

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

20th September, 2026



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Monique Julian

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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

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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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. 55:6-9.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is near to all who call on him.

SECOND READING:

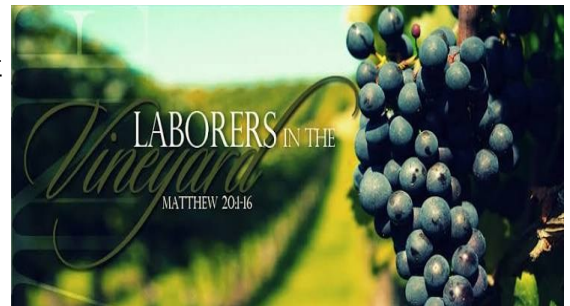
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians. 1:20-24, 27

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 20:1-16

“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.’ So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o’clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o’clock, he found others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They answered, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard.’ When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’ When those who had started about five o’clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat.’ He said to one of them in reply, ‘My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”



Tuesday 22nd September	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 23rd September	9:15am – 10:am No Mass at St Mary's Church. Private prayer available in Church. Fr Greg on archdiocesan seminar day. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
Thursday 24th September	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 25th September	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church 6:00pm St Mary's new 2027 Prep Dad's social night in Presbytery.
Saturday 26th September AFL GRAND FINAL DAY	7.00PM Mass at St Mary's Church. Late Start due to AFL Grand Final

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

PAPAL VISIT TO FRANCE:

His Holiness will visit several places in France over the next week from September 25th – 28th. His visit to France will mean he will miss watching the AFL Grand Final! The motto of the Pope's visit, "That the world may have life", will be visible in papal appeals to respect the dignity of every person's life that, organisers say, will be at the heart of Pope Leo's message. Upon his arrival on this Friday, September 25th, the Pope will go to the Elysee Palace to meet with President Emmanuel Macron.

VOLUNTEERS AND MINISTRY:

Over recent months, several of our long-serving parishioners who have faithfully supported our ministries for many years have needed to step back due to health and age-related challenges. Their generous service has blessed our community, and we hold them in prayer as they focus on rest and recovery.

As a result, a number of ministry areas now have gaps that need to be filled. With the support of the Parish Council and our secretary Monique, we are encouraging parishioners to consider offering their time and talents in service.

Brochures outlining ministry opportunities will be available on the weekends of October 10/11 and 17/18.

Your involvement—whether large or small—would be a great help in sustaining the life and mission of our parish. Please take a moment to see whether there is an area of ministry where you can contribute.

WEEDING:

We recently treated some of the weeds around the church gardens and presbytery. If you can spare 30 minutes on **Saturday 26 September between 9:00–10:00am**, we would greatly appreciate your help finishing the job by pulling up the remaining weeds at the side and back of the presbytery.

MORE NEW BIBLES PURCHASED:

This is your last chance this weekend to buy the modern translation bible at back of Church. Please use the tap and go for either the \$20 ones or the fancier \$40 ones if any left by the 10:30am Mass. Please put the money in the tin if not using the tap and go – thanks.

FUTURE PURCHASES:

- In 2 weeks time I will put out the 2027 popular Columban calendars out for \$10.
- In a months' time I will put out the Advent & Christmas daily reflection booklets so that parishioners will have them ready for the 1st Sunday of Advent – November 29th.

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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.

THE BIG CROSS IN ST MARY'S CHURCH.

Not too often spoken about as a major feast day, but the Feast called 'The Exaltation of the Holy Cross' is still an important one on the Catholic calendar. It was last Monday on September 14th as per usual. We exalt Christ's cross whenever we freely take up our own cross. Beneath the cross on the day of Christ's crucifixion was a young man, namely the apostle John. A woman (Mary of Magdala) rescued from the streets was there broken-hearted at her loss. Though she had been a sinner, she also loved the Saviour of mankind and was at that foot of the cross. Nicodemus, who faltered in faith and wavered, who had once come to Jesus by night, frightened less anyone should see him going there, and yet who in his heart believed this Man to be as a great teacher of truth. Witness too on that Friday was a rich trader, Joseph of Arimathea, whose life had been devoted to the pursuit of gold. All of us in them were gathered to the cross. All of us, and all the world have followed him, many millions have tried to model their lives on his.

