

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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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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Wisdom 12.13, 16-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 8. 26-27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13.24-43

He proposed another parable to them. The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the

householder came to him and said,

‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the

weeds come from? He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ His

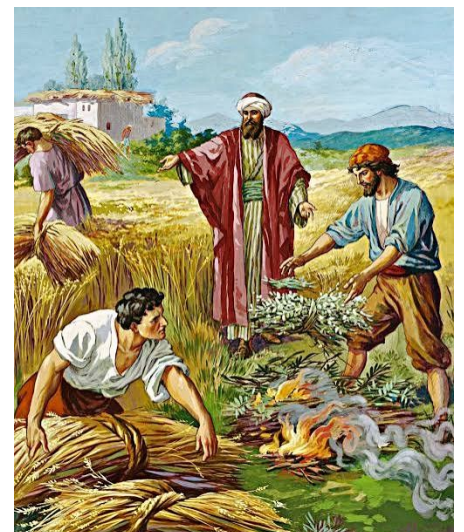
slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up? He

replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat

along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at

harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and

tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.”



Tuesday 21st July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 22nd July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 11.30am Funeral Mass Mario Morelli at St Mary's Church 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
Thursday 23rd July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 24th July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

This weekend the Parish Priest of St Joseph's (Newport/ Spotswood), Fr Samuel will swap pulpits with me for the Sunday Masses. After the 10:00am Newport Mass I will be preceding down to Williamstown Beach to celebrate 1600 consecutive "Shark Free Sunday Swims" when in Australia. Although I won't deny that it has been hard, sometimes very hard to swim every winter for the last three decades, it has given me incredible health benefits. The effort of running and swimming over many years has helped me not only be the oldest Melbourne archdiocesan Parish Priest at 79 years of age, but more importantly I am completely healthy and I still feel great. 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 & Life Saving Club. The beach kiosk will be open on that day and time for me to celebrate another milestone! Every 100 extra milestone I bring out a different T Shirt!

WHAT IS THE CHURCH'S STANCE ON AN EMBRYO DEVELOPED/PRODUCED FOR IVF

Parishioners are now starting to ask the more important questions about embryo's developed/produced from IVF sources. Accordingly, I thought it opportune to explain as far as I can explain without being an expert ethicist. In Catholic teaching, an embryo created in connection with IVF ("in vitro fertilization) is a human being with a right to life from the first moment of existence, so it must be treated with the dignity owed to a person, not as a disposable biological material. The Church teaches that in the usual practice of IVF:

- More embryos are created than transferred, and some are destroyed("spare embryos").
- Even apart from research, deliberately exposing embryos to death or grave risks is morally illicit.
- The very method of IVF also separates procreation from the marital act in it proper unitive meaning, placing the embryos origin and destiny into the "power of doctors and biologists," which is contrary to the dignity and equality owed to a child.

Because of this, the Church judges acts directly against IVF embryos (discarding, killing, using them as research material) as gravely wrong – just as she condemns abortion.

COLLECTIONS IN FUTURE:

Next week JULY 25TH /26TH : This will be for the three seminarians we sponsor for priesthood at the Timor Leste Seminary. I have shown you before a photo of the three farmers sons who wish to continue priesthood studies in East Timor. I will bring out the photo again for the back table next week. As a poor country the Seminary has to find money to pay for food and utilities etc to keep viable for their seminarians. Thus, the seminarians need to find ways of paying for their education. Together with Altona Parish we will raise money – our way is to have a collection next Sunday. Then the Altona Parish Priest will take the money collected to present to the East Timor Rector. Together with Fr Michael will go Fr Dao (East Timorese) , his border of two years, who was sent by his bishop to do specific studies and use them back in the East Timor province. He has completed those studies and they will accompany each other there in about two weeks time.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA WELCOMES DELEGATION FROM TIMOR LESTE:

During the last two weeks, Australia welcomed a delegation from Timor-Leste, reaffirming a longstanding partnership grounded in solidarity, local leadership and shared commitment to the most vulnerable.

