be very helpful in our individual journey of faith. Although not maybe everyone's cup of tea, the rosary is one of the most popular devotions in the Church. The prayer is recited by the people of every land. The use of mechanical devices for counting prayers stretches far back into antiquity. The ancient Egyptians used them in their prayers to the sun god Ra; for more than 1200 years the Mohammedans have fingered a string of beads in murmuring prayers to Allah. Although the Our Father became popular in early centuries, it was not until the middle of the twelfth century that the Hail Mary came into common use. Around 1200 the great founder of the Dominican Order of Preachers, St Dominic apparently encouraged the use of this church devotion as he tried to defeat a very strange heresy, the Albigensian heresy in those days which was gaining much ground among the common people. Soon developed the practise of saying 150 Hail Mary's. However, the history of the evolution of the rosary is one of great diversity of form as reading did not become the accomplishment of the masses until the first part of the nineteenth century, the rosary filled a great void in the lives of the people. The practice of associating "mysteries" or phrases of our Lord's life and passion with the recitation of the respective decades came much later. At first there was a great variety in the incidents selected for meditation; but gradually these were standardized into fifteen, covering the joyful, sorrowful and glorious phases of the life of Christ and of His Blessed Mother. In the latter half of the fifteenth century, another Dominican priest Alan de Rupe gave great emphasis to the spread of this devotion by organising rosary confraternities at Douai, Cologne and elsewhere. Since then it has spread like wildfire through most other Christian countries.

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

There are half a dozen people coming along to the sessions on Catholicism every 2nd Friday night. There is another session on Friday May 22nd at 7pm in the presbytery. Especially for people looking into the Catholic faith so far we in the last month or so we have covered the topics of *What is faith, who is Jesus Christ, the Holy Trinity, Divine Revelation and Your Prayer Life*. From this Friday night we will be covering such topics as *Catholic Prayers and Practices, the Mass, the Church's Calendar Year, Places of interest in Catholic Churches, Who Shepherds the Church, Mary, The Church as Community, the Saints, Eschatology, the Sacraments, Marriage, The People of God, The Early Church, Church History, Christian Moral Living, The Dignity of Life, a Constant Ethic of Life, Social Justice, Lent and so forth especially any topics raised by the group*.

The Catholic Church welcomes new members by information, material hands out and discussion on above and other pertinent topics. It is mainly through a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. No one has to sign on so to speak but if any person wants to follow it through it usually ends in being baptised (if not already baptised), confirmed and receiving 1st Eucharist at the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil each year. If you wish to come to one of our sessions don't hesitate to be in contact with Fr Greg on 0400 524 363 or greg.trythall@cam.org.au

Rosters for this Week 16th & 17th May 2026

Counting Team 3	Ian Veal, Frances Moloney, Susan Jamieson, Larry Rigoni
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am John O'Keefe, Ivonne Cram 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Bryan Perera
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Herb Zimmer

Rosters for next Week 23rd & 24th May 2026

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Eilin Taylor, Stephen Littleton 10.30am Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Himali Peter 10.30am Olga Reginato
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Jenny O'Sullivan 10.30am Joe Covelli

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, Charlie Galea, David Hume, Finn Pennisi

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Vic (Jay) Formoso who passed away recently and Audrey Doherty, Susan Minton, Noreen Bagnell Mariese Kalka, Sebastian Gashi, Rosalia Bendistinto, Franca Cuomo, Ivanka Ostrugnaj, Ronald Gilmartin, Jacky Butler, Fr. Paddy Fitzpatrick, Brian O'Brien, Mark Thorn, Michael Hynes, Tom Johnson, Rowland Hassall, Ellen Williamson, Rodney Lloyd, Onorina Pomazan, Gladys Starr, Ken Elder, Lucia Gelcrisio, Stefania Jaslan, Eileen Haywood, Mary Lewer, Charlie Axelson, Dorrie O'Neill, Len Bevis, Shane Ryland, George Lewis, Michael Evans, Andrew Carrick, Tony Nuzzo, June Ellis, Frank Templeton, Rose De Battista, Eddy Berry, John Foord, Rodolfo Ruggieri, Charles Broadfoot, Alberto, Celestina, Ersilia, Giuseppe, Benedetto, Natalino, Margherita, Carmelo, George and Emmanuele Mangion, Maria Meloni, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Rita, Pietro, Francesa, Benedetto and Ignazio Saragozza, whose anniversaries are at this time.

PARISHIONER'S HERB GARDEN

Parishioners are reminded they are welcome to pick herbs from the herb garden as they need. The entry to the right of the memorial wall in the garden behind the parish centre.

JOIN US FOR A CUPPA

Please join us in the Parish Centre for Morning Tea following the 8.30am Sunday Mass.
All welcome