

# 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**

## The EXALTATION of the HOLY CROSS - YEAR C (TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME)

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Numbers 21:4-9

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Do not forget the works of the Lord!

### SECOND READING:

The letter of Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,  
because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

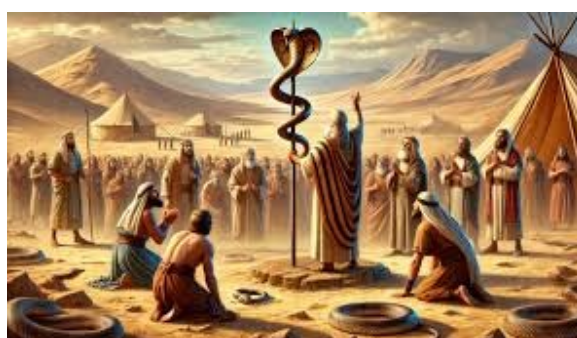
### GOSPEL: JOHN 3:13-17

No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man.

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.



<b>Tuesday 16th September</b>	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 11:00am Communion Service at The Village with Fr Greg. 7pm – 8pm Continuation of Rite of Christian Initiation at presbytery.
<b>Wednesday 17th September</b>	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
<b>Thursday 18th September</b>	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7.00pm Baptism Preparation at the Parish Centre.
<b>Friday 19th September</b>	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

We welcome the representatives of Emmanuel College to take part in the 8:30am Mass on this Sunday as they bring banners and take part in the Liturgy.

It is not often that the present Parish Priest of Williamstown is mentioned in some award or other! Some of you will remember in August last year I somehow celebrated 1500 consecutive Sunday swims when in Australia. I started on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of November 1994 to try and make a habit by swimming 10 Sundays in a row at Torquay front beach. Although overseas on Sabbatical Leave in 2003, 2010 and 2019 I never missed a Sunday on returning each time to Australia and eventually achieved the 1500 mark on Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup> last year. The Melbourne Catholic photojournalist at the time, Fiona Basile informed me six months ago that she was putting her article regarding my swimming, in Melbourne Catholic up for the **Australasian Catholic Press Association Awards!**



She texted me last Friday to state that on the Thursday night her article and presentation had won not only a Highly Commended Award but runner up in 'Best Feature Content'. It was very nice to see how excited Fiona was in winning a formidable prize from the Australasian Catholic Press Association. I certainly could not fault her journalism skills when she first came to see me the week before the 1500 event last year and then swam with a group of us as she took some underwater photos on the day.

#### **PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION:**

We have had including Fr Tom Christie, five or six seminarians over the last few years who have visited our parish for at least a few months on a Sunday for Mass. Many of you will remember a very tall guy from South Australia, Joshua McDermid. Joshua will be ordained for the Melbourne Archdiocese on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 10:00am at St Patrick's Cathedral. We wish him every prayer and success with the other two ordinands, Quang Nguyen and Ian Vergel.

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

- A. FIRST READING: ( Exodus)** The Israelites grew anxious spent some fair amount of time with God, and needing a tangible object to worship, made a golden calf from their jewellery. The rest of the reading deals with Moses and his pleading with God for mercy on his errant people.
- B. SECOND READING: (St Paul to Timothy 1)** This is the first of seven readings from Paul's two Letters to Timothy. Timothy is Paul's representative in Ephesus and he is faced with false teachers.
- C. GOSPEL:**  
The reading deals with the joy that comes when the lost is found.

#### **VATICAN 11 – KEEPING THE WINDOWS OPEN.**

In the last century of the Church's life there has been nothing more important than the outcome from all the bishops of the world meeting over several intense years to make sure the Catholic Church progressed into the modern world. Parishioners are invited to the joint Catholic Theological College and Yarra Theological Union symposium to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the close of Vatican 11 on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2025 held at the Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria parade, East Melbourne. This symposium gathers experts from around Australia to reflect on the key themes of Vatican 11 that continue to shape the Church today. Program details and costs are on back notice board. From 9:30am – 4:15 pm there are sessions with some of the best theologians and thinkers of our Catholic Church. I recommend the day strongly, especially if you are in a responsible position within the parish. Bookings close 17<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **COLUMBAN CALENDARS:**

Having just received 25 of them I will put the always colourful Columban Calendars for 2026 at back of Church in two weeks' time- \$10 each.

### **MEETING WITH THE BISHOP:**

This Friday afternoon I will be meeting with Bishop Martin Ashe regarding a 3-day visit to our Parish on Friday October 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday afternoon 19<sup>th</sup>. Our Parish Council has organised to meet for dinner with him. He will meet with prominent leaders of some of our parish groups, visit some of our more senior parishioners, celebrate the weekend Masses plus have an assembly of our general parish on certain questions he wishes to ask, such as

1. Tell me where you find Jesus in the life of your Parish?
2. What signs of missionary renewal are taking place within your faith community?
3. How and where would you like to see the Parish in 5-10 years?
4. how are we going to get there?

### **BOILER:**

The hydronic heating boiler for the presbytery, after 14 years, is showing signs of ageing. I know one reliable company I can get a new boiler quote from, but if there is a parishioner who can recommend another reliable company I would appreciate the recommendation.

### **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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### **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 this Sunday, 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).
2. 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 is on the notice board in the foyer this week.

### **'SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY - 14th SEPTEMBER**

Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

### **'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.

### Rosters for this Week 13th & 14th August 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 Emmanuel College Readers 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Jenny O'Sullivan 10.30am Joe Covelli

### Rosters for next Week 20th and 21st of September 2025

Counting Team 2	David Jamieson, Marguerite Buckley, Bob Paz, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am John O'Keefe, Doreen Mitchell 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Joe Covelli
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Di Collins

### IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Finn Pennisi, Dominic Piccolo, Yeme Reddy,  
Sarah Rodgers, Charlie Galea

### RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Assunta Delgrosso, Patrick Augustin who passed away recently and Josephine Zahra, Peter Wenzel, Frank Hornby, Colleen Littleton, Catherine "Mum" Willmott, Paul Falzon, Franca Azzaro, Concetta Azzaro, Maria Lorient, Romaine Augustin, Brian Campbell, Luciana Rigoni, Neil Dalton, Jack Oman, Giuseppe Sokolic, Pat Tuck, Sonia Schilich, Roland Zammit, Felice Falzon, Nicky Colton, Damien Grafen, Salvatrice Basso, Francesca King, Frank Cuffe, George Zammit, Rose O'Brien, Eileen Bull, Peg Dooley, Mary Wiltshire, Tony Dixon, Suzy Pomazan, Caterina Borghese, Tom Magee, Bridie O'Loughlin, Marie Morris, Rita Di Leonardo, Tim Forbes, Wendy Gosser, Olive Walsh, Connie Zammit, Catherine Elder, Wally Clarke, Maureen Tamlyn-Kelly, Michael O'Keefe, Peter McCutcheon, Peter Casey, David Casey and Jane Zahra; whose anniversaries are at this time.

### 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.