

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

Thursday 9:00am – 3.00pm

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Wednesday Parish Secretary

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

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah. 20:10-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

SECOND READING:

The First Second of Paul to the Romans. 5:12-15

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW: 10:26-33

Therefore do not be afraid
of them. Nothing is
concealed that will not be
revealed, nor secret that
will not be known. What I
say to you in the darkness,
speak in the light; what you

hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be
afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather,
be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in
Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not
one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge.
Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid;
you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who
acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my
heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will
deny before my heavenly Father.



Tuesday 23rd June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 24th June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church. 6:45pm for 7.00pm Steering Committee of both parishes plus several leaders of our parish organisations including school principals to meet over potential partnership at Parish Centre.
Thursday 25th June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 26th June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 1.00pm Funeral Mass of Mildred O'Keefe

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

1st READING:

Jeremiah was not by nature a prophet of woe; one of the noblest characters in the Old Testament. When the might of Assyria (capital Babylon) was declining, the Jews courted Egypt against Babylon. For advising submission to Babylon, Jeremiah was immensely unpopular. Having endured a painful and humiliating punishment in the public stocks, he speaks out in the First Reading. He tells of the loss of old friends, and his own trust in God and his promises.

GOSPEL:

The Twelve have received their apostolic commission. With no mincing of words they are warned of the treatment they can expect. The reading then gives advice and then above all encouragement: God will take care of them as he does of all his creatures. "Do not be afraid."

ULTIMATE FIGHTING CHAMPIONSHIP :

I suppose 95% of us have reservations about the President of the United States. Was he the right man to lead the Republican Party which is supposed to stand for a higher dream for humanity such as 'pro life'. Yet President Trump not only encourages but allows UFC (Mixed martial arts) on the front lawn of the White House as per last Sunday! Is he crazy- I think so! I would like to put this more into perspective when I relate what happened in Victoria about seven years ago. The Sport Minister in the Labor cabinet encouraged the first official UFC fight (cage fighting) in Victoria. He not only allowed it, but he openly encouraged it. Consequently, around that time I wanted to speak to our former labor member of the Cabinet, Wade Noonan regarding not only the ethics of this but how it can affect our young people. He never got back to me over the next two months! When I saw him in a semi public gathering I gave him both barrels and said strongly to him out of justified anger: "When are you going to get back to me, is it going to be SIX MONTHS TIME !!" He had at least the guts to wait for me later and he informed me that he was a member of the Cabinet, and he didn't always agree to what the Cabinet decided. I knew him to be a good man and a better parliamentarian than most. But I did inform him that the decision to promote UFC was not a good decision for Victoria. So back to my derision of the United States President for promoting UFC at even of all places on his own front lawn! When you box in the boxing ring one has certain rules that means the opponent is not usually put at risk of serious injury. The main reason for the boxing match is to win the match, not to hurt the opposition, not to hurt the opponent. UFC is different. One fights to beat the opposition by any means and if you really have the opportunity of hurting the opponent you almost go in for the kill. What is so wrong with this? Well, with UFC one is lowering ones' nature to an animal nature. Whereas on the other hand we are meant to go the completely opposite way. We are destined by God to lift our nature from the human to the divine and that is why Christ came – not to lower our nature from the human to the animal. Mr Trump you are a disgrace by having the UFC on your front lawn – the front lawn of the White House.

COLLECTIONS IN FUTURE:

As far as I can remember there will be three further collections this year.

- July 4th & 5TH This will be for the Winter Appeal for St Vincent de Paul.
- July 25TH & 26TH This will be for the three seminarians we sponsor for priesthood at the East Timor Seminary.
- August 15TH & 16TH This will be for the Archbishop's Campaign to restore St Patrick's Cathedral and to promote some other causes.

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

JOB OPPORTUNITY

PASTORAL WORKER — PARISH OF ST JOSEPH — NEWPORT & SPOTSWOOD

Part time, fixed term of 12 months. 12 hours per week over 2 days.

We are currently seeking the right person to join us in a Parish Pastoral role. The Parish of St Joseph is a vibrant Catholic faith community comprising Sacred Heart, Newport and St. Margaret Mary's, Spotswood. The role is based at the St Joseph's Parish Office in Newcastle St, Newport. The position is for 12 hours per week on a 12-month fixed-term contract, with potential for extension. The usual working hours are 9am–3pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, though some flexibility is available and inclusive of sacrament preparation sessions.

