

# 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 – 3.00pm

Thursday 9:00am – 3.00pm

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**

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Wisdom. 9:13-18.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

### SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to Philemon. 9-10,12-17.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.

### GOSPEL: LUKE 14:25 – 33

Great crowds were travelling with him, and he turned and addressed them, “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, ‘This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.’ Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him



with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, every one of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”

<b>Tuesday 9th September</b>	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7pm – 8pm Continuation of Rite of Christian Initiation at presbytery.
<b>Wednesday 10th September</b>	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church. 6:30m – 9pm Vibrant Parishes Formation – Bridging the gap between Parish and School at the Italia Club Sunshine. PP, Principal & 4 parish council members representing us.
<b>Thursday 11th September</b>	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
<b>Friday 12th September</b>	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church ( Fr Greg celebrating Mass and giving Workshop to Secondary school teachers at Emmanuel College on topic of Hope in the Jubilee Year)

Dear Parishioners,

The late Pope Francis wrote a wonderful letter, called *Laudato Si* or Praised be (to God). The big message he wanted to get across was that not only are we dependent on “Nature” for life but that we and all other creatures are interdependent. We are all created by God who created the world and everything in it out of love. Thus, all welcome to this celebration of this Eucharist as a time marked throughout the Christian World from 1<sup>st</sup> September to October 4<sup>th</sup> – Feast of St Francis of Assisi. We celebrate the joy of Creation as well as encouraging awareness raising activities to help us protect our Common Home.

**CRISP:** Most of you would know or should know that a subgroup of the Way of the West of our Parish is the CRISP group. Again I will spell it out: ‘COMMUNITY REFUGEE INTEGRATION AND SETTLEMENT PILOT’. I am delighted to say we will be helping our second family. The CRISP group have informed me of the following family who will be coming as soon as they get out of an Ethiopian Refugee Camp;

*The family are from Sudan. The family members are named Ding(father) aged 31, Nyawargak(mother ) aged 25, Changkuoth (child) aged 5, born 21/9/2019 and Nyabuay(child) aged 2, born 4/8/23. Their religion is listed as Protestant Reformed. Their language is Nuer. However, the profile of both parents state they also speak English. The family have been displaced in a refugee camp in Ethiopia for 10 years. Ethiopia hosts over 823,000 refugees, primarily from South Sudan, Somalia and Eritrea. They are housed in 26 camps throughout the country*

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

##### A) FIRST READING: (Wisdom)

We meet again the Old Testament concept of Wisdom as a “breath of the power of God”.

##### B) SECOND READING: (St Paul to Philemon) Onesimus, a runaway slave belonging to Philemon had found his way to Paul in prison in Rome. Paul wrote to Philemon and begged him to take Onesimus back, not as a slave but as a brother.

##### C) GOSPEL:

With the shadow of the Cross beginning to fall across the company as they journeyed to Jerusalem, Our Lord speaks of the cost and perils of discipleship.

#### CHANGE OF PULPITS:

As we are trying more in collaboration with the surrounding parishes, there will be a change of pulpits with the Newport Parish Priest, Fr Samuel on weekend of September 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>.

Yours ‘in Christ’

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#### 'SAFEGUARDING ESSENTIALS' on-line training

Many parish volunteers still need to complete the one-hour Safeguarding Essentials on-line training.

Go to: <https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org> to access the module.

To login, enter either your unique Working with Children Check ID or VIT ID number and email address. To register, **volunteers** will need to select our **parish** from the dropdown menu as their Primary Organisation of Service. Feel free to contact Frank Schobben at 0427 416 184 for any assistance.

## **The Way of the West (WOW)**

The second family WOW will sponsor is a Christian family of four with two children, aged 6 & 2 years of age.

The family is originally from Sudan however they have been displaced in one of the 26 refugee camps in Ethiopia for 10 years. Ethiopia hosts over 823,000 refugees, primarily from South Sudan, Somalia & Eritrea.

WOW hopes to welcome our new CRISP family towards the end of this year & is busily preparing for their arrival.

## **GREEN TEAM**

1. The Green Team will place two recycling bins at the rear of the church on the Sundays of 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September to coincide with the Season of Creation. Parishioners are invited to place small recyclable items in the tubs and disposal will be arranged. (batteries, deidentified, x-ray films, CD'S medication blister packs etc).
2. The Green Team have been trying to settle on a vision statement. The following will be presented to our Parish Council this Thursday for its recommendation or debate: 'Fostering a Parish that respects the Mystery of Creation by raising ecological awareness and facilitating local response.'
3. Our Green Team are hosting a special screening of the movie 'The Letter'. Pope Francis's Laudato Si – a letter to all people about caring for each other and caring for our planet. Thursday week 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm at St Josephs By the Sea 116 Esplanade Williamstown cnr Cole and Esplanade. Supper will be provided. All are welcome.
4. Mercy International (Sisters of Mercy project) has produced a calendar for Season of Creation with small and practical environmental daily tips for Season of Creation. It will be on notice board from this weekend.

## **GRAND FINAL WEEKEND MASS 7PM**

Please note as a high percentage of people normally wish to see the final celebrations after Saturday afternoon AFL Grand Final on 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Accordingly, the Mass will be shifted back an hour to 7pm – just on Grand Final day only- to accommodate everyone.

## **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.*



## Rosters for this Week 6th & 7th August 2025

Counting Team 1	Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones, Paul Francis
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Gerard Colla, Peter Kirwan 10.30am <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Mass Readers	6.00pm Rosemarie Smith 8.30am Himali Peter 10.30am Olga Reginato
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Herb Zimmer

## Rosters for next Week 13th and 14th of September 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Karen Collaa, Mary Frisby 10.30am Di Collins, Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Jenny O'Sullivan 10.30am Joe Covelli

## IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Finn Pennisi, Dominic Piccolo, Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, Assunta Delgrosso, Charlie Galea, Patrick Augustin.

## RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Fr Des Magennis, Peter Ricci, Tony Mangion, Arnold Cabansag, Carmelo Briffa, Catherine Willmott, Roy 'Happy' Willmott, Peter Wenzel, Colleen Littleton, Pamela Neely, Cassandra O'Keefe, Bronislaw Markowicz, Sue Sherman, Marija Kokos, Marianna Covelli, Gerald Kennedy, Brian Allen, Frank Dooley, Joseph Zammit, Nicholas and Ada Kurkowski, Phil Wraight, Vito Massaro, Pauline Runting, Kevin Johnson, (Fr.) Ron Lowe, (Fr.) John Frawley, Eileen Bull, Jenny McLaurin, Frances Kielt, Martin Schobben, James Meehan, Tony Dixon, Caterina Borghese, Anna Kalka, James Ferguson, Joseph Lazzario, Therese Setteneri, John Anderson, John Gopsill, Rose O'Brien, Vin Murphy, Davey Johnson, Josie Curtis, Clive Stafford, Patrick Haddad, Bill Grigg, Mary Ellen Williams, Ersilia Portelli, Rosario De Bono, Richard Sammut, Carmela Pisano, Spiro Grima, Laurie McGuinness, Evan Jones, Arthur Jones, Paul Gerada, Nickolas Dimeck, Roland Zammit, Felice Lanzon, Giovanni Del Grosso, Indhu Peiris, Chris Staggs, Colleen d'Assumpcao, John Heyes, Pasquale Vivona, Keith Tyrell and David Ainscough, whose anniversaries are at this time.

