

# 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

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### 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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Exodus: 17:8-13

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

### SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy: 3:14-4:2

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them, when they saw him, they worshipped, but they doubted.

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."



<b>Tuesday 21st October</b>	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
<b>Wednesday 22nd October</b>	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. (Fr Greg celebrating morning Mass at Emmanuel College) 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
<b>Thursday 23rd October</b>	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
<b>Friday 24th October</b>	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

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

We welcome the local bishop of our region to our parish from Friday morning to this Sunday afternoon. Bishop Martin has served since 2021 as one of the four auxiliary bishops in this rather large archdiocese. There is a Northern Zone bishop, a Southern Zone bishop, an Eastern Zone bishop and bishop Martin is responsible for one of the bigger zones stretching from Footscray to Anglesea: the Western Zone including the Geelong wider area. Although born in Cork, he grew up in Killarney, a place I visited while he was there on annual holidays around 1990. I had a beer with his father – not a Guinness! In 1971 bishop Martin entered All Hallows College, Dublin, a seminary established for priests who would be sent overseas. After ordination Martin arrived here in 1978 for his first appointment at Hadfield, then Clayton and Blackburn. In the 1990's he undertook further study at Loyola University Chicago and was appointed as a pastoral director at our Corpus Christi College Seminary. After later serving as Parish Priest of Sunbury he was appointed the inaugural Parish Priest of Christ the Light Parish, taking on the new growth areas north of Melbourne: Doreen, Kinglake, Mernda and Whittlesea. Martin Ashe was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne by Pope Francis on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021. Of great importance bishop Martin is like myself – a keen bulldog supporter!

### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:**

Pope Francis called us to be “missionaries of hope among all peoples”, and Pope Leo XIV echoes this call, inviting us to step out in faith, to walk with those on the margins and share the hope of Christ through acts of love.

### **1<sup>st</sup> ENCYCLICAL POPE LEO:**

Caritas Australia says Pope Leo XIV's apostolic exhortation *Dilexi Te* is a “forceful reminder of the priority of the excluded and those on the lowest ranks of society” in the theology and practice of the Church. The Pope released his first major publication on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The title is taken from the last book of the Bible, the Book of Revelation and it means ‘I have loved you’.

### **HELPING OUR NEAR NEIGHBOUR – EAST TIMOR**

Parishioners have started to ask me if there will be a special collection for the three Timor Leste seminarians we sponsored this year. Fr Michael Kalka is going back to that same seminary in January next year just for a short period. Accordingly, I will have a collection on the first weekend in January. Just see me beforehand if you are willing to help the same three seminarians. They are Salomao Amaral, Bartolomeu dos Santos Lasi and Francisco Mendonca Pinheiro.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

- A) **FIRST READING:** (Exodus) On their way to the Promised Land, the Israelites were attacked by the Amalekites. On this occasion, Israel gained victory by the intercession of Moses. In the reading there is a reference to Moses' arms uplifted in supplication. This was a common posture of prayer.
- B) **SECOND READING:** The psalm is a beautiful expression of trust in God who is the helper of his people and who is ever on guard for their good and watchful in every circumstance of danger.
- C) **GOSPEL:** For World Missionary Sunday this Gospel fits in well. Jesus encourages us to go and “make disciples of all the nations”.

### **PREP MASS & PARISH BARBEQUE SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> November at Parish Centre straight after 10:30am Mass.

### SPRING EDITION OF THE SWAG: (On the back table)

There are many good articles written for this recent SWAG. I have the space to only recommend a few:

- Page 8 - A CALL FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE. I believe a must-read article from the Catholic Episcopal Conferences and Councils of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Page 9 - A lovely and true sermon from former Western suburbs bishop, Vincent Long – now the bishop for Parramatta.
- Page 12 - A fascinating article. I look forward to part two when he brings God into the equation.
- Page 13 - A nice article on the impact of the Papacy of Pope Francis and his tenderness for humankind. If enjoyed, then worth putting the icing on the same cake by reading P 14 & P 15.

Yours 'in Christ'

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### 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](mailto:stephen@parishfirst.com.au)

**\*\*EARLY NOTICE MASS CHANGE: OPERA NIGHT MASS 5.30PM\*\***

Mass will be at **5:30pm** for that **night only**. It will be the First Sunday of Advent weekend and a new year of bible readings – back to Year A .

### The Way of the West (WOW)

The second refugee family WOW will sponsor, for the next 12 months, is scheduled to arrive in Melbourne on November 4. The family, originally from Sudan, consists of the father, Ding (31 y.o.), mother, Ngawargak (25 y.o.), first child, Changkuoth (5 y.o.), and second child, Nyabuay (2 y.o.). The family has been displaced in a refugee camp in Ethiopia for 10 years. The most pressing need is to arrange suitable on-arrival accommodation for the family for a period of 4-6 weeks, until longer-time housing can be arranged. Anyone who is aware of any short-term accommodation, at reasonable rent, is invited to contact Gerard Colla on 0416 141 772. The accommodation would need to have easy access to public transport: Williamstown, Newport, North Altona, or close to train stops to Footscray. A working mobile phone that could be passed onto the family would also be welcomed.

### 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](mailto:monique.julian@cam.org.au)) or  
Fr Greg ([greg.trythall@cam.org.au](mailto:greg.trythall@cam.org.au)).



### Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide Laws

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the Government's Bill would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for medical practitioners who conscientiously object to euthanasia and assisted suicide.

In response to the Government's plans, the Bishops of Victoria have written a Pastoral Letter to all Catholics in Victoria to ask that they contact their local Members of Parliament to urge them to vote against the proposed laws. This is particularly important as Members of Parliament will have a conscience vote on the matter – meaning they do not have to vote according to party lines and can vote according to their own conscience.

Next week the pastoral letter link will be included.

## Rosters for this 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

## Rosters for next Week 25th & 26th October 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Peter Kirwan, John O'Keefe 10.30am Maria Laudato, Eugene Yii
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Himali Peter 10.30am Olga Reginato
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Jenny O'Sullivan 10.30am <b>Volunteer Needed</b>

## IN OUR PRAYERS

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

## RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Greg Roda who passed away recently and Geoff Sheers, Ronald Elias, Maria Camilleri, Lucy Kostraby, Tom Portelli, Matthew Bruno, Nellie McGrath, William Black, Fr. Dutchy Guelen, Peter Brannick, Nicky Colton, Rebecca Kenny, Paul Zahra, Bill Keogh, Sr. Winifred Murphy, Mario and Evelina Lugnani, John Flood, Maria Buongiovanni, Paula Bugeja, Linda Stroud, Bob Alexander, Gwen Cosgrove, Joy Gallagher, Liz Wilson, Ena Fewster, Peter Luckhurst, Marg Hamilton, Stephen West, Dylan Wheat, Joy Lewis, Norrie Gardiner, Albert Curtis, Edward Hinge, Maysie McAdie, Alice Sutton, Muriel Dooley, Charles Mula, Anthony Nuzzo, Filomena Paoline, Cirri Ippolyto, Gennaro Mastrogiovanni, Roberta Carlon, Anthony and Elena Banavage, Lucio and Maria Falzon, Thomas and Giuseppina Falzon, Peter Corva, Maria Corva, Joseph Sammut, Blondina and Lorenzo Sammut, David Mangion, Joseph and Teresa Xueref, Biagio Dante Cobis, Ilaria Salvatori, Rosaria Mangion, Bruno Bonfa, Frances Bonfa and Kath Harney whose anniversaries are at this time.