The successful applicant will support the Parish Priest and Pastoral Leadership Teams in fostering a welcoming parish community and promoting the teachings and mission of Christ and the Catholic Church.

SOME KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

A Full job description can be found at melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/pastoral-worker-newport-and-spotswood

Liturgy

- Working with Parish Liturgical Teams in the preparations of Mass materials (commentaries, prayers of the faithful, Power Point slides) for the 2 weekend Masses across two churches;
- Supporting Liturgical Teams, Mass coordinators, Music providers in their assigned work;
- Planning, with the Parish Priest, ceremonies of the church's major liturgical seasons.

Sacraments

- Liaises with Parish REL's regarding the school-based sacramental program.

Community Outreach

- Coordinating pastoral visitation programs and the distribution of Holy Communion;
- Active outreach through parish newsletter, website, facebook, etc.

Faith Formation

- Leading or Supporting volunteer-led Alpha, Catholic Kids and Adult faith formation programs.

Leadership and Team Coordination

- Attending regular meetings with Parish Priest, Support Team and Administration staff.

Weekend Masses

- Coordinate Children's Liturgy;
- Supporting Sunday worshipping community and enhance their involvement in Parish Life.

WHAT YOU BRING

- Computer literacy with a working knowledge of Microsoft Office.
- Familiarity with the Archdiocese Software "PACEM" would be an advantage, however training can be provided.
- A practicing and committed Catholic.
- Relevant qualifications in theology and/or pastoral studies.
- Excellent interpersonal skills with healthy, professional boundaries.

REQUIRED

- Valid Working with Children Check.
- Current Police Check.
- Valid Driver Licence and Vehicle.

HOW TO APPLY

To express your interest, please email your cover letter by 26th June, 2026 (telling us a bit about yourself and why you're drawn to this role) and your resume including contact details for two employment referees to. Newport.Spotswood@cam.org.au, Attention: Fr. Samuel Kapani – Parish Priest

Rosters for this Week 20th & 21st June 2026

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am John O'Keefe, Ivonne Cram 10.30am Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Mareena Peter
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Teofila Hunt 10.30am Joe Covelli

Rosters for next Week 27th & 28th June 2026

Counting Team 2	David Jamieson, Marguerite Buckley, Bob Paz, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Eilin Taylor, Stephen Littleton 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Jenny O'Sullivan 10.30am Eilin Taylor
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Chantel Castelino

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Colin Dundon, Luka Huddle, Joseph Falzon, Ida Luciarigoni, Mary Dalton, Ron Charles, Sr. Anne Cahir, Vivona Giuseppe, Frank Fenwick, Lina Duckworth, Fr. Michael Fitzpatrick, Alan Clark, Henrietta Augustin, Eileen Buckley, Leanne Barclay, Gulia Kucich, Martino Costanzo, Victoria Satalich, John Trimbaldi, John O'Meara, Sheila Hctor, Antonia Azzopardi, Adriano Azzopardi, Michele Azzopardi, Rosa Azzopardi, Antionette Azzopardi, Rosa Cini, Maria Falzon, Angelo Messina, Vincenzo Timpano, Noel Dykes, Olive Baker, Bon Smith, Francis Bloink, John Gillman, Mona Ellis, Pat Minogue, Maria Melone, Vittorio, Adele & Mario Rigoni, Salvatore & Antonio Sagona, Patrizia McBride Sagona, Romeo, Rosaria & Joe Camilleri, Antonio & Natalina Costa, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Rita, Pietro, Francesca, Benedetto & Ignazio Saragozza, Giuseppe & Concetta Camilleri, Clemente & Georgina, Natalino & Maria Mifsud, Alberto, Celestina, Ersilia, Giuseppe, Natalino, Margherita, Carmelo, George & Emmanuele Mangion whose anniversaries are at this time.

Green Team Sustainability

Repair Café – Sunday 21st June 10:00am to 12:00

119 Douglas Parade Williamstown.

Get your electrical goods, toys, clothing and bikes repaired. And get a free barista coffee.

Green Team News: Save the date. Saturday 12th September 10.30- midday

Meeting God in nature: Walk of prayer and reflection Williamstown foreshore. All welcome.
Details to follow closer to the date