

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*

12th May, 2024



116 Cecil Street, Williamstown 3016

Telephone: 9397 6066

Email: williamstown@cam.org.au

www.melbcatholic.org/s/williamstown

Parish Priest

(Fr.) Greg Trythall

0400 524 363

Email:

greg.trythall@cam.org.au

Pastoral Associate

Monique Julian

0450 789 951

Monday, Tuesday

Parish Staff

Sharon Vassallo

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 1:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

God mounts the throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord..

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians. 1:17-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Go and teach all people my gospel,
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

GOSPEL: MARK 16:15-20

He said to them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.



Tuesday 14th May	9:15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7.00pm Continuation of for all those looking more into Catholic Faith whether Catholic or not – at presbytery, finishes at 8.00pm.
Wednesday 15th May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Thursday 16th May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 17th May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

May Mothers or Mother figures have a wonderful day on Sunday May 12.

Welcome on Saturday night because either you are a St Mary's parent or have a child in a government school, or one of the private schools outside our parish who have come to ask the Parish Community for its prayers as your children undergo another important sacrament of the Catholic Church . Together with our normal Mass going parishioners we are in the same boat. Although in the same boat there may be different world views caused by your own particular circumstances. The ideal view is that we recognise the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and although one day we may not ascend like Jesus we too feel called to the same divine life with God our Father at the end of our lifetime. However, this week the scripture readings are more about the Ascension than the Resurrection or our eventual resurrection.



In his second main work after his Gospel, Luke has the Ascension coming some forty days after the resurrection, and as a solemn finale to Jesus' resurrection appearances. At the beginning of his second volume(Acts of the Apostles) he gives a brief recapitulation of the Gospel. Then he passes to a summary of the conversation of Jesus with the apostles after his resurrection. We then have a final appearance during which he promises to send them the Holy Spirit.

EMERGENCY MASS GATHERING:

Next month I will be celebrating my 77th birthday at the end of the month. Although I obviously don't intend to be sick, realistically before I intend to retire in three years' time at 80 years of age, I need to make provision in case at a moment's notice I am as they say as crook as a dog! With this in mind last Wednesday I gathered 4 parishioners (mostly from our Parish Council or previous member) who are willing to fill in for me. Mainly they would be leading the normal Introductory Rites, making sure those on the roster deliver the Scriptures, make sure Special Ministers conducted Communion from the hosts in the reserved tabernacle to our parishioners and finished the celebration. These people are Peter Kirwan, Elaine Garner, Joe Covelli and Adrian Clifford. Two others in Cristal Augustin and Deb Frizza also showed their interest but could not be present on the evening. I hope the emergency does not happen but let's be realistic, I am overdue for something one day or other. In 47 years I have never needed a Sunday off but as I say luck cannot always continue!

TAKING THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL:

Most parishioners know that during the last year we have been working more with our nearby parishes, especially Newport/Spotswood and Altona plus occasionally Altona North. We had a successful interchange of Stations of the Cross during Lent, and instead of less than ten being present when we did it individually, when combined we had around 30 at each session. At one of our previous meetings, we have also made an informal agreement than anyone within the borders of those four parishes can have the baptism of a child take place without seeking the permission of the geographical parish priest in question. For most of us there has been a change of pulpits. Continuing this process, Altona Parish Priest Fr Michael Kalka will do the 10:30am Mass here on May 25th, Fr Binh PP of Newport/ Spotswood will be at Altona, and I will be at Newport. On August 3rd I will go to Altona all weekend while Fr Binh will do all Masses here at Williamstown, while Fr Michael Kalka will do Newport/ Spotswood. Then for the first time Fr Paul Tru of Altona North will do a swap - while he does my 10:30am Mass on Sept 14th I will do his North Altona 10:30am Mass and I will celebrate also his 5pm Sunday night Mass. Next meeting with the four Parish Priests and the two reps (Stephen Littleton and Joe Covelli) from each parish will take place on June 18th at Newport. Anyone wanting to suggest an idea or strategy of collaboration please don't hesitate to be in contact with any of the three of us in St Mary's Parish.

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN:

I have tried to emphasise the importance the Melbourne Archdiocese now has to the safeguarding of children within its parishes, its schools and its other many various institutions. In a study by the Australian Catholic University, it showed that lay members of our Church have scored lowest on a range of child safeguarding measures compared with those holding other roles. It was particularly noteworthy that clergy recorded the strongest results regarding their positive attitudes and personal responsibility for safeguarding children, as well as their awareness of policies, procedures, and cultures that support safety.

