

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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Wednesday Parish Secretary

Kylie Skinner

9:30am–1:30pm

Safeguarding Officer

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St. Mary's School

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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

PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A



FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 2.1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING:

Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 12.3b-7, 12-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.



The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Tuesday 26th May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 27th May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church. 6:30pm Parish Steering Committee at Parish Centre
Thursday 28th May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 29th May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Pentecost, originally a festival of the crops, became one of the greatest occasions in history when God, the Holy Spirit, burst into human affairs. Luke stated that the coming of the Holy Spirit was like a powerful wind and like tongues of fire. Jesus, as he is about to finally leave this earth presents us with the gift of this Holy Spirit; a gift none of us can earn or deserve. The gift of the Holy Spirit manifests itself in many different ways in our lives. Thank you Jesus for sending us your Holy Spirit.

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 next 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.

FURTHER PARISH COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS:

- **FIRE DRILL:** There will be a fire drill this weekend. Please obey the instructions as this is an important part of government policy as well as important if there is an actual fire.
- **MOTHERS DAY:** Chocolates were handed out at all masses and until all taken at the Saturday night mass and 8:30am Mass 'everlasting daisy' seeds were handed out in little packets for those who wished to remember their deceased mother. The Mother's Day cocktail evening event is still receiving many notes of thanks and praise from the mothers of our school. Generally, they are expressing the wonderful spirit of community, food, decorations and entertainment hosted by myself (as Parish Leader) for the mothers of our school – 80 turned up on the night in the Parish Centre. It was a beautiful night in so many ways.
- **RISK AND COMPLIANCE:** Our Safeguarding Officer, Frank Schobben is working on running an in- person compliance evening with the Western Region Safeguarding Officer, Tracy Ellington and becoming an accredited officer. We have received a certificate of safeguarding from the archdiocese recently.
- **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:** More new Special Ministers were identified by both those on the Parish Council and Fr Greg. Special Minister formation training will take place on Wednesday June 3rd in St Mary's Church.
- **NEW PARISHIONERS LUNCHEON:** This has been organised for Sunday September 13th for all new parishioners into our parish over the last year or so. It will take place after the 10:30am Mass in the Parish Centre.
- **GROTTO PLAQUE:** This plaque commemorating Archbishop Mannix presence and blessing of new Grotto in 1945 will be blessed at our various Masses in lieu of a specific ceremony to erect the plaque.
- **MAINTENANCE & OH&S:** Parish Council discussed painting of presbytery, need for getting certain people at different masses as fire wardens, and archbishops campaign of restoration of St Patrick's Cathedral.
- **MISSIONS:** The Partnership Steering Committee reported that collecting partnership feedback has been very successful. Most of it has been constructive and supportive. After our next combined steering committee with St Joseph's this Wednesday an archdiocesan led leadership team workshop will be held on the evening of Wednesday 24th June to begin to inform an actual partnership structure and strategic plan to achieve it. Members of parish council, finance team and major ministry groups are expected to attend especially the leadership of such.

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg

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FURTHER NEWS ON SCAFFOLDING:

Although it will stretch our budget it has been decided to finish the painting of the presbytery at this time. It looked like we could not finish it (and it was never intended to do so at this time) but the painter is making such progress and at such a reasonable price, plus the scaffolding people have given us a good deal to place some of the present scaffolding at the unfinished parts of the presbytery building, and take away the majority of it within the next few days. We are cooking on gas!

FURTHER NEWS CONCERNING POPE LEO:

Pope Leo XIV marked his first year as Pope by making a pilgrimage to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in Pompeii and placing his pontificate under the protection of the Virgin Mary. An estimated 20,000 people gathered in the piazza in front of the basilica. The pilgrimage brought Pope Leo full circle: on May 8th, 2025, moments after his election, the newly chosen Pope led the crowd from the loggia in St Peter's Basilica in praying a Hail Mary on what happened to be the feast of Our Lady of Pompeii. "Brothers and sisters, no earthly power will save the world, but only the divine power of love, this divine power that Jesus, the Lord, has revealed to us and given us. Let us believe in Him, let us hope in Him, and let us follow Him," Pope Leo said in Pompeii.

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.



CATHOLIC
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Catholic Theological College

Online Information Session

Explore Philosophy, Theology, and Ministry-related courses

Monday 15 June at 7pm (AEST)

Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/information-session

For more information contact: [Dr Maureen Saclot, Registrar](#)

JOIN US FOR A CUPPA

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

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 gar-
den behind the parish centre.

Rosters for this Week 23rd & 24th May 2026

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Eilin Taylor, Stephen Littleton 10.30am Eugene Yii
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

Rosters for next Week 30th & 31st May 2026

Counting Team 4	Leanne Spiteri, Greg Morgan, Herb Zimmer, Steven Sagona, Eugene Yii
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Peter Kirwan, Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Chris Maine, Jan Maine 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Chantel Castelino

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Ray Hornsby, Audrey Doherty, Maria Messina, Noreen Bagnell, Agnes Hogan, Peter Driscoll, Sr. Bernadette Heath rsj, Maria Kirkwood, Maurie Kirwan, Salvatrice Pecora, Leslie Cross, Joseph Cutajar, Malcolm McAuslan, Tess Mullens, Walter Small, Joseph Cantarella, Thomas Statton, Alice Giels, Neil Fitzpatrick, Russell Dixon, Arthur Leslie, David Wilson, Carmel Close, Patricia Dorgan, Kath Charles, Vera Anderson, Helena Nahas, Bernie Diamond, Anthony Herley, Baily Blake, John Steinthal, Elsie Winifred Martin whose anniversaries are at this time.

COMBINED PARISHES YOUTH GATHERING

Our next Combined Parishes Youth Gathering
will be held on
Saturday 6th June from 7:00pm—8:30pm,
at St Mary's Church, Williamstown Parish
Centre, 116 Cecil Street Williamstown. We
invite all Youth aged 13-19 years to come and
join us for a fun evening with food/snacks, faith
topic discussion, and games.

A Pentecost Prayer

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faithful and kindle in them the fire of your
love. Send forth your Spirit, and they shall
be created. And you shall renew
the face of the earth.

