

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

30th August, 2026



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Tuesday 9:00am – 3.00pm

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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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah 20:7-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING:

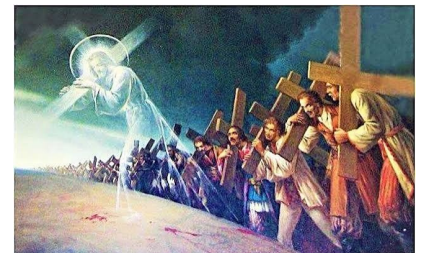
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 12:1-2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:21-27

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay everyone according to his conduct.



Tuesday 1st September	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 2nd September	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church. 7.00pm 1 st Confirmation Mass at St Mary's Church
Thursday 3rd September	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7.00pm 2 nd Confirmation Mass at St Mary's Church
Friday 4th September	9:15am Father's Day Whole School Mass at St Mary's Church 11:30am Seniors Mass at St Mary's Church followed by luncheon -all welcome.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

As if it wasn't enough madness amongst certain Sydney Swans players, several Richmond players also got on the bandwagon on 'Mad Monday' to contribute to further stupidity at the Garfield Hotel. Garfield is a southeastern Victorian Gippsland town, 80 kilometres from Melbourne. My grandfather (mum's dad), as he came from Garfield, went down to St Kilda to play league football for 3 years, then joined and played for Melbourne for 6 years. My grandfather went from Garfield to Melbourne to play league football, Richmond players went from Melbourne to Garfield to play the fool!

NEW PARISHIONERS LUNCHEON:

Please note new parishioners of the Parish over the last 18 months that we always have a new parishioner's luncheon. You are welcome to join myself and our Parish Council members at a luncheon immediately after 10:30am Mass on Sunday September 13th at the Parish Centre – next to Church. There is a need to put your names down at back table so that we can know how many to cater for.

BAKE AND MAKE AVAILABLE!

On Sunday morning tea after the 8:30am Mass there is a small roster going for 3 Sundays in a row. It would be good if we had another two families who would bake and make available some more cake type food on an extended roster. If able to help, please contact Ivonne Cram on 0400 005 937.

BIBLES:

The Parish sold out of the bibles on the back table last week. That beautiful dearer one of \$40 even sold out on the Saturday night. Sorry about that, but I have ordered 10 more of those plus 10 more of the less pricey ones at \$20.

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

ST MARY'S PRAYER

Nature Walk



PRESENT TO GOD IN NATURE: Walk through the beauty of Williamstown Esplanade and connect to faith. Lead by Anne Slingo you will be guided to reflect upon the nature that surrounds us and connects us to God.

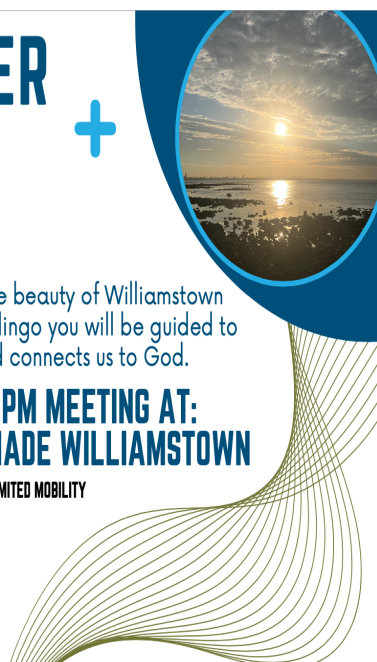
**SEPTEMBER 12TH 10:15AM-12:00PM MEETING AT:
ST JOSEPH'S BY THE SEA 16 ESPLANADE WILLIAMSTOWN**

PROVISION TO BE SEATED WILL BE MADE FOR THOSE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY

COST: Suggested donation amount
\$15 or what you can afford

BOOKINGS AT:

www.trybooking.com/DOOQN



Season of Creation on-line retreat:

Jesuit Spirituality Australia is conducting an on-line retreat for four Tuesdays in September using Ignatian prayer and reflection practices. No experience needed. See

jisa.org.au/retreat/ignatian-ocean-retreat-online-for-season-of-creation-2026

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS LONGMAN 0411483571 OR MONIQUE IN THE OFFICE 93976066

"I HAVE A DREAM" – Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jnr

This week marks the 63rd anniversary of arguably one of the greatest speeches ever made. On 28 August 1963, Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jnr delivered his famous **"I Have a Dream"** speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC, before an estimated crowd of 250,000 who were participating in the "March on Washington" for Civil Rights in the USA.

