

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

3rd March, 2024



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Monday, Tuesday

Parish Staff

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Tuesday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Thursday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

Kylie Skinner-Wednesday

8.30am–3.30pm

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Exodus

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 1:22-25.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

GOSPEL: JOHN: 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who had sold oxen, sheep and doves, as well as the money changers



seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a market place." His disciples recalled the words of scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

Tuesday 5th March	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 4.00pm—6.00pm Gathering of families with children for their 1st Reconciliation in St Mary's Church 7.00pm Continuation of those interested at looking more in the Catholic Faith at the Presbytery.
Wednesday 6th March	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 4.00pm—6.00pm Further administering 1st Rite for mainly Grade 3 children.
Thursday 7th March	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 6.30pm Parish Council Meeting at the Presbytery.
Friday 8th March	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 4.00pm—6.00pm Continuation of Rite 1—Reconciliation. 7.00pm Stations of the Cross at St Mary's Church.
Saturday 9th March	10.0am Continuation of Rite 1—Reconciliation.

Dear Parishioners,

LENT IS CALLING:

In cleansing the Temple Jesus was protesting against the commercialisation of religion and the desecration of the Temple. It was God's intention that the Temple should be a house of prayer 'for all nations. But the Temple remained the jealously guarded preserve of Israel. It was only after the Resurrection that the full meaning of what Jesus did and said became clear to his followers. Jesus, the risen Messiah, has taken the place of the Temple and all it stood for. The centre of God's presence among his people is no longer a place; it is a person.

ANOTHER SEMINARIAN:

Cameron Ryan and Tway Pham will be going to other parishes this year while a Sri Lankan background man, Channa Tilakarathna from Corpus Christi Carlton will be here this weekend for the 10.30am Mass

GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY TIP THIS WEEK:

When watering your garden, only apply water as fast as the soil can absorb it and water in the morning if possible.

NEW ENVELOPES AND STEWARDSHIP LETTER:

I was somewhat shocked last week when our new Insurance bill came in from our new Insurer for the Archdiocese as it was \$34,292. I have paid it in full to save on instalments which would have cost us \$900 more but it leaves us with very little money in our Church account. Therefore, it is crucial you keep up your envelopes, credit card payment, direct debits as we start a new set of envelopes – otherwise I might lose more hair! More seriously though thanks for your normal generosity in most being very reliable in keeping up your financial payments to our St Mary's Parish Church account and for those who help me with my presbytery account.

SWAPPING OF PULPITS:

Instead of a two way swap this time we will doing a 3-way swap! I will be celebrating Saturday evening Mass March 16th at Altona, Fr Michael Kalka of Altona will celebrate Mass at Newport and Fr Binh will celebrate Mass at Williamstown on that same evening.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR LENT:

Rite 2 Community Reconciliation Service will be held on Saturday March 23rd at 5:15pm – 6:00pm with 6:00pm Mass following. One of the two priests from Laverton/Altona Meadows parish has kindly offered to be present to help us out.

FOR 2024 CHANGE OF ACCLAMATION OF FAITH: - acclamation number one. Now we do the below:

*We proclaim your death, O Lord
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.*

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7pm :

Friday March 8th at St Mary's Williamstown.

Friday March 15th at Newport Church: 4 Newcastle Street Newport.

Friday March 22nd at Altona North: 387 Mason Street Altona N.

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg 28/2/2024



ST MARY'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

Our Memorial Garden plays an important role in our St Mary's community, providing a lasting memorial and quiet place for reflection and prayer for beloved parishioners and family members.

Plaques can be purchased for those already deceased and, if required, a Reservation Cross or crosses can also be purchased and placed so that family plaques can be placed together on the Memorial Wall in the future.

We have had several recent enquiries and before placing the next order for plaques, we wanted to give other families the opportunity to consider doing so. The plaques are of a standard size with consistent wording – to help maintain the respectful nature of the Garden.

The new order will be placed before Easter – so if you are considering a plaque or would like more information, please email your interest to the Parish Office williamstown@cam.org.au and one of the Memorial Garden Committee will be in touch.



WELCOMING OF OUR REFUGEE FAMILY

All our CRISP team will be at the airport to greet the Syrian family which consists of Mother Amina and her two teenage children, Omar and Mirfa when they arrive from an Iraq refugee camp on Thursday 7th March at 6.25pm.



