

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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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

4th Sunday
of
Easter

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 4:8-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of John. 3:1-2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them.

This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.



This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

Tuesday 23rd April	9:15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church
Wednesday 24th April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Thursday 25th April	9.15am Special Mass to commemorate ANZAC Day at St Mary's Church.
Friday 26th April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

ANZAC DAY CELEBRATIONS:

It is good to have pride in your suburb of birth, pride in your State but even more important **is to have pride in your country**. The latter is one main reason we keep celebrating ANZAC DAY. It may not seem much, but I feel pride when I get up to say a prayer at the Williamstown Cenotaph at 5:45am in the morning on April 25th. For those who wish to make it also at the 9:15am Mass, it is good to remember what our armed forces have achieved to create a greater peace in our neighbourhood and world in general as well as to pray for peace for the future.

We can easily forget that compulsory military training was first introduced into Australia in 1911. Conscription was seen as bolstering the number of trained personnel. In 1950 National Service was again introduced. "The Forgotten Army was born". From 1951 to 1959 over 200,000 young men, eighteen years old, were conscripted into the three branches of the armed forces. Some of these men saw service in Korea, Malaya and Borneo. Again in 1964 National Service was introduced, this time for twenty year olds like myself and it was for a period of two years. During 1964 to 1972, 64,000 National Servicemen served their country, 23,000 saw active service in Vietnam, 187 were killed and 1,479 were wounded. Lest we forget all who were killed over the last 110 years in helping our world mainly against unjust aggressors. We can be proud that they stood up whether they be men or women, army, navy or air force, conscript or regular soldier.

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN:

I can't state strongly enough that all Church personnel whether they be religious or lay people in the pews have a responsibility to understand the important role they play individually and collectively to ensure the well being and safety of all children and young people in our parish. We must keep our standards as high as possible and that must mean following our archdioceses '**Safeguarding children and young people CODE OF CONDUCT**'. This CODE OF CONDUCT helps to create a positive, respectful and safe environment by setting expectations in relation to all of us in our interactions with children and young people. **All the Parish Council members must sign our CODE OF CONDUCT** by government regulation, **all paid personnel must sign every year** and every volunteer in our parish every three years must sign our CODE OF CONDUCT. All volunteers in a parish are 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>

NEW SEMINARIANS AT MASS:

It was good to meet last week at the 10:30 am Mass the two new seminarians who will be coming to our parish over the next year. On having lunch with them I am sure you will find them pleasant and easy to get along with. One is the speaker at our Masses today, Channa Tilakarathna who comes from Sri Lanka and has only been in Australia seven months. He has signed on for the Ballarat diocese. The other one Josh McDermid has been a secondary school teacher in Adelaide and has signed on for the Melbourne Archdiocese.

As it is Vocations Sunday it is likely that 'the chosen' seminarian will give a bit of background about his religious vocation journey.

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg 17/4/2024

INQUIRY INTO CATHOLIC FAITH:

St Mary's Parish is now entering a new period of sessions for those wanting to look more into the Catholic faith. This is an opportunity for at least furthering your knowledge, asking questions, being open to new insights or even in the end becoming a Catholic Christian.

There is no obligation to proceed to become a Catholic as one can drop out of the sessions at any time. Accordingly, new sessions on the Catholic Faith will be commencing on Tuesday April 30th: 7pm – 8pm at the presbytery. Usually, sessions occur two out of every three Tuesdays in the month. If you wish to find out more, please ring Fr Greg on 0400524363 or email: greg.trythall@cam.org.au



CATHOLIC FAITH



Mary Care

Who are we and what do we do?

Our philosophy is taken from a quote from St Mary McKillop,
Mary Care's patron saint

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

'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.



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To find out more, visit www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/ offer, scan the QR code, or speak to us after the 8:30am Mass on 21 April.

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



Sacramental Program 2024

For children who do not attend St Mary's school and are in the Parish area who would like to be part of St Mary's Sacramental Program in 2024 please contact Monique Julian: monique.julian@cam.org.au to request an enrolment form. The dates for the Sacrament Programs are:



SACRAMENTAL
PREPARATION

Reconciliation
First Eucharist
and Confirmation

Sacrament	Sacrament Program Dates	Sacrament Dates
First Eucharist	29/4, 6/5, 13/5 (6-7pm)	18th, 25th May and 1st June
Confirmation	12/8, 19/8, 26/8 (6-7pm)	27th, 28th and 29th August

GREEN TEAM SUSTAINABILITY TIPS THIS WEEK:

Select the proper pan size for cooking.

Large pans may require more cooking water than necessary.

Environment Victoria website: environmentvictoria.org.au offers a no. of suggestions on how you can take action on environmental protection and climate change under Get Involved

Rosters for this week 20th & 21st April 2024

Counting Team No. 1	Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones, Paul Francis
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Eugene Yii, Maylene Clayton
Mass Readers	6.00pm Evol Farrelly 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Mariza O'Keefe

Rosters for next Week 27th & 28th April 2024

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Eilin Taylor, Karen Colla 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Joe Covelli
Welcomers	6.00pm Claudia Hall 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Chantel Castelino



IN OUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Chris Hussey, Simon Bush, Bruno Rigoni, Harry Bunting, Richard Stone, (Fr.) Cyril Blake, Daniela Panzera, Antonio Pecora, Agnes Schobben, Bridget Fagan, Francis Xavier Borg, Jack O'Neill, John Fitzgerald, Nicola Nardo, Ann Brydon, Tessie Zahra, Cecilia Dalton, Maree Beaton, Hilda Lloyd, Josephine Dimeck, Marianne Gerada, Ernie Clare, Mary Sweet, Rene Hynes, May Sinclair, Lucia Scalia, Des Moore, Francis O'Loughlin, Matilda Luczyc, Annie Broadfoot, Jack Cronin, Miles McGrath, Rita Consolandi, Giselda Darmanin, Tess Hannebery, Lyn Trojkovic, Stella Costa, Natalino and Angelina Meilak, Blondina and Lawrence Sammut, Michael Meilak, Joan Spiteri, Ersilia Portelli, Sheila Easdon, Carmela Sammut, Rosaria Laudato; Emmanuelle and Annie Taliana, Luigi and Lorenza Micallef, Paulo and Elvira Taliana, Sergio and Lucia Gelicrisio, Rita Mulak, Charlie Tabone and Leslie Bernardo; whose anniversaries are at this time.



Lest We Forget

Ever-living God,
We remember those whom you have
gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same place calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.