

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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9:30am–1:30pm

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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

TWENTY-SIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel. 18:25-28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians. 2:1-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them and they follow me.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:28-32

“What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, ‘Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.’ He said in reply, ‘I will not,’ but afterwards he changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, ‘Yes, sir,’ but did not go. Which of the two did his father’s will?” They answered, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.”



Tuesday 29th September	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 30th September	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
Thursday 1st October	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 6.30pm Parish Council Meeting at the Presbytery.
Friday 2nd October	11:30am Senior's Mass at St Mary's Church. Followed by luncheon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

By the time Saturday night Mass begins this weekend at the later time due to the AFL Grand Final, there will be a winner and a loser! I think differently than most football lovers as I am mainly happy if my team, namely the Western Bulldogs wins at least half its games during the course of a year – anything else is a welcome bonus. To me though always craving to be in a Grand Final is not the be all and end all of life.....but to many it seems so. Anyway when it comes to the crunch, I am sorry for those who have missed out in winning this year whether it be Fremantle or the Brisbane Bears. I am hoping Fremantle wins this time as their supporters have not had much luck over the years, but if Brisbane wins it, then they have worked hard and good luck to them. They have been an incredible team for the last three years.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC:

The Swag is a magazine journal aimed mainly at priests – so there can be a fair amount of clerical input or discussion. Other magazines are meant for all of us. Although well-meaning sometimes the Melbourne Catholic magazine can seem to me over clericalized and not enough articles on the work of lay people in parishes. Nevertheless, a more recent issue that was sent to our parish in bulk a week ago did have a number of issues dealing with special parish celebrations, and some special people and their commitments to the Church in general besides clergy!

It nearly missed me seeing an article on page 10-11 on Jeff Harvey OAM. He was a wonderful cricketer in his own right and one of his sons, Robert Harvey won the Brownlow medal. Jeff was in the Seaford Parish, my first parish as an assistant priest in 1978. As I was new to the game of golf, he wanted me to improve and took some interest in my golf game as he took me out to from memory Long Island golf club in Frankston. After one visit to the golf course, he took me home to meet his young sons, one being a future Brownlow medallists, Robert Harvey a St Kilda footballer. Jeff's wife, Marilyn was an equally friendly and lovely person. It was during the end of my time there that Jeff changed from being an Anglican to a Catholic in 1980. His conversion came not from me, but mainly from God's inspiration and Jeff's conversations with my Parish Priest there at the time, Fr Des Magennis. I can never speak highly enough of Fr Des as a human being and a priest. I was very lucky to have his support and guidance as I was learning how to adjust to the early demands of priesthood from 1978 to 1981 in my first parish assignment. You make some very good friendships from fellow priests in the archdiocese over subsequent years. There is a great article on one of those on page 14 of the Melbourne Catholic – same issue. Most Mondays since appointed to Williamstown I have played golf with Fr Brian Glasheen and we have had many a great chat as the years have rolled by. Brian as former Parish Priest of Bacchus Marsh has many irons in the fire including being known by almost everyone in the trotting industry. His grandfather was very famous in that field. On the next page, page 15 there is a photo from our recent annual Clergy Conference. I wonder if you can discover your Parish Priest in the photo of 150 priests!!

PAPAL VISIT TO FRANCE:

His Holiness will visit several places in France over the next week from September 25th – 28th. Upon his arrival on Friday, September 25th, the Pope will go to the Elysee Palace to meet with President Emmanuel Macron. Also, on same day in the afternoon, he is visiting the UNESCO headquarters, near the Eiffel Tower, and speak about the protection of young people in the age of new technologies and artificial intelligence. The Pope will then travel through downtown Paris in the Popemobile and celebrate that evening with prayers in Notre Dame Cathedral. After that there is a prayer venue with 80,000 young people in the (stadium!) Stade de France in Saint-Denis.

