

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*

17th 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah. 31:31-34

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Create a clean heart in me, O Lord.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. 5:7-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.

GOSPEL: JOHN 12:20-33

Now there were some Greeks among those who had come up to worship at the feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me."

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.



Tuesday 19th March	9.15am	Whole School and Parish Mass for the feast of St Joseph at St Mary's Church.
	7.00pm	Continuation of those interested at looking more in the Catholic Faith at the Presbytery.
Wednesday 20th March	9.15am	Communion Service at St Mary's Church. (Priests of Archdiocese celebrating with Archbishop Mass of the Holy Oils).
	7.00pm	Meeting of Parish reps with Parish Priests of the 4 surrounding parishes at Altona North.
Thursday 21st March	9.15am	Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 22nd March	9.15am	Mass at St Mary's Church.
	7.00pm	Stations of the Cross at St Leo at Altona North, 387 Mason Street.
Sunday 31st March	Easter Sunday (See Mass times below)	

Dear Parishioners,

In the First Reading the prophet Jeremiah tells a shattered people that God has not forsaken them but will soon make a new covenant with them. In the Gospel Jesus uses the example of a grain of wheat dying in order to yield a harvest, thereby suggesting that his death will bear much fruit.

From my county Cork and Dublin Irish background I will be only drinking a Guinness from the 'Steam Packet' opposite on St Patrick's day if the bulldogs manage a miracle for me and beat Melbourne Sunday afternoon! Down with 'the demons' especially during Lent!

GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY TIP THIS WEEK:

Shorten your showers by a minute or two to save water.

If you would like to write to members of parliament about climate change and implication of new gas fields, please go to Letition.org where you will find a sample letter you can use or modify.

COLLECTION FOR JOSEPH'S CORNER:

Our parishes around have always supported Joseph's Corner as it is a nonprofit support service to families living with alcohol and drug addiction – set up in Yarraville next to St Augustine's Church. Accordingly, most nearby parishes like us will be having a leaving collection on Sunday March 17th at both the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses to help keep this service in operation.

SWAPPING OF PULPITS:

Former parishioner and now Parish Priest of Altona, Fr Michael Kalka will be celebrating the 6pm Mass this Saturday night while I will be celebrating the Mass at St Mary's Altona. Fr Michael Kalka has also a Ukrainian background and one of the very few priests in the whole of Australia who is bi ritual !! In other words he can celebrate Mass according to our Latin Catholic Rite or the Ukrainian Catholic Rite. He like many others with Ukrainian background bears the pain of the present situation in Ukraine.

REMINDER - RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR LENT:

Rite 2 Community Reconciliation Service will be held on Saturday March 23rd at 5:15pm – 6:00 pm with 6:00pm Mass following. The Parish Priest of Altona Meadows/Laverton will be helping that evening for the Reconciliations – Fr John Healy.

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7pm :

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

EASTER SERVICES:

- 7.00pm Holy Thursday: Mass and Washing of Feet.
- 10:00am Good Friday: Stations of the Cross.
- 3:00 pm Good Friday Main Service throughout our World.
- 7:30 pm Holy Saturday Vigil Mass.
- 8:30am Easter Sunday Mass.
- 10:30am Easter Sunday Mass.



VOLUNTEERING READINGS, SPECIAL MINISTERS + WASHING OF FEET:

On clipboards down back of Church please put your names down for all the above services and we will be in contact by phone or bulletin of previous week. Those who have been involved in the longer Palm Sunday readings in past please make sure you put your names down for one of the three Masses – we need your experience. Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN:

A reminder for next term that ALL our volunteers for Childrens Liturgy at 8:30am of a Sunday need an up to date Working with Children check and also need to sign our Parish 'Code of Conduct' with children. These are non-negotiables..

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg 14/3/2024

Welcome Amina, Omar and Mirfa

At the airport last Thursday night, the St Mary's Way of the West Committee were delighted to welcome the family Amina, Omar and Mirfa on a safe landing in Melbourne.

The family that St Mary's Parishioners have so generously supported with your donations. After spending the last five years in a refugee camp in Iraq, the family seemed all of happy, excited, tired, emotional, and maybe a little overwhelmed on arrival. Over the past week, committee members have been busy arranging, interpreter services, immigration cards, bank accounts, income support, Medicare, a mobile phone and phone plans, concession cards and even a tax file number.

Welcome to Australia! As well as receiving a gift bag full of Australiana with a couple of toy koalas. Amina, Omar and Mirfa have been welcomed into the home of two generous parishioners for the next few weeks, whilst we help sort out with the family longer term accommodation, schooling, English classes, employment etc.

It's great to have the family arrive safely in Australia after almost 12 months of planning.



**ST MARY'S
WILLIAMSTOWN**



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



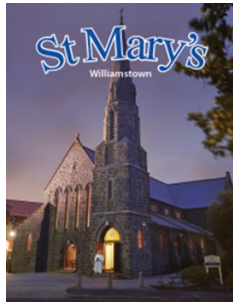
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for one of the sessions



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individual tour



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St Mary's Parish Bulletin

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Rosters for this Week 16th & 17th March 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Karen Colla, Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Maria Laudato, Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro
Welcomers	6.00pm Claudia Hall 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Chantel Castelino
Children's Liturgy	Mariza O'Keefe, Rachelle Pantelleresco

Rosters for next Week 23rd & 24th March

Counting Team No.	Ian Veal, Fran Moloney, Tony Cutroni, Larry Rigoni, Susan Jamieson
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicut 8.30am John O'Keefe, Eilin Taylor 10.30am Maylene Clayton, Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Chris Maine 10.30am Mareena Peter
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Teofila Hunt 10.30am Herb Zimmer, Joe Covelli
Children's Liturgy	Doreen Mitchell, Ros Jacklin

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 Angela Tarascio, Filomena Rubbo and Lillian Magri who passed away recently and Nell Morley, Helen Nicholson, Antonia Kucich, Prisca Reddy, Augustinho Fernandes, Bev Curtis, Dalia Lucia, Angiolina Saragozza, Stella De Luca, Anna Dubiel, Vito Massaro, Pat Brannick, Edith Lovell, Marjory Renton, Gerry Franken, Len Roper, Norm Quale, Ron Grima, Dean Ballantyne, Catrina McInney, Clare Oliver, Kay Hollo, Dorothea Albinson, Lillian Connors, Joan English, Aileen Sandri, Victor Pezzani, Neddy Dawson, Ray Bryan, Anna Spence, Pasquale Fabbro, Herbie Cole, Leo Rogan, Anna Matson, Nellie Heaps, Kath Jones, Kath Dowling, Fay Forbes, Bill Brydon, Patrick Wilkinson, Michael Tuck, Lawrence Meehan, Edna Ross, Anne Smith, Rose Ashkar, David Templeton, Wilma Ulmer, Albert Kennedy, Kerrie Knot, Mary Emilie Meerwald, Aurelio Sagona, Warwick Smith, Paolo Pecora, Salvatrice Pecora, Aristea Sagona, Antonio Sagona, Salvatore Sagona, Berta Geremia, Patricia McBride, Annie Costa, Natalino Mifsud, Anthony Sammut, Joseph Sammut, Elena and Anthony Banavage, Maria and Lucio Falzon, Teresa and Giuseppe Sciciereff, Lawrence Galea, Olga Cutajar, Joseph Cutajar, Blondina and Lorenzo Sammut, Giacomo Caterina and Lino Lugnani ; whose anniversaries are at this time.

