

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 – 3.00pm

Thursday 9:00am – 3.00pm

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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

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the second book of Kings: 5:14-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy: 2:8-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

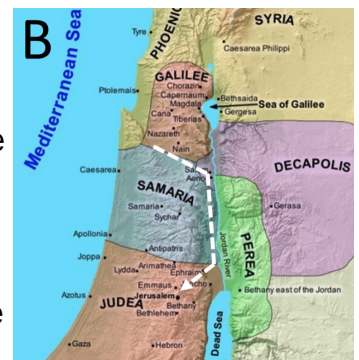
GOSPEL: LUKE 17:11-19

As he continued his journey to Jerusalem, he travelled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him.

They stood at a distance from him and raised their voice, saying, “Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!” And when he saw them, he said, “Go show yourselves to the priests.”

As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan.

Jesus said in reply, “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Then he said to him, “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.”



Tuesday 14th October	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 15th October	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church. 7.00pm Parish Finance Team Meeting at the Presbytery.
Thursday 16th October	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 17th October	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church with Bishop Ashe.
Saturday 18th October	11.00am – 12.00pm—Parish Forum with Bishop Martin Ashe.
Sunday 19th October	Morning tea with Bishop Ashe after 8:30 am Mass in Parish Centre.

Dear Parishioners,

THREE DAY VISIT OF REGIONAL BISHOP FOR GEELONG AND THE WESTERN SUBURBS.

As a young seminarian our regional bishop came from Killarney in Ireland to help the Church in Australia. I am informed that his major seminary Carlow exported 1000 priests to Australia over the course of over hundred years when Australian seminaries were short of vocations. Many will be remembered such as the famous Daniel Mannix, Archbishop of Melbourne. Now with pleasure we have another Irish background priest, Bishop Martin Ashe to visit our parish this Friday and most of the weekend to not only celebrate the Masses, but also to welcome feedback from yourselves in regard to St Mary's Parish here in Williamstown. Besides this Friday morning Mass and cuppa with parishioners after the Sunday 8:30am Mass, he would like to meet with parishioners at the Parish Centre this Saturday morning at 11:00am – 11:45 am as he wants to hear the following:

- Tell me where you find Jesus in the life of your Parish?
- What signs of missionary renewal are taking place within your parish community?
- How and where would you like to see the Parish in 10 years' time?

Bishop Martin will meet with the School Leadership Team on the Friday morning besides having morning tea with the Staff and meeting some of the students. He will later tour our buildings and have some discussions with myself before joining all our Parish Council for dinner together that evening. **On the Saturday morning**, he will meet with several representatives or organisations within the parish. If you wish to join with them for **morning tea before the 11:00 am general forum of parishioners**, you are welcome to do so. While I am conducting two marriages that afternoon, Bishop Ashe will be visiting some of our more senior citizens at 'The Village' in Paas Place at 4 pm. Although most parishioners will see both him and me at the three Masses of the weekend, **I encourage you to attend the 11:00 am Saturday morning forum and have some consideration for the above three questions.**

MOST RECENT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN OCTOBER:

Some of the following was discussed at our last meeting:

- Under 'Building a Better Parish some of the following came up:
- Annual Parish Barbeque on Sunday November 30th
- Desire to put up a Plague commemorating the 80th anniversary of the blessing of 'Mary Grotto' by Archbishop Daniel Mannix in 1945.
- Sunday Communion Services led by selected and ready lay people of our parish if Parish Priest becomes sick at last moment and no chance of getting another priest to fill in.
- Most Parish Council members attended one to two sessions of the five session Archdiocese series with regards to Vibrant Parishes as formation material was provided. We were mainly pleased with these but especially with the last one we needed to provide some honest feedback to the organisers on how to improve future sessions in 2026.
- Maintenance was discussed as it always is at our normal meetings. It was discussed for safety reasons how important it was to get those 7 outside lights to be up and running and effective again. This was not plain sailing, and it cost us \$6,274.40 in the long run. Another big cost discussed was the new boiler needed for the hydronic heating at the presbytery. The least expensive quote from a reputable firm was \$7,960. Another quote was a few thousand dollars more, yet it was the same baxi 45 kW boiler!

- A Fire Drill was discussed as we need to do that in the near future. Parish Council members were wondering if a parishioner would have some knowledge in this arena and be willing to coordinate the Fire Drill in the not-too-distant future at the weekend masses.
- Mary Care update was invited.
- Risk and Compliance. We were audited last Monday on our 'Emergency Management Plan and Workplace Health & Safety Policies'. The auditor was pleased with our compliance.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

FIRST READING: Naaman the Syrian suffered from one of those skin ailments which the Jews classified as leprosy. Through his Israelite slave girl, he heard of Elisha who instructed him to do what is described in the reading.