On this weekend, on the Saturday the Pope will visit a refugee centre, the Catholic Institute of Paris and celebrate an open-air Mass for nearly 500,000 people at the Place de la Concorde and the Avenue Champs-Elysees.

I have recently renewed my driving licence, and since I still retain a heavy vehicle licence for the next three years, I will await the Pope to ring me after I retire in late June next year, as I feel very confident in being able to drive the Popemobile around Rome or through various countries!

VOLUNTEERS AND MINISTRY:

I would like **parishioners to consider filling some gaps or support needed** in the following areas before a Ministry/Volunteer brochure is put in two weeks time. The following are some of them: Sacristan Assistant, Liturgy Team member, Music support, Wedding helper (assist set up/put away), Eucharistic visits to homes, Asylum Seeker & Refugee support, join Green Team, Pastoral Council, Working Bee Assistant Supervisor, General Maintenance person, Trimmer of church hedges etc etc . These brochures inviting help from new volunteers will be put out on the weekends of October 10/11 and 17/18. I believe several of you can come to the party. Please see if there is an area of ministry in which you can help.

CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

Next weekend at the Sunday Masses only, a few members of the Catholic Development Fund will address us on some present happenings and future possibilities for the Fund – an invaluable help to the archdiocese and country diocese.

FUTURE PURCHASES:

In a **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 . \$5 a booklet.

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.

COMBINED PARISHES

YOUTH GATHERING

Our next Combined Parishes Youth Gathering will be held on Saturday 3rd October from 7:00pm—8:30pm, at St Mary's Parish Centre, 116 Cecil Street Williamstown.

We invite all Youth aged 15-25 years to come along for a fun evening with food/snacks, faith topic discussion and games.

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 26th & 27th September 2026

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Marisa Foroni, Elaine Garner 10.30am Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	7.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Cecilia Balson
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Teofila Hunt 10.30am Joe Covelli

Rosters for next Week 3rd & 4th October 2026

Counting Team 1	Robyn Jones, Paul Francis, Kimberley Jones
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Doreen Mitchell, William Mitchell 10.30am Maria Laudato, Maylene Clayton
Mass Readers	6.00pm YOUTH GROUP 8.30am Chris Maine, Jan Maine 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro
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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Bishop Hilton Deakin, Marino Kucic, Kevin Featherson, Basil Kalka, Ema Rawnik, Emilia Matkovich, Fr. Urbano Paz, Publio Paz, Mary Newington, Pierluigi Grech, Joseph Dibattista, John Mallia, Mavis Jamieson, Maria Gusman, Noel Darmanin, Connie Darmanin, Veronica Coen, Lawrence Meehan, Maureen Morgan, Pasquale Saragozza, Marlene Dunham, Peter O'Sullivan, Mark Penfold, Les Hodder, Nancy McGinty, Maureen Cartledge, Bill Burton, Tony McGuigan, Tuc Le, Joseph Micallef, Maria Meloni, Win Woodruff, Bernard Brown, Noel Kenwery, Vera Rice, Jack Meehan, Fr. Carmine Tricarico, Mariantonina Patania, Roland Zammit, Margherita, Concettina and Felice Lanzon, Josephine Lorient and Maria Cassar, whose anniversaries are at this time.

The Grand Final Seat Joke



A bloke sits down in his premium seat right on the 50-metre line at the MCG for the AFL Grand Final. He notices the seat next to him is completely empty. Astounded, he turns to the bloke sitting on the other side of the empty seat and says, "Mate, who in their right mind has a ticket to a Grand Final like this and doesn't use it?"

The second bloke sighs, "Well, that seat belongs to me. I was supposed to come with my wife, but she passed away. This is the first Grand Final we haven't been to together since we got married in 1967."

The first fan says, "Oh, geez, I am so sorry. That is awful. But... couldn't you have invited a friend, a neighbour, or a relative to come in her place?"

The widower replies that they were all at the funeral.