

# 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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## Parish Office Staff

### Pastoral Associate & Parish Secretary

Monique Julian

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Tuesday 9:00am – 4:00pm

Thursday 9:00am – 4:00pm

Friday 9:00am – 2:00pm  
0450 789 951

### Wednesday Parish Secretary

Kylie Skinner

9:30am–1:30pm

## Safeguarding Officer

Frank Schobben

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## 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

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Genesis. 18:20-32

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

### SECOND READING:

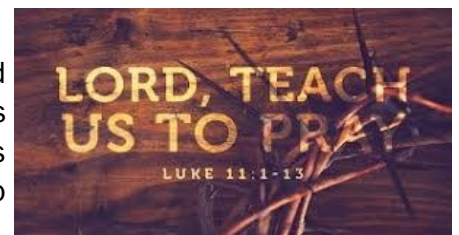
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians. 2:12-14

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

### GOSPEL: LUKE 11:1-13

He was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:



***Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.***

***Give us each day our daily bread***

***and forgive us our sins***

***for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us,***

***and do not subject us to the final test."***

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

<b>Tuesday 29th July</b>	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church 7.00pm Meeting of four adjoining parishes reps for continuation of working in cooperation – at North Altona Church Foyer.
<b>Wednesday 30th July</b>	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. (Fr Greg celebrating Secondary School Mass – St Paul's) 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
<b>Thursday 31st July</b>	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
<b>Friday 1st August</b>	11.30am Senior's Mass at St Mary's Church. Followed by luncheon in the Parish Centre. All Welcome. 12 Noon – Church open all afternoon for individual prayer. 5pm – 5:30m Devotions : Vigil Prayers for Deceased.

Dear Parishioners,

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

##### **A) FIRST READING:**

Abraham intercedes with God on behalf of Sodom, a city full of evil. Troubled by the idea of the innocent being punished along with the guilty, he begins to bargain with God. In this bargaining we catch the flavour of the oriental market with prices being ruthlessly slashed. Even though, there is no resolution, the implication is that if there was even one just person in the city of Sodom, God would spare it.

##### **B) SECOND READING:**

Baptism is the Christians integration into Christ's death and resurrection. Through Baptism a Christian dies to the old sinful way of life, and rises to a new way of life.

##### **C) GOSPEL:**

Luke's version of the Lord's prayer is shorter than Matthew's, which is believed to be closer to the original version.

#### **MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS:**

After more than 20 years as Parish Priest of Altona North, Fr Paul Tru will take up residence in Avondale Heights where Fr Nhan Le has been Parish Priest for about the last 10 years. Fr Nhan will leave Avondale Heights on August 9<sup>th</sup> to be Parish Priest of both Moonee Ponds and Strathmore. Fr Paul Tru then will take up residence on 28<sup>th</sup> September at his new parish of St Martin de Porres, Avondale Heights. The new parish priest for St Leo's Altona North, Fr Jude Johnson is the present assistant priest at St Mary's Geelong and is much younger than Fr Paul at 37 years of age. What is Fr Jude like? I have always found him to be very friendly and very down to earth. He will be well liked in the area. We wish Fr Paul Tru every blessing in his new posting for late September and thank him for his reliability and charity.

#### **TIME IN GAOL:**

Since 1992, I have been celebrating Masses at Barwon Maximum Security Gaol as part of a rostered ministry. Over the years, this sacred work has expanded to include time with inmates at the neighbouring Margoneet Correctional Centre—sharing conversation and support over a cup of tea. For the past 15 years, I've continued this pastoral journey at Port Phillip Maximum Security Gaol, offering not only the Eucharist but also a listening ear and spiritual companionship. This year after 33 years in prison ministry I have started to think that my time in gaol is due to end! A 33 year sentence is surely long enough! Though at first I was not sure I would be at home in the company of such a variety of prisoners I felt almost at home! I would like to think I have done some good, but it is quite tiring work and it does take up half a day from normal parish work. Likewise, due to the strict closure of doors there is very little fresh air which means one gets far more tired than when one works in any other normal environment. You could die of lack of fresh air without others realising 'there is no air in the place'. Anyway, to cut to the chase I was informed only at the beginning of the week that my leading the liturgy on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July would be the last Mass at Port Phillip in conjunction with our Catholic Prison Ministry Department - due to the imminent closure of Port Phillip. Already the 1000 normal prisoners there has been reduced to about 250 as prisoners get transfers to other prisons within our State of Victoria.