SECOND READING: Paul continues to encourage Timothy to face hardship, using the soldier, the athlete and the farmer as examples.

GOSPEL: The Jews despised the Samaritans for their mixed origin, their refusal to worship at Jerusalem and their reliance on part only of the Old Testament. In this miracle of the ten lepers only the Samaritan returned to express his gratitude, a reproach to the elect of all ages.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS:

Not many of the Columban calendars now left down the back table . If no cash on you take one and put money on plate next time you are here. It's unlikely any will be available by the 10:30am mass.

ANNUAL OPERA NIGHT 29th NOVEMBER:

Once again, we are blessed to have the gifted tenor Michael Lapina to lead a wonderful group of outstanding performers with a mix of Opera classics and well-known hits from the world of Musical Theatre. Details will be on this bulletin now and in the future. Please be reminded that due to the performance the Saturday night Mass will be at 5:30pm .

PREP MASS & PARISH BARBEQUE SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

All this year's prep parents and children plus all new 2026 prep parents and their children are welcome to the annual parish barbeque on 30th November at Parish Centre straight after 10:30am Mass.

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg Trythall – greg.trythall@cam.org.au -0400 524 363

RENEWAL OF WEDDING VOWS

December 6th and 7th:

If any couple would like a blessing and to renew their wedding vows, especially if celebrating a significant anniversary, you will be able to do this at all Masses on this weekend. Please leave your name on the form at the back of the church or contact Monique (monique.julian@cam.org.au) or Fr Greg (greg.trythall@cam.org.au).



SAVE THE DATE OPERA NIGHT

**St Mary's Church Williamstown
Saturday 29th November 2025**

For further information please contact:

Stephen 0458 358 116 (m)

Email: stephen@parishfirst.com.au



ATTENTION: PARISH VOLUNTEERS'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 11th & 12th October 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Gerard Colla 10.30am Alison Silke, Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Chris Maine, Jan Maine 10.30am Eilin Taylor
Welcomers	6.00pm Volunteer Needed 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Herb Zimmer

Rosters for next Week 18th & 19th October 2025

Counting Team 4	Leanne Spiteri, Greg Morgan, Herb Zimmer, Steven Sagona, Eugene Yii
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Karen Colla, Stephen Littleton 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Rosemarie Smith 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Cecilia Balson
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Teofila Hunt 10.30am Joe Covelli

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Dorothy Bohan and Eileen Mahoney who passed away recently and for Lido Fontanini, Frank Guastalegname, Fr. Noel Oliver, Tony Rigoni, Michael Hynes, Tommy Ward Jnr, Kevin Kelly, Ersilia Meilak, Pauline Tweedly, Laurence Tweedly, Roberta Carlon, Mabel Pinto, Patricia McBride (Sagona), Kevin Woodruff, Paul Gauci, Rose O'Brien, Rosalia Nastasi, Lucy Kostraby, Maria Bongiovanni, Noah Zovko, Janos Gerai, Carmel Penfold, Roland Zammit, Gerald O'Brien, Helen Thompson, Mary Mayne, Peter O'Day, John Wilcox, Rosario Portelli, Peter Luckhurst, Gwen Meilak, Mariella Azzopardi, Patrick Doherty, Dot O'Loughlin, Kathleen Hobbs, Frances Holland, Robert Del Grosso, Lorna Scott, Laurie Cassar, Pietrino De Bono, Cecilia Penn, Kathleen Grieve, Roland Elias, Agnes Micallef, Denis Robinson, Richard Darmanin, Paul Falzon, Concetta Azzaro, Franca Azzaro, Giuseppe Azzaro, Angela Falzon, Giuseppe Falzon, Mary Lorient, Giovanna Slobbe, Carmela Fusco, Claudio Slobbe; Natalino and Angelina Meilak, Brian Begley, Carla Marchese, Franca Ficarra, Felix Lanzon, Dolores Farruggia, Ersilia Portelli, Maria Meilak, Arthur Aylward, whose anniversaries are at this time.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE—STARTING TODAY

Are you looking for a meaningful way to live out your faith and serve others? Join our St Vincent de Paul Group here at St Mary's and become part of a mission rooted in compassion, dignity and hope. Whether you can give a few hours a month or just want to learn more, there's a place for you. Together, we visit neighbours in need, offer support during difficult times, and bring Christ's love into the lives of others - one small act of kindness at a time. Step forward. Serve with heart. Grow in faith. Join us today - because no one should face hardship alone. For more information please contact Tim Lonergan, President, 0409 523