

Rosters for This Week 29th February & 1st March 2020

Counting Team No. 6	Jim Farrelly, Tim Kennedy, Evol Farrelly
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.30pm John O'Keefe, Beata Ocampo 8.30am Mary Frisby, Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Mimma Cutroni
Mass Readers	6.30pm Elizabeth O'Keefe 8.30am Chris Maine 10.30am Jane McLaughlin
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Liz Sarkady, Eilin Taylor 10.30am No Children's Liturgy. Grade 2 Family Mass

Rosters for Next Week 7th and 8th of March 2020

Counting Team No. 7	Mary Ward, Jean McCutcheon, Greg Morgan
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.30pm Larry Rigoni, Maria Laudato 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Mary Debenham 10.30am Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.30pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Anne Cooper
Children's Liturgy	8.30am No Children's Liturgy—Labour Day Long Weekend 10.30am No Children's Liturgy—Grade 3 Family Mass

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for, Leo O'Brien, Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Barrie Poulton, Bridget Walsh, Cathryn Walsh.



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES



We pray for Lisa Di Donato, Maria Cassar, Sr. Nell Russell rsj, Lorna Sedgeway, Muchael Sully, Tom Flood, Norma Hynes, John Neville, Giovanni Cutroni, Kevin Broadfoot, Aileen McKindley, Charlotte Berchy, Alfred Abela, Bree Barry, Ana Delija, Frank Walsh, Pina De Battista, Judy Welsh, Concetta Tevere, Louis Dorgan, Darren Splatt, Maria Vivina, Caterina Vitro, Judith Davies, Michael Frawley, Denis Robinson, Sr Therese Ryan, Eileen Sullivan, Garry Rutherford, Dorothy Rycroft, Eileen Mangan, Michele Cafagna, Anna Pungitore, John Martin, Mary Martin and Kathleen Woodward; whose anniversaries are at this time.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2020, 2PM

Followed by Afternoon Tea at Holy Trinity Anglican Church
Cnr Nelson Place and Pasco Street, Williamstown
All Welcome



PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.



St Mary's Parish

A community where we bring together our gifts and talents



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1st March, 2020

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Heidi Zahra
Tuesday 8:30am - 4pm
Thursday 8:30am - 4pm
Friday 8:30am - 4pm

Wednesday Secretary

Kylie Skinner
8.30am—3.30pm

St. Mary's School

Principal
Anthony Hockey

Normal Mass Times

Consult bulletin inside for any changes.
Saturday at 6:30pm
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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A



FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Genesis. 2:7-9, 3:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Be Merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. 5:12-19.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW: 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights and afterwards was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written:



'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.'

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

'He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'

Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.'" Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written:

'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

Sunday 1st March	11.30am Baptism : Jonas Grech, Eliza Dorgan, Grace Dorgan
Tuesday 3rd March	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Wednesday 4th March	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 5th March	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 6.30pm Parish Council Meeting at Presbytery.
Friday 6th March	11.30am Seniors' Mass at St. Mary's Church. Followed by luncheon in the Parish Centre. All Welcome.

Dear Parishioners

Things may have been difficult for you in some area of life or you may have got out of the habit of Sunday Mass, but please reflect on it and try to come to Mass every Sunday during Lent! It is good for the soul.

Conversion in the Church's Tradition has always proposed **three Lenten disciplines: prayer, fasting (self-denial) and acts of charity.** If not able to go the full hog I would suggest you centre at least on your prayer relationship and seeing if you could spend some more time with God somewhere: private room, turning the radio off in the car and repeating 'glory be to the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit' or something similar or spending a few extra minutes before Mass in Church.



There are many ways we can make a commitment to Lent. On the first level of prayer one could look into the following also: making the Stations of the Cross, praying the rosary. Maybe take the New Testament and open up every morning or night: one of the Gospels, or letters of St Paul or St John. All one needs to do is to read slowly half a page of scripture and dwell and repeat again taking a phrase which hits you personally. 'The Acts of the Apostles' – straight after Gospels is a fascinating read: very much like a good romantic novel as 'good defeats evil' in the early Church, very much led in the charge by the great St Paul and the apostles like St Peter. Don't just whinge about Lent but make Lent happen somehow for you!

Self-denial is one of those 3 main aspects of the Church's Tradition in Lent. Maybe you could do without desert in Lent, give up some form of entertainment to spend time with the family, limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.

The Project Compassion boxes will be out this weekend for Lent. The alternative way of looking at things and responding are those envelopes. The works of charity contained within them are very inspiring. Besides giving charitably 'helping others' can come in many forms: special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened.

Don't try to do too many things as you will go crazy but 'do something practical'.

As I stated last week **'The Mass is not just my Mass, it is your Mass'**. This was made abundantly clear by the bishops of world when they came together at Vatican II in the 1960's and promulgated the 'Constitution of the Sacred Liturgy'. It was stated that the laity should have active participation in the liturgy. 'Mother Church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that fully conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy' (CSL no 14). That active participation comes about also from musicians; it comes about through lectors (readers) but most of all it comes about by your participation in the responses at the Mass. Consequently, on a practical level, it would be good if you are learned by heart during the week the first Mystery of Faith as contained.

Yours In 'Christ' Fr. Greg 27/2/2019

FIRST ACCLAMATION OF 'MYSTERY OF FAITH' (During Lent, please learn)

**WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, O LORD,
AND PROFESS YOUR RESURRECTION UNTIL YOU COME AGAIN**



**First Sunday of Lent
1st March 2020**



Shirley, 36, is an indigenous Manide woman living in a remote province in the Philippines. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep their children in school. She faced regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting her family's access to food, education, employment and healthcare. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker. She has learnt