The visit of Timor-Leste's Minister for Foreign Affairs underscored Caritas Australia's deep roots in the country, where for decades it has worked alongside Church, community and government partners to support people through conflict, recovery and ongoing development challenges. This enduring presence reflects a commitment on the part of Caritas to human dignity, subsidiarity and solidarity, ensuring communities are supported to lead their own development and respond in times of need with hope

BOTH CARITAS AND POPE LEO HELPS VENEZUELA

Last week we had the opportunity on the bulletin to help the earthquake efforts in Venezuela through the normal means of Caritas Australia. However, in the meantime Pope Leo sent an emergency donation of 100,000 euros to Venezuela as rescue efforts continue following devastating earthquakes that have killed at least 164 people and left widespread destruction.



OLD TIMES:

A recently retired country priest of my same age came to visit me for a few days during the last week as he had a few medical appointments in Melbourne. We used to work together in a Team Ministry Parish in the mid to late 1980's as he wanted to come down from the country to try something different. He was always a terrific human being and lovely company. We were reminiscing about Seminary days this week! His diocese of Bendigo for some strange reason used to send their students to the New South Wales Seminary in Springwood and then Manly for the last few years. They had a completely different Seminary experience. There they were men treated like boys while our Seminary experience was that most of us were treated like men even though some of them were only 18 year boys to start with. Every week at the Seminary in Springwood blokes would leave- constantly Des told me! In my country friends time in the NSW Seminary they had 350 blokes studying to be priests and in his original year there were 53 of which half of them had been to university beforehand. As they were being treated like boys men kept on leaving and never came back or were allowed back. My country priest friend Des left for a year and fortunately was admitted into the Victorian Seminary and as he had finished 3 years in Springwood he was admitted to Glen Waverly – the last 4 years rather than the first years at Werribee. He found the Victorian Seminary so liberating in comparison – a much healthier and human environment. He eventually led a wonderful life as a priest, well loved everywhere and a very successful country priest at two parishes until he retired at 75 – the normal age of retirement – four years ago. He lives a very happy life now opposite the Murray River in Echuca. When he went straight from school in 1965 there was 350 men in the NSW seminary while there were 200 in our Seminary at Werribee. It was an amazing time for the Church in many ways. I prefer these days myself, but I can still recognise some of the incredible things of the past.

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

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.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS—St MARYS

If anyone would like to make a tax-deductible donation to support the conservation of our Church you can now do so through the Give Now platform and the National Trust.

Through their external appeals program, The National Trust of Australia (Victoria) works to protect and conserve places of historical, cultural, and architectural significance for future generations.

By making a tax deductible donation through this platform we are able to raise funds for the conservation of St Mary's. All support is welcomed.



Rosters for this Week 18th & 19th July 2026

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicut 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 Herb Zimmer

Rosters for next Week 25th & 26th July 2026

Counting Team 4	Leanne Spiteri, Greg Morgan, Herb Zimmer, Steven Sagona, Eugene Yii
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am John O'Keefe, Ivonne Cram 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Jeanette Thompson 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 Don Doria, Stephen Martin, Ida Luciano Rigoni, Sebastiana Succuzzo, Marianna Covelli, Meran Edwards, James Lynn, Gabriella Pazzi; Anthony Pace, Lino Lechich, Kevin Broadfoot, Charles Broadfoot, Mary Elaine Hyland, Elio DeCleva, Graeme Tweedly, Aurelia Jones, Elizabeth Kenwery, Denise O'Connell, June Durdin, Michael McClelland, Frank Mulholland, John Arnold, Raymond Russell, Grace Kritikides, Pauline Farley, Margaret Harris, Judy Travers, Joe Saidy, Agnes Bugden-Maguire, Julianna Emmerson, Charles Buttigieg, Frank Jamieson, Norma Dooley, Javid Yilmaz, Santana Pecora, Iris McFarlane, Carmelo Farrugia, Joseph Mifsud, Albert Haddad, Antonia, Adriano, Michele and Rosa Azzopardi, Rosa, Cini and Maria Falzon, whose anniversaries are at this time.

