

St Mary's Parish

We proudly acknowledge the Boonwurring 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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Tuesday 9:00am – 4:00pm

Thursday 9:00am – 4:00pm

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Wednesday Parish Secretary

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9:30am–1:30pm

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St. Mary's School

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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

STS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 12:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord set me free from all my fears.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to Timothy. 4:6-8, 17-18

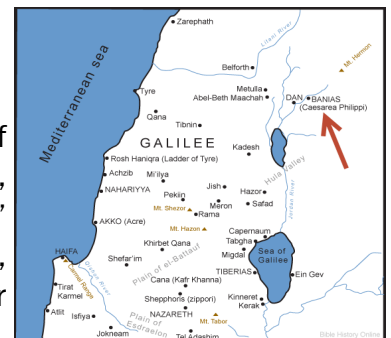
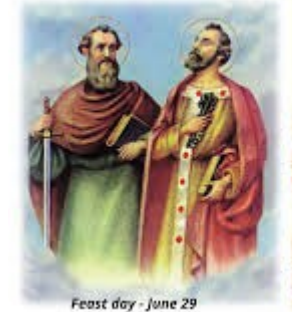
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;

The gates of hell will not hold out against it.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:13-19

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do you say the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”



Tuesday 1st July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church 7pm- 8pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at presbytery. All Welcome.
Wednesday 2nd July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church. 6:30pm – 9pm Another session on Vibrant parishes at the Italia Club. 3 reps plus Fr Greg of Parish Council will be there.
Thursday 3rd July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 6:30pm Parish Council at Presbytery.
Friday 4th July	11.30am Senior's Mass at St Mary's Church. Followed by Lunch in the Parish Centre. All Welcome 5.00pm Devotion—Stations of the Cross

Dear Parishioners,

We welcome a number of children attending other schools in district, other than St Mary's **for their 1st Eucharist** this Sunday at the 10:30am Mass. May their parents be a good example to them in the faith. On something different I thought I would start something new and give it a go! Although the Mass is the source and summit of our faith, it does not mean we have no other means to achieve holiness, besides that normal means being private prayer between you and God. Therefore, **on the first Friday of each month, after the Seniors Mass, I would like to leave the Church side door open** for anyone to come in and pray during that 1st Friday afternoon. Also, I intend to do a mixture of devotions, beginning with an adaption of the Easter 'Stations of the Cross' called 'Paschal Way of the Light' as the first of a few different devotions. This first one includes fourteen stations for reflection of Christ's Easter victory, which includes events from his Resurrection to Pentecost. This will mean only 30 minutes of your time from 5 – 5:30pm and then I will close the Church. If one comes so be it – if 20 come so be it – but I intend to keep doing this until my annual holidays in November.

FIFTH AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL:

Preparations are ramping up as Melbourne prepares to welcome more than 10,000 young people from Year 9 to 25 years of age later this year from 30th November to 2 December. **We are hoping to send 9 of our parishioners to this event.** If teenagers are in the first 50 chosen by Emmanuel College, they will be subsidized except for the last \$100. Otherwise, it will be the normal cost of \$390 for the three days which as a Parish we will need to fund raise. We with Newport/Spotswood Parish – St Josephs are working together to try and arrange a few events. We pray that the many thousands attending this Australian event will encounter the living Christ and choose to follow him.

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY:

On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia observes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. After a period of healing, reflection and discernment following the outcome of 2023 Voice to Parliament referendum, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council and Caritas Australia are calling on Catholic organisations to rejoin the One Journey, Together Initiative. The initiative exists to unify Catholic organisations in Australia around a shared commitment to justice, reconciliation and the amplification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices. One Journey, Together was a response to the calling of the Voice referendum and sought to provide Catholics with information and resources grounded in Catholic Social Teachings. The theme of this year's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday next weekend is 'Sent Forth in Strength and Hope'.

WINTER APPEAL:

There will be a winter appeal for St Vincent de Paul in two weeks' time. There are a lot of our adults in this area in their 30's and 40's who are on very good paying jobs, but it does not mean they are not struggling with their mortgages and so forth. As we can appreciate there are many more around the district who are not in such good paying jobs and struggle street is a weekly occurrence: rent, cost of living you name it.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL:

The money raised by parishioners two weeks ago was \$1,047 – thanks for your generosity again for this Catholic Mission Appeal.

STEWARDSHIP:

We have come to the halfway part of the financial year and all I can say basically is that I am very proud of how parishioners have kept their commitment to helping us to be financially viable. Our Stewardship campaign in October 2024 is reaping its benefits and at that time we had 176 pledges at a strong \$19.52 average. This was a 37% increase on our former figures which in the past left us with a debt budget to pay wages, insurance, maintenance, bills- but now we are starting to dance all our bills are being paid including wages and we are nicely in the black this year from the concerted effort of so many of you. We should in particular thank the 32 new contributors from the last campaign and things generally look very good in both "mission and maintenance". The fact also that the average attendance at our May census 2024 was 275 a week over the 3 Masses and increased to 317 on average in May 2025 has room for optimism of how the Parish is tracking to an even brighter future.