Knowing that Port Phillip was closing I was approached a few months ago by the head of Prison Ministry to continue at one of the new big gaols in the Lara – Geelong area. I stated that I believe it would take too much time out of my work here in Williamstown as Parish Priest, and I think my 33 years is sufficient for me to feel that I have done my bit for both Lord and country. Subsequently, last Tuesday it felt strange going to gaol for probably the last time. While I drove there towards the Truganina area that morning I felt a bit numb and surprised by feeling teary. I suppose the time in gaol and the effort put into the work had become part of my identity: the identity as a priest of definitely trying to do Christ's work and providing another important way of reaching out to those who need who need more support than most.

#### **VIGIL PRAYERS:**

Since our most recent Order of Christian Funerals was published in 1989 it has surprised me that Funeral Directors generally in our State have not learned that the normal and encouraged process for a deceased family member is to have prayers called "Vigil for the Deceased" the night before the actual funeral. I even conducted those wonderful prayers before my mother's funeral in 1990. The Vigil Prayers are rather beautiful as they contain the following: Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word, Prayers of Intercession and Concluding Rite.

Accordingly, at my intended **"devotions' for the first Friday of the month at 5pm – 5:30pm this week** I will show in a short ceremony how these are done for any parishioners who wish to come. Naturally, as there will be no coffin I will pray for all deceased parishioners over the time I have been here in the parish, and any parishioner will be welcome to join me at St Mary's Church this coming Friday.

#### **SITUATION IN GAZA:**

There are so many reports coming out from Catholic agencies in Gaza that too many people are dying unnecessarily, and that too many of the Palestinians are starving. Accordingly, I have been pleased that the present Pope has been speaking strongly to the Prime Minister of Israel. "Tragic news continues to arrive these days from the Middle East, especially from Gaza," he said after reciting the Angelus with those gathered outside the papal palace in Castle Gondolfo. "I again call for an immediate end to the barbarity of war and for a peaceful resolution of the conflict."

#### **WAY OF THE WEST:**

If not here last week I have left copies of our August campaign for aid to Refugee and Asylum Seeker families.

Yours 'in Christ'

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#### **SAFEGUARDING - 'Volunteer Overview' & 'Activity Statement'**

Consistent with the requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards and the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, Archdiocesan parishes are obligated to provide all volunteers with a Volunteer Overview plus an Activity Statement that outlines the role requirements and responsibilities. Throughout July and August, Frank Schobben (our Safeguarding Officer) will coordinate the distribution of these documents, as well as the return of the 'Acknowledgement' required to be signed by volunteers. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

#### **JUBILEE PRAYER:**

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us  
In your son, Jesus, our brother,  
And the flame of charity enkindled  
In our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
Reawaken in us the blessed hope  
For the coming of your Kingdom.  
May the grace of the Jubilee  
Reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
A Yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
Throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed.  
Be glory and praise for ever.*



### Rosters for this Week 26th & 27th July 2025

Counting Team 2	David Jamieson, Marguerite Buckley, Bob Paz, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Gerard Colla, Eilin Taylor 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Rosemarie Smith 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Cecilia Balson
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Mariza O'Keefe

### Rosters for next Week 2nd and 3rd of August 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Eugene Yi, Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Kevin Perera
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Herb Zimmer

### IN OUR PRAYERS

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Vincent Ellul, Andrew Formosa, Stephen Martin, Ida Luciano Rigoni, Sebastiana Succuzzo, Marianna Covelli, Meran Edwards, James Lynn, Gabriella Pazzi; Anthony Pace, Lino Lechich, Kevin Broadfoot, Charles Broadfoot, Mary Elaine Hyland, Elio DeCleva, Graeme Tweedly, Aurelia Jones, Elizabeth Kenwery, Denise O'Connell, June Durdin, Michael McClelland, Frank Mulholland, John Arnold, Raymond Russell, Grace Kritikides, Pauline Farley, Margaret Harris, Judy Travers, Joe Saidy, Agnes Bugden-Maguire, Julianna Emerson, Charles Buttigieg, Frank Jamieson, Norma Dooley, Javid Yilmaz, Santina Pecora, Iris McFarlane, Carmelo Farrugia, Joseph Mifsud, Albert Haddad, Antonia, Adriano, Michele and Rosa Azzopardi, Rosa, Cini and Maria Falzon and Francesco Caputo whose anniversaries are at this time.