St Mary's Parish Bulletin

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2025 PREP INFORMATION SESSIONS

**March 26th
9:30 am or 7:00pm**

About the School

All Children Welcome
Established 1842
Calm Classrooms
Academic Excellence
Faith Community



Use the QR Code to register
for one of the sessions

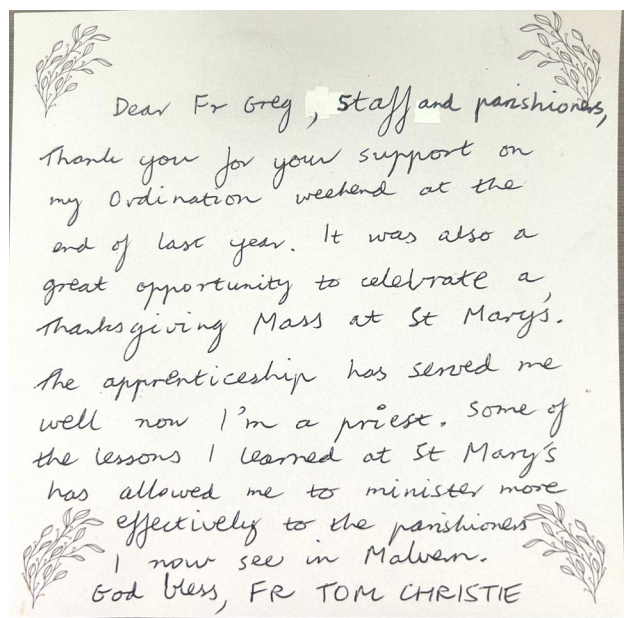
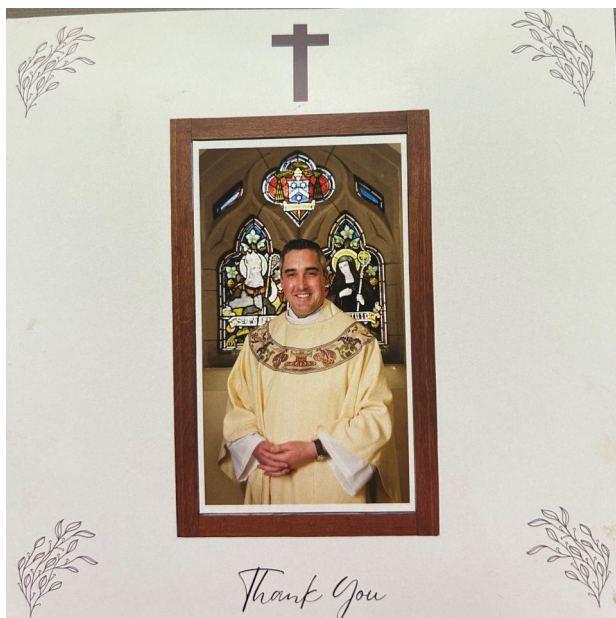


Call the school to book an
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Rosters for this Week 2nd & 3rd March 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Ivonne Cram 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Evol Farrelly 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Volunteer Needed 10.30am Marlene Clayton
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Ros Jacklyn, James McCutcheon

Rosters for next Week 9th & 10th March (Labour Day Weekend)

Counting Team No. 2	David Jamieson, Marguerite Buckley, Bob Paz, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Evol Farrelly, Gerard Colla 10.30am Maria Laudato, Maylene Clayton
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Joe Covelli
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Mariza O'Keefe
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy



IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Sarah Rodgers, Cathy Reid, Assunta Delgrosso, Yemme Reddy, Anne-Marie Pelikinakis, Tita Lopres, Adrian Lopresti.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for John Keohoe who died recently and for Cathy Kelly, Thelma Luft, Gilbert Augustin, Fr. Joe Micallef, Giovanni Trifilo, Roger Dawson, Herbert Augustin, Frederick Lazarus, Kevin Hynes, Maria Guastalegname, Mary Lewis, Joyce Rudd, Sheila Webster, Silvana Rossi, Blaze Phillips-Mitchell, Carmel Harrison, Brian Mitchell, Dennis Vanstone, Chiara Lubich, Mike Linehan, Anthony Kennedy, Vittoria Paone, Gwen Sturrock, Sue King, Maria Scabelloni, Hilda Wood, Tanya Pickergill, Margaret Dooley, Daniel Rudd, Mary McLinden, Muriel Bowes, Marjory Cuthbert, Giovanni Raunik, Peter Wentworth, Cynthia Frawley, Nance McRae, Carmelo Pisano, Giuseppina De Bono, Roger Wilson, Cath Wickham, Doris Dean, Serafina Basilone, Eileen Storey, John Day, Vincenzo Timpano, Agnes Lynch, Giuseppe Nardo, Francesco Galle and Immacolata Laudato; whose anniversaries are at this time