Accordingly, thanks again to the many who have responded to signing our parish Code of Conduct and to provide a Working with Children Check. Please note in the latter it will cost volunteers in our parish nothing to undergo a Working with Children Check – you just have to mark that it is under St Mary's Parish Williamstown and that you are a volunteer. Every three years volunteers **must sign our CODE OF CONDUCT** which is the red and white document on the **back table of the Church**. Please pick up one and not leave it to others as we will have to eventually ring you. All volunteers in a parish are also **required to undertake a Working with Children Check**.

The Safeguarding Essentials Training can be found at: <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org> and the Code of Conduct can be found at <https://melbournecatholic.org/uploads/documents/Code-of-Conduct.pdf>

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 8/5/2024

Mary Care

Who are we and what do we do?

Our philosophy is taken from a quote from St Mary McKillop, Mary Cares patron saint

'Never see a need without doing something about it'.

We are a volunteer group of caring parishioners whose role is to reach out pastorally to those in need in our parish community. We support those who may be unwell, socially isolated, lonely or may have recently experienced a loss in their lives.

Mary Care also assists on the first Friday of each month with the seniors Mass and Lunch in the Parish Centre. At times we are asked to assist with catering for this monthly lunch.

Are you interested in volunteering and becoming an active member of this Committee? Do you have the time to occasionally visit someone in their home or bake a cake, or make some sandwiches for our seniors' lunch? Or do you know someone who could benefit from some pastoral support at this time?

Please feel free to contact Joe, Ivonne, or Mary through the Parish office 9397 6066.



"Never see a need without trying to do something about it"



Communion
for the
Homebound

St Mary's Mary Care—Holy Eucharist At Home

Do you have a loved one or maybe a neighbor who is unable to attend Mass regularly and would appreciate receiving the Holy Eucharist in their home? Please leave details for the Mary Care Team through the Parish office 9397 6066.



Save with CDF Community Fund it's in everyone's best interest.

By opening an account, not only will you receive a competitive financial return, your savings will also help build parishes, classrooms, hospital wings, aged care homes and social service facilities. With a limited time offer of **5.35% p.a.* on a 12-month Term Investment**, and 5.05% p.a.* on a 6-month Term Investment, it's a way to save while doing good. To find out more, visit www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/ offer or scan the QR code.

*Interest rates subject to change. View current rates on the CDF website.



Rosters for this week 11th & 12th May 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Doreen Mitchell 10.30am Maria Laudato, Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Chris Maine 10.30am Mareena Peter
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Joe Covelli

Rosters for next Week 18th & 19th May 2024

Counting Team No. 3	Ian Veal, Fran Moloney, Tony Cutroni, Larry Rigoni, Sussan Jamieson
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Maylene Clayton, Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Franck Schobben 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Joe Covelli
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Di Collins



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 Kay Magee, Clement Charles Peterson, Dr. Tony Huang, Andre Mande, Katica Bozanic, Desanka Repanic, Racheline Soccio, Maria Hoszylyk, Nicola Nardo, James Wills, Kathy Bednarek, Margaret Wills, Patrick O'Sullivan, Jack Taylor, Gordon Grainger, Vern Lawrence, Him McLaren, Patrick Quirk, Collin Maher, Ignazio Kucich, Frank Labb, Mary Geddes, Maria Napoli, Mary Lewer, Chris Carter, Charlie Axelson, John Bancell, Marion Brumby, Charles Brincat, Tony McKie, Chloe Avery, Margaret Black, Albert Baily, Eileen Cooney, David Rowan, Des Brophy, Joan Shumway, James McAleese, Leo Doran, Arthur McKean, June Ellis, Catherine Doyle, Lenore Hay, John Bartolo, George Lewis, Matthew Costello, Alicia and Jan Oruba, Kathryn and Joseph Bojanowski, Rosaria, Alberto, Celestina, Emanuele, Giuseppe, Carmelo, Margherita, Felice, Ersilia, Natalino and George Mangion, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Pietro, Rita, Francesca, Benedetto, Ignazio and Giuseppina Saragozza, Mario Camilleri, Maria Meloni, Natalino and Angela Meilak, Blondina and Lawrence Sammut, Michael Meilak, Susan Minton, Cath Willmott, Pam Neely and Joan Spiteri, whose anniversaries are at this time.



GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY THIS WEEK:

Reduce the number of car trips by using public transport, walking, cycling and or car-pooling.

"If you would like to write to any federal politician with concerns about Woodside, Australia's biggest coal and gas company and their planned Northwest Shelf project, go to letition.org.au where you will find a pre-written letter you can modify and send."