

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*

28th June, 2026



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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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the second book of Kings. 4:8-11, 14-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING:

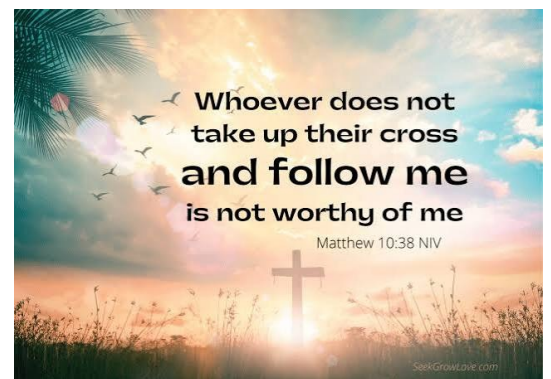
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. 6:3-4, 8-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

You are not a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his
marvelous light.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW: 10:37-42

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and who ever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Who ever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. Who ever receives you receives me, and who ever receives me receives the one who sent me. Who ever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and who ever receives a righteous man because he is righteous will receive a righteous man’s reward. And who ever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”



Tuesday 30th June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 1st July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
Thursday 2nd July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 6:30pm Parish Council meeting at the presbytery.
Friday 3rd July	11.30am Seniors' Mass at St Mary's Church. Followed by a luncheon in the Parish Centre. ALL WELCOME 7.00pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at presbytery.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

1st READING:

The Book of Kings covers the history of Israel(Northern Israel) and Judah(Southern Israel) from the accession of Solomon (978 B.C) to the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C. Before the prophets who gave their names to several books of the Old Testament, there were bands of men who called themselves “sons of the prophets”. One of these was Elisha, successor of the great Elijah and it is of Elisha that the reading speaks.

GOSPEL:

Speaking further of the cost of discipleship, Our Lord emphasises that it is total involvement even to the exclusion of the normal place given in life to family.

WINTER APPEAL: Next Sunday for help to the St Vincent de Paul Society and for those who struggle through winter

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY ALSO NEXT SUNDAY JULY 5TH :

The Church in Australia is enriched by the cultures, spirituality, and presence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. How can we achieve some narrowing of the bridge that has unfortunately existed between our Aboriginal Peoples due to in most part ignorance. Well, at the very least we can begin our Mass next Sunday with an Acknowledgment of the Traditional Custodians of the Land. We can incorporate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander symbols, artwork and music where appropriate. You would have noticed the beautiful art work near our main organ – it was painted by the former leading Catholic aboriginal head of aboriginal affairs for the Melbourne Archdiocese, Vicki Walker – a significant and courageous leader for many year here. She now lives these days in her latter years very near the banks of what she calls “The Mighty Murray”. In my role as Chair of the Australian Catholic Clergy Remuneration Assistance Fund for the last ten years I visited Aboriginal places in Western Australia such as Broome, Halls Gap and further places inland. It made one appreciate the niceness of the average aboriginal in inland Australia, but their normal poverty. This is why the committee I am still on until the rest of this year raise money for priests particularly in outback places such as in Broome and Port Pirie dioceses where little money is on the plate. It is priests helping other priests through their priest funds.

POPE CALLS ON WORLD LEADERS TO WELCOME REFUGEES.

Pope Leo XIV has called on world leaders to give those who fled their native lands a humane and dignified welcome. The Pope made his remarks one day after the annual United Nations World Refugee Day. “ I hope that the spirit that inspired the drafting of this important international instrument (75 years ago) may also continue to enlighten the consciences of national leaders today.

POPE AFFIRMS ‘the great gift’ of the Eastern Churches

You may remember a few weeks back I affirmed the existence of 23 rites in the Catholic Church worldwide. Many of those 23 rites have started or exist near the Middle East: several of them have good numbers in Australia. They stand as brothers and sisters of us from the much larger Latin Rite of our holy Church. Pope Leo warned that failing to understand Eastern Catholic Churches is harmful to the Church at large. Pope Leo explained that these Churches offer Catholics a rich diversity, often unknown to the wider Church. Yes, the Eastern Catholic Churches have a great gift to offer the entire Catholic Community, which is often unaware of the diverse ecclesial traditions within its ranks. Some allow their clergy to marry. Some demand celibacy if not already married before priesthood. Some according to their more serious traditions have worship that lasts nearly two hours. Although officially known as the Antiochene Syriac Maronite Church most Catholics in Australia would just refer them as the Maronite Catholic Church .

