

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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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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Amos 8:4-7.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy 2:1-8.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

GOSPEL: LUKE 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples, 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I going to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than they are the children of light.'

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity.'



Tuesday 23rd September	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. 7pm – 8pm Continuation of Rite of Christian Initiation at presbytery.
Wednesday 24th September	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
Thursday 25th September	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7.00pm Baptism Preparation at the Parish Centre.
Friday 26th September	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 6.00pm New Prep Dad's night at presbytery. Drinks provided.

Dear Parishioners,

Please make sure if you are a normal **Saturday night Mass goer that you don't turn up on AFL Grand Final night for the usual 6pm Mass – as that is the only night Mass will be celebrated at 7pm . WARNING - WARNING ☹️**

While I celebrate the Masses at Spotswood and Newport this weekend, please make welcome their Parish Priest, Fr Samuel to celebrate the Masses here as we have a change of pulpits once again with our nearest neighbouring parish. Fr Samuel comes originally from Manipur, a State in India only 300 kilometres south of some of the biggest mountains in the world. Much of the State consists of hilly terrain. The two major religions are Hinduism and Christianity. Manipur is India's 'gateway to the east'. Burma (Myanmar) also shares a border with Manipur.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

- A) **FIRST READING:** Amos was the first of the canonical prophets. He was a herdsman called by God to prophecy to Israel. Amos knew that the country's wealth was built on social injustice and that the people had no real regard for their religion. Accordingly, in this reading he attacks the use of false measures and the practice of selling the sweepings of wheat for wheat itself – actions directed against the poor.
- B) **SECOND READING:** In the reading prayers for all people are enjoined, especially those in high places of authority, and for the pagans around them.
- C) **GOSPEL:** The parable of the unjust steward is one of the more difficult passages in Scripture to work out. I am still trying to make head or tail of it!

FAITH FORMATION: Our Parish Council has expressed the importance of it and faith formation was also brought up at our annual parish meeting on June 1st this year. For greater formation in the faith to take place it often means going a few kilometres out of our comfort zones. One of the better places for this formation is at the Catholic Theological College at 278 Victoria Parade East Melbourne – not far from the Fitzroy Gardens also in East Melbourne. Their courses and opportunities are many and varied. I have put them up on the back board of the Church. For instance, there are 13 sessions in October at only \$25 per any session you choose ranging varying from 'An Introduction to AI and Transhumanismfor Christians' to 'Catechesis in a Secular Age 'with Dr Paul Sharkey. The latter being former head of the Catholic Education Office in South Australia and who frequents our Masses in Williamstown occasionally as he now lives in the Newport area.

POPE INFORMS NEW BISHOPS TO PROMPTLY ADDRESS ABUSE CLAIMS: Following on from Safeguarding Sunday last Sunday I noticed that Pope Leo told 192 new bishops from around the world that they must respond promptly to allegations of inappropriate or abusive behaviour by priests. 'These cannot be put in a drawer- they must be addressed with a sense of mercy and true justice towards both the victims and the accused'. The Pope spent the previous Thursday morning with the new prelates, including five from Australia, who were in Rome for the Vatican's annual formation courses for new bishops.

NEW SAINTS OF CATHOLIC CHURCH: I must admit having been blindsided by the announcement and canonisation of two new Saints for the Catholic Church on September 7th by Pope Leo. I have since looked them up! Carlo Acutis is the first British born Italian who was the first millennial to be made a Catholic saint. He was born to Italian parents in 1991, in London and died in Monza Italy, 2006, of leukemia at the age of 15. "Carlo, for his part, encountered Jesus in his family, Andrea and Antonia – who are here today with his two siblings, Francesca and Michele." Pope Leo stated. Carlo Acutis also encountered Jesus at the Jesuit- run school he attended and "above all in the sacraments celebrated in the parish community...He grew up naturally integrating prayer, sport, study and charity into his days as a child and young man."

Pier Giorgio Frassati was born 1901, in Turin Italy and died there in 1925 of polio at the age of 24. "Pier Giorgio's life is a beacon of lay spirituality...For him, faith was not a private devotion, but it was driven by the power of the Gospel and his membership in ecclesial associations...He was also generously committed to society, contributed to political life and devoted himself ardently to the service of the poor." Pope Leo stated. He also stated, "even when illness struck them and cut short their young lives, not even this stopped them nor prevented them from loving, offering themselves to God, blessing him and praying to him for themselves and for everyone."

COLUMBAN CALENDARS:

Having just received 25 of them I will put the always colourful Columban Calendars for 2026 next week on table at back of the Church - \$10 each.

NEW BOILER NEEDED FOR PRESBYTERY:

If there are any other parishioners who can recommend another reliable company for hydronic heating I would appreciate the recommendation. Sometimes it is good to have recommendations for the same company from different sources.

Yours 'in Christ'

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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 27th September. Accordingly, the Mass will be shifted back an hour to 7pm – just on Grand Final day only- to accommodate everyone.

COMBINED PARISHES YOUTH GATHERING

Our next Combined Parishes Youth Gathering will be held on Saturday 4th October 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.

'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.

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.

Rosters for this Week 20th & 21st 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

Rosters for next Week 27th and 28th of September 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro
Welcomers	6.00pm Maylene Clayton 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Volunteer Needed

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Peter McCutcheon, Mary Newington, Evelino Lugmani, Mary Hannebery, Rory Gallagher, Jessica Pace, Peter Casey, David Casey, Peter Wenzel, Madelin Sliva, Alexandra Jane Zahra, Leo Pungitore, Pasquale Vivona, Sime Vuksevic, Paul Falzon, Agnes Hayes, Jean Healey, Neau Prun, Barry Frisby, Fr. Vic Crennan, Michael Kennedy, Pat Tuck, Jim Hynes, Sonia Schilich, Donato Di Fabrizio, Carmen Borg, Paolo Pecora, Donald Marr, Carmelo Bendistinto, Peter Hernan, Salvatrice Cali, Margaret Keating, Roberta Carlon, Ted Jones, Robert Anstey, Anne Phipps, Mathew Zahra, Ray Hansen, Muriel Hynes, Alfie Hishon, Libra Del Grosso, Paul Wheelahan, Mary Barker, William Hill, Les Hodder, Beth Humphries, Tom Magee, Helen McLaren, Thelma Dundon, Freddie Lao, Roland Zammit, Felice Lanzon, Margherita Lanzon, Clare Henry, Rosa Taliana, Jim and Maureen Morgan, Peter Collins, Maryam Bella, Helen Bella-Panoussi, and Rose Achtar, whose anniversaries are at this time.

