

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

Principal Anthony Hockey

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

TRINITY SUNDAY YEAR A



FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Exodus 34.4b-6, 8-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Glory and praise forever!

SECOND READING:

Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 13.11-13

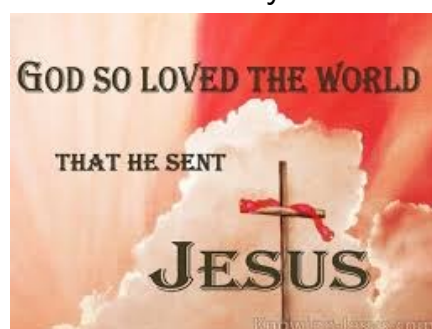
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

GOSPEL: JOHN 3:16-18

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.



Tuesday 2nd June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 3rd June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church. 7.00pm Special Minister Formation – new ministers at St Mary's Church
Thursday 4th June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 6:30pm Parish Council meeting at the presbytery.
Friday 5th June	11:30am Seniors Mass at St Mary's Church Followed by luncheon in the Parish Centre – All Welcome.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

TRINITY:

The Catechism teaches that by sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PARISH: Today (Sunday) at 11:30am in St Mary's Church .

I am sure you would like St Mary's Parish to be a great one and not mediocre. Thus, the greatness of the Parish can depend on your commitment. And let us remember an old saying that if a thousand ripples come from a thousand different sources, then they can form a mighty wave which can break down all forms of resistance. You can continue to be part of that wave.

ABORTION:

I don't know exactly what has transpired in the South Australian Parliament this week, but I admire the efforts of parliamentarian Sarah Game. Sarah, now an independent, produced legislation to place new limits on abortions after 25 weeks. The South Australian Parliament currently permits abortions after 23 weeks, with the approval of two doctors, if the continuation of the pregnancy would involve "significant risk to the physical or mental health " of the pregnant person. The latest bill, endorsed by prominent pro-life campaigner Joanne Howe, would remove that clause and effectively ban abortion from 25 weeks onwards except when it is necessary to save the life of the mother. It also removes serious foetal abnormalities as a valid reason to perform a late term abortion, with Ms Howe stating the new laws would "provide protection for all children , irrespective of any kind of disability that they have". Ms Game said the parliament had the responsibility to "protect human life" and have an "honest conversation about where South Australian draws the line". Ms Game and Ms Howe were among those gathered on the steps of the South Australian Parliament for a rally in support of the bill. Unfortunately, we know the latest push for a roll-back will be fiercely opposed by abortion rights campaigners who have described previous attempts to place additional limits on access to termination as both the attack on women's rights and a danger to their health. Ms Game hopes to bring the bill to a vote before parliament's winter break at the end of June. We pray for both Ms Game and Ms Howe at this time in their pursuit of true justice for the unborn.

FIRE DRILL:

Thanks to the good cooperation of parishioners last weekend. It was organised well by the Parish Council and I am appreciative of the majority of our Parish Council being involved throughout the three Masses. It gives us confidence we can meet at designated spot – Robertson Reserve – if a fire or emergency does take place and leave space on the Church grounds for any fire equipment if necessary.

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.**

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

FURTHER NEWS ON SCAFFOLDING:

Although the painting of the presbytery was plain sailing for 2 weeks, a problem has emerged. Some of the scaffolding if erected on Cole street side of presbytery may have caused an electricity current through the scaffolding if erected there. We are waiting for further advice and the go ahead from Origen energy so that we pursue things safely since some power lines are in a tricky position.

FURTHER NEWS CONCERNING POPE LEO:

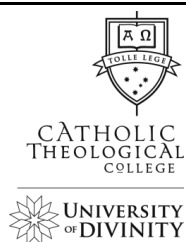
The Liturgy is to do with the public worship of the Church. When we as a group are together in prayer and worship we are at the Liturgy. The Mass is not a private gathering but public liturgy – public worship. Pope Leo XIV quite rightly stated last week that the liturgy occupies a central place in the life of the Church, since it “touches the very heart” of the mystery of Christ because it is “at once the space, the time and the context” in which the Church receives from him “her very life”. Pope Leo began a new series of catechesis about the Second Vatican Council’s constitution on the sacred liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*. The conciliar text marks a shift in emphasis in the understanding of the liturgy: whereas the Tridentine Mass prior to Vatican 11 focused primarily on the sacrificial dimension, the conciliar liturgical reform placed at the forefront Christ acting in the liturgy, setting at the centre the paschal mystery – his passion, death, resurrection, and glorification – which is made sacramentally present in every celebration.

Pope Leo affirmed that “every time we take part in the assembly gathered ‘in his name we are immersed in this mystery’”, stressing that Christ continues to act in the church as “he who is present in the proclaimed word, in the sacraments, in the ministers who celebrate, in the gathered community and, in the highest degree, in the Eucharist.”

The Pope also insisted that the liturgy is not an isolated act but “the summit towards which the activity of the Church is directed ...the font from which all her power flows.”

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 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**

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.

MISSION COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be the annual Propagation of the Faith Appeal in our parish and other parishes in our Archdiocese.

Rosters for this 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

Rosters for next Week 6th & 7th June 2026

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm YOUTH GROUP 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Cecilia Balson
Welcomers	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Di Collins

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Neil Daniher who passed away recently and Joseph Sagona, Terry Holdsworth, Brian McCarthy, Peter Vincent, Terry Winship, Salvatrice Pecora, Brunina Rando, Stepjan Ivelja, Sr. Joan Guiry, Noel Bonnici, Jim Charles, Michael Henry, Leslie Cross, Bernice Mill, Norma Honeyman, Vic Routley, Mavis Reed, Helen Bartlett, Ersilia Portelli, Vera Webb, Helen Kucic, Owen Whelan, Pat Talbot, Doreen Curtain, Helen Ambrose, Leo Wise, Trevor Joseph, Elizabeth Trainor, Maria Corbo, Sr. Joan O'Shea, Antonio Santoro, Gerarda Cordijn, Rosina Bottoli, Jack Rusick, Sebastiano Sirgiovanni, Giuseppina Timpano, Francesco Caputo, Carmela Darmanin, Stella Magri, Antionetta Azzopardi, Maria Meloni, Carlo Giacomelli, Nadala Sokolic, John O'Neill, Margaret Simms, Louie Tweedly, Cecilia Hctor, Vera Harnett, Loretta Stirling, Bernice Diamond, Nance Tweedly, Harry Hart, Bella Morgan, Joyce Deller, Helen Nahas and Frank Buntz; whose anniversaries are at this time.

Most Holy Trinity Prayer



O most Holy Trinity, bless me with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Please give me Wisdom so that I may recognise the importance of others and keep God central in my life.

Please, also, pray for my intentions.

With my voice and my heart, I glorify You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen