

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the first book of Kings. 3:5, 7-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING:

The letter of Paul to the Romans. 8:28-30.

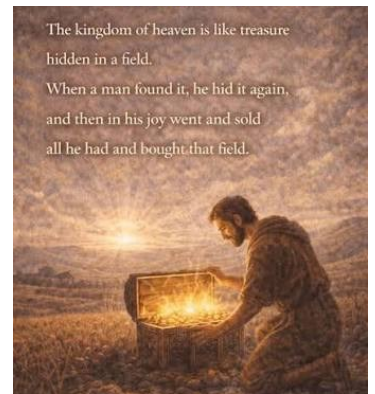
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:44-52

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

“Do you understand all these things?” They answered, “Yes.” And he replied, “Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.”



Tuesday 21st July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 22nd July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's 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,

CHANGE OF PULPITS:

Last Sunday the Parish Priest of St Joseph's (Newport/Spotswood) swapped pulpits with me. This started 3 years ago, and I am pleased there has been no negative feedback on this occasional arrangement. Like last Sunday I have been greeted in a very warm way by the people of St Joseph's Parish, and I am sure the same has happened here with Fr Samuel. Next Wednesday our Parish Steering Committee and St Joseph's Steering Committee will meet at Newport to get down to some more practical details of our common partnership.

COLLECTIONS IN FUTURE:

This weekend we will have a Leaving Collection for the three seminarians we sponsor for priesthood at the Timor Leste Seminary. The photo of them is on the back table nearest to the normal door one enters. Together with Altona Parish we raise money for these men who are all from poor backgrounds. 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 academic border of the last 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. Due to his own health issues Fr Michael Kalka will finish up as Parish Priest of St Mary's Altona on October 11th.

EXPERTS SIGN ROME DECLARATION ON LIMITS OF AI AND NUCLEAR ARMS:

A few months back Pope Leo promulgated a new encyclical " Magnifica Humanitas" on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence. It is obvious from all his writings so far that our new Pope is not only a man of great intelligence but is also a serious academic. Thus, not all together surprising and inspired by Pope Leo XIV's encyclical Magnifica Humanitas, more than 200 leading academics, innovators and Nobel laureates signed a declaration in Rome calling for responsible artificial intelligence development and the complete elimination of nuclear weapons. "We must disarm the next arms race, both AI and nuclear, before they define the next century as well," the declaration stated. According to Vatican News, the signing of the declaration for "an unarmed and disarming peace in the age of artificial intelligence, nuclear and autonomous weapons, new digital protocols, and emerging models of digital development " took place yesterday in the Guiliop Cesare Hall at the Palazzo Senatorio, Rome city's hall atop the Capitoline Hill.

The signing also concluded the Global Nobel Laureates Assembly on Artificial Intelligence and Nuclear War, held July 14-16 at Borgo Laudato Si, part of the Pontifical Gardens at Castel Gandolfo, where Pope Leo XIV is staying until July 27th.

The declaration called on governments and corporations to slow AI development, halt the expansion of nuclear weapons , and work towards their total elimination. The declaration and summit were inspired by Magnifica Humanitas.

TAP & GO:

Those generous parishioners who have been putting money into the Tap & Go machine at the back of the Church, please do not underestimate the financial help this has given to the Parish over these last several months. This has meant certain things like paying plumbers and painters over this time has eventuated, rather than put off certain jobs to a much later date – thank you sincerely. A practical example is the \$12,000 we needed to pay for scaffolding of the majority of the outside of the presbytery recently. In the next three weeks the rest of the outside of the presbytery will be finished.

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

Melbourne synod 2026 – Theme Paper Release

The Synod theme papers are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. The papers aim to foster a spirit of hope and imagination—trusting that, as we walk together, God is calling us into a future marked by faithfulness, renewal, and deeper communion. The suggested reflection process is a ‘Conversation in the Spirit’ or a Spiritual Conversation. This method is based in prayer and allows people to come together to both speak and to listen. Different from a discussion, it is an attentive listening process that aims to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. At the conclusion of each theme paper, there are prompt questions for reflection. Responses to these prompt questions can be provided via the QR code which is at the end of each paper.

We pray for the Melbourne Synod:

That our preparations will be marked by wisdom in decision-making, courage in leadership, and humility in listening to one another. May the Spirit guide our every conversation and action.

Amen.

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.**



GREEN TEAM NEWS:

Parishioner Michael Iaccarino has written a short piece about his journey to installing solar on his house and some of the matters to consider. Part one is on the notice board at the church entrance (small foyer) and hard copies are available on the tables at the rear of the church.

COMBINED PARISHES YOUTH GATHERING

Our next Combined Parishes Youth Gathering will be held on

Saturday 1st August from 7:00pm–8:30pm,

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.

Rosters for this 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

Rosters for next Week 1st & 2nd August 2026

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Eilin Taylor, Yoshua Yii 10.30am Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm YOUTH GROUP 8.30am Jenny O'Sullivan 10.30am Mareena Peter
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Joe Covelli

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Vincent Ellul, Andrew Formosa, 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, Santina Pecora, Iris McFarlane, Carmelo Farrugia, Joseph Mifsud, Albert Haddad, Antonia, Adriano, Michele and Rosa Azzopardi, Rosa, Cini and Maria Falzon and Francesco Caputo whose anniversaries are at this time.

**A hacker called me
and said he had all
my passwords, I got
a pen and paper and
said 'Thank God for
that, what are they'**