Talking of the cross, there are few finer crosses in Churches than our own one just above the altar over the sanctuary. Please take a moment to go on the sanctuary and take a closer look before or after Mass. The nails in his hands and feet look authentic but when you look at Jesus at a closer view he almost seems to come alive. It is so well sculptured and so old. It is truly a magnificent work of art. If you look directly at the back of it near Mary's altar you will see the following words up high:

MISSION CROSS

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE MISSION

Preached in the Church of St Mary's Williamstown by the Vincentian Fathers in the year of 1889.

The Vincentian Fathers, also known as the Congregation of the Mission were founded in 1625 by St Vincent de Paul in France. Their mission began with popular missions aiming to bring the gospel to the poor. Thankfully they came in 1889 to a small and poor fishing village named Williamstown.

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

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.



SEASON OF CREATION

To mark Season of Creation, the Green Team will leave recycling tubs in the church this weekend. 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.

EVENING WITH PATRICIA LONG

"Ecological Conversion"



Pat is involved in local community action transitioning to more conscious consumption, energy use and utilising local skills for a more resilient future in the face of climate change. She loves growing food and bush walking.

**OCTOBER 15TH 7:30 - 9:30PM AT:
ST JOSEPH'S BY THE SEA
16 ESPLANADE WILLIAMSTOWN**



COST: ENTRY BY DONATION ON THE NIGHT - ALL WELCOME & SUPPER PROVIDED
BOOKINGS AT: www.trybooking.com/DPWUV

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS LONGMAN 0411483571 OR MONIQUE IN THE OFFICE 93976066

Rosters for this 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

Rosters for next Week 26th & 27th September 2026

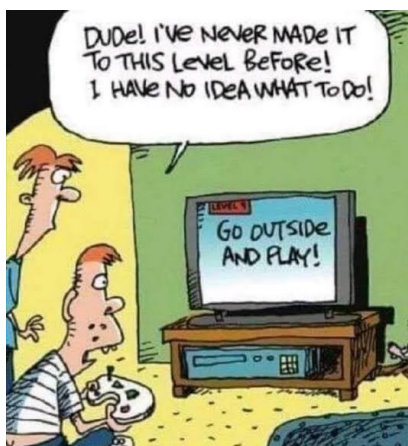
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Marisa Foroni, Elaine Garner 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Jenny O'Sullivan 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Teofila Hunt 10.30am Joe Covelli

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Finn Pennisi who passed away recently and Mary Newington, Evelino Lugmani, Mary Hannebery, Rory Gallagher, Jessica Pace, Peter Casey, David Casey, Peter Wenzel, Madelin Sliva, Alexandra Jane Zahra, Leo Pungitore, Pasquale Vivona, Sime Vuksevic, Paul Falzon, Agnes Hayes, Jean Healey, Neau Prun, Barry Frisby, Fr. Vic Crennan, Michael Kennedy, Pat Tuck, Jim Hynes, Sonia Schilich, Donato Di Fabrizio, Carmen Borg, Paolo Pecora, Donald Marr, Carmelo Bendistinto, Peter Hernan, Salvatrice Cali, Margaret Keating, Roberta Carlon, Ted Jones, Robert Anstey, Anne Phipps, Mathew Zahra, Ray Hansen, Muriel Hynes, Alfie Hishon, Libra Del Grosso, Paul Wheelahan, Mary Barker, William Hill, Les Hodder, Beth Humphries, Tom Magee, Helen McLaren, Thelma Dundon, Freddie Lao, Roland Zammit, Felice Lanzon, Margherita Lanzon, Clare Henry, Rosa Taliana, Jim and Maureen Morgan, Peter Collins, Maryam Bella, Helen Bella-Panoussi, and Rose Achtar, whose anniversaries are at this time.



Does anybody have a recipe for
"I don't know"?
or
"I don't care"?
It's what my family
requested for supper
and I can't seem to
find any recipes.