Tap & GO: Just a little note to inform parishioners that AMEX is not accepted on the Tap & Go at the back.

LAUDATO SI' ENVIROMENTAL AWARD:

A month ago, on May 30 Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew 1 of Constantinople received his Laudato Si' award at the Pontifical Atonianum University in Rome. This was for exceptional ecological leadership, particularly his profound influence on Pope Francis. The Patriarch's inspiration was central to two of Pope Francis' major ecological initiatives: the encyclical Laudato Si' and the institution of the "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation," celebrated annually on September 1st.

WELCOME ROSTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to join the welcome roster there is availability for the next 6 months. Please contact Stephen Littleton on 0458 358 116 or email Stephen@parishfirst.com.au.

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

VACANT POSITIONS CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST JOSEPH, NEWPORT AND SPOTSWOOD

The parish office for St Joseph is currently unattended and is advertising the following 2 positions:

- Parish secretary (15 hours/week) [Parish Secretary, St Joseph's Parish | Melbourne Catholic](#)
- Bookkeeper (4 hours/week). [Parish Bookkeeper, St Joseph's Parish | Melbourne Catholic](#)

If you, or someone you know, might be interested in these positions, please share the above links.

9 Newcastle St Newport, VIC 3015, Ph: (03) 9391 1201

Website: <https://www.stjosephs3015.com.au/>

LOOKING FOR A REWARDING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?

St Mary's 'Way of the West' (WOW) group assists newly arrived refugees to settle into Australian life by partnering with the Australian Government's CRISP program.

(more information is available at <https://refugeesponsorship.org.au/what-we-do/crisp/>).

In 2024 St Mary's WOW group supported a Syrian refugee mother and her two children by providing housing, financial aid, and help connecting with essential services such as education, Medicare and Centrelink. Encouraged by their experience, the group plans to assist another family in 2025 and invites others interested in helping refugees to join them.

To learn more, contact Fr. Greg Trythall on 0400 524 363 or Gerard Colla on 0416 141 772.

COMBINED PARISHES YOUTH GATHERING

Our next Combined Parishes Youth Gathering will be held on Saturday 5th July from 7:00pm–8:30pm, at St Mary's Church, Williamstown Parish Centre, 116 Cecil Street Williamstown.

We invite all Youth aged 13-18 years to come and join us for a fun evening with food/snacks, faith topic discussion, and games.

Rosters for this Week 28th & 29th June 2025

Counting Team 4	Leanne Spiteri, Greg Morgan, Herb Zimmer, Steven Sagona, Eugene Yi
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Eilin Taylor, Mary Frisby 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Chris Maine, Jan Maine 10.30am Mareena Peter
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Joe Covelli

Rosters for next Week 5th and 6th of July 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Karen Colla, Doreen Mitchell 10.30am Maria Laudato, Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro
Welcomers	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Di Collins

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, Assunta Delgrosso,
Anne-Marie Pelikinakis, Danuta Kurkowski

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Steve Slattery, Colin Dundon, Luka Huddle, Miriam Kucic, Henreitta Augustin, Frank Fenwick, Antonio Sagona, Jesse Ochenden, Nicola Nardo, Roman Kin Senior (NZ), Ercole Taliana, Jim Charles, Kevin Tweedly, Helen Nahas, Emmanuel Darmanin, Edwin Poliness, Joe Pecora, Eddy Welsh, Rene Hynes, Rolfe Erdman, Martin Woods, Bill Stone, Giovanna Scolaro, Nancy Sexton, Deano Cosma, Jack Lauder, Lloyd Croall, Jerome Creaney, Concetta Lo Piccolo, Alf Swallows, Mary Hyland, Michal Camilleri, Des Laurie, Clare Ryan, Aristeia Sagona, Michael Daly, Geoffrey Reid, Paul Dargo, Mona Ellis, Catherine Torrisi, Rachel Mangan, George Ulmer, Edna Kelly, Jack Richardson, Sonja Hodell, Anthony Caccamo, Ted Hill, Domenic Edes, Jim Ward, Tom Ward, Margaret Campitelli, Eileen and Christopher Cooney, Maria D'Angelo, Salvatrce Pecora, Giuseppe Vivona and Joseph Cutajar whose anniversaries are at this time.

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

The St Mary's Parish has been present at most of the important milestones in your life: your Baptism, your 1st Eucharist, at times of great celebration and at times of great sadness. By leaving a gift to your parish in your Will, you will leave a legacy of faith, a legacy to help ensure that the mission and pastoral outreach that has been important to you will continue both for today's needs and for those of our children, our grandchildren and beyond.