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Their patriarch (submitting to Pope) is in North Eastern Beirut and most are attached in some way to Lebanon. About two thirds of them have spread since the 19th century to all parts of the world including many who live in Melbourne. On the other hand, Melkite churches are various Eastern Christian churches of the Byzantine Rite. This is a liturgical rite that is identified with the wide range of cultural, devotional, and canonical practises that developed in earlier times in the Eastern Christian church of CONSTANTINOPLE. However, it traces its origins to the early Christian community of the Patriarchate of Antioch(North of Israel) in the 1st century AD, traditionally founded by the apostle St Peter. In summary at various times there have been an allegiance either to the Greek Orthodox Melkite Church or the Melkite Catholic Church also known as by either the Melkite Church or Melkite Greek Church. Many of the Melkites have been situated in Syria and gave me as a Latin Rite Catholic a great welcome in Damascus when I visited the footsteps of St Paul in 2003. They could not have been more welcoming and one of them wanted to take me around to see the local bishop! There are also Chaldean Catholics three or four of them frequent our Sunday Mass in Williamstown.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY AN ESSENTIAL PART OF PEACEMAKING:

Pope Leo XIV has called on the United Nations to prioritise people in combating world hunger and said feeding the hungry was a essential part of peacemaking. The pontiff visited the headquarters of the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation in Rome. In his remarks, Pope Leo emphasised the seriousness of world hunger, explaining that it often fuels other social challenges, particularly migration.

“More than merely a humanitarian concern, hunger erodes social cohesion, heightens the risk of conflict, and fuels forced migration. In effect, conflicts are ‘fed’ more readily than people are nourished. This really reflects not only operational shortcomings but also a fundamental imbalance in political and moral priorities.” Pope Leo said.

The Pope also stressed the importance of multilateral collaboration, stating that each state shares co-responsibility to “recognise the inherent God-given dignity of every person”.

CHURCH LEADERS PREPARE FOR NEXT PHASE OF SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

The heads of the Church’s continental bodies have gathered in Rome this week for three days of meetings dedicated to the next phase of the Synod on Synodality. Source: *Vatican News*.

The meetings bring together representatives of continental ecclesial organisations from Latin America, Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, the Middle East, and North America, accompanied by coordinators of the continental synodal teams.

According to a media release from the General Secretariat of the Synod yesterday, the gathering is a continuation of the Synod on Synodality’s implementation phase, which followed the final assembly of the Synod in October 2024.

Participants are meeting in light of the recent publication of the document *Towards the Assemblies 2027–2028: Stages, criteria, and tools for Preparation*, which is intended to guide the next stages of the synodal journey.

The General Secretariat said meetings would focus on listening to “the principal developments in the implementation of the Final Document of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops,” while fostering the exchange of experiences from different regions of the world and identifying “common dynamics and issues requiring further shared reflection.”

COLLECTIONS IN FUTURE:

- 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

Novena Day Five to St John Paul II let by Bishop Thinh Nguyen

St Leo the Great Parish (Altona North) invites you to join the Day Five of the Novena to Saint John Paul II as we commemorate the 40th Anniversary of his visit to our parish in 1986. **Novena Mass will be led by Bishop Thinh Nguyen.**

Date: Sunday, 28 June 2026

Time: Mass at 5:00pm, followed by Novena Prayers and Benediction, and fellowship afterwards.

You are warmly invited to come and pray together as we give thanks for this special anniversary and bring your families and friends too.

Rosters for this 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

Rosters for next Week 4th & 5th July 2026

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Marisa Foroni, Elaine Garner 10.30am Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Chris Main, Jan Maine 10.30am Olga Reginato
Welcomers	6.00pm Simone Pinzone 8.30am Teofila Hunt 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 Steve Slattery, Colin Dundon, Luka Huddle, Miriam Kucic, Henreitta Augustin, Frank Fenwick, Antonio Sagona, Jesse Ochenden, Nicola Nardo, Roman Kin Senior (NZ), Ercole Taliana, Jim Charles, Kevin Tweedly, Helen Nahas, Emmanuel Darmanin, Edwin Poliness, Joe Pecora, Eddy Welsh, Rene Hynes, Rolfe Erdman, Martin Woods, Bill Stone, Giovanna Scolaro, Nancy Sexton, Deano Cosma, Jack Lauder, Lloyd Croall, Jerome Creaney, Concetta Lo Piccolo, Alf Swallows, Mary Hyland, Michal Camilleri, Des Laurie, Clare Ryan, Aristeia Sagona, Michael Daly, Geoffrey Reid, Paul Dargo, Mona Ellis, Catherine Torrisi, Rachel Mangan, George Ulmer, Edna Kelly, Jack Richardson, Sonja Hodell, Anthony Caccamo, Ted Hill, Domenic Edes, Jim Ward, Tom Ward, Margaret Campitelli, Eileen and Christopher Cooney, Maria D'Angelo, Salvatrce Pecora, Giuseppe Vivona and Joseph Cutajar whose anniversaries are at this time.