Whilst focussing on Civil Rights in the USA, its powerful message resonated throughout the world. It's message of the need for urgency of action on racial equality and the ultimate power of love is as relevant today as it was in 1963.

Here are some key parts:

"We have come to this hallowed ground to remind America of the fierce urgency of now. This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualization. Now is the time to lift our nation from the quick sands of racial injustice to the solid ground of brotherhood. Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children."

"Let us not wallow in the valley of despair. So even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of the creed: We hold this truth to be self-evident, that all men are created equal."

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character."

"This is our hope. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day."

"And when this happens, and when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up the day when all of God's children, black and white, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and say in the words of the old Negro spiritual – Free at last. Free at last. Thank God almighty we are free at last."

Dr King was born in Atlanta Georgia on 15 January 1929 and was assassinated in Memphis Tennessee on 4 April 1968, aged just 39 years. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 (youngest ever). The full speech is readily available online. **Let us all live the hope of Dr King.**

WORKING BEE AROUND CHURCH GARDENS

SATURDAY 12th September, 2026—9.00AM—11.00AM

Come along and help clean up our beautiful church gardens, even if it is only for an hour or two. If you could bring your own equipment, it would be greatly appreciated.

COMBINED PARISHES YOUTH GATHERING

Our next Combined Parishes Youth Gathering will be held on Saturday 5th September from 7:00pm—8:30pm, at St Mary's Parish Centre, 116 Cecil Street Williamstown. We invite all Youth aged 15-19 years to come along for a fun evening with food/snacks, faith topic discussion and games.

Green Team Notice - Repair Café

Sunday 30th Aug 10.00am to 12.00 119 Douglas Parade Williamstown

Get your electrical goods, toys, clothing and bikes repaired.

And get a free barista coffee

Rosters for this Week 29th & 30th August 2026

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Karen Colla, Gerard Colla 10.30am Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Kevin Perera
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Jenny O'Sullivan 10.30am Joe Covelli

Rosters for next Week 5th & 6th September 2026

Counting Team 3	Ian Veal, Frances Moloney, Susan Jamieson, Larry Rigoni
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am John O'Keefe, Ivonne Cram 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm YOUTH GROUP 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Bryan Perera
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Jeanette Thompson 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 Janet Yii who passed away recently and Kevin Murphy, Tony Buckley, Fr. Michael Bogusz, Henri Styzinski, Antonietta Kucich, Chris Salamone, Mary Cassar, Kathleen Featherston, Warwick Smith, Aurelio Sagona, Hugo Smith, Pat Smith, Christine House, (Sr.) Philomena, Peter Warr, Maureen Haughey, Shirley Dervan, Kevin Doohan, Anna Dubiel, Martino Doria, Pasquale Vivona, Lucia Caputo, Mick Spiller, George Francis, Ronald Purcell, Rene Norton, Betty O'Rourke, Myra Matthews, Anne Kenny, Jo Schobben, Lloyd Molineux, Patrick O'Brien, George Cassar, Jacob Van Lilth, Edward Armstrong, Stasha Bajsuk, Maria Pos, Beryl Saidy, Pasqualina Fabbro, Peter Spurling, Rose Achkar, Giuseppe Sokolic, Mamie Fitzpatrick, Allan Sargeant, Constantino Sammut, Jason Medicott, Michael Paicquadio, Angelina Meilak, Natalino Meilak, Michael Meilak, Joan Spiteri, Rosaria, Albert, Celestina, Ersilia, Guiseppe, Natalino, Margherita, Carmelo, Antonio Basilone, Maria Meloni, George and Emanuele Mangion, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Rita, Pietro, Francesca, Benedetto, Igniazio and Angeolina Saragozza, Nickolas Dimeck, Spiro Grima, John Cassar, Les Sharp, Paul Gerada, Ivor Jones, Arthur Jones, Mario Camilleri, Emiglio Cini, Roland Zammit, Cristina Santucci, Blondina and Lawrence Sammut, whose anniversaries are at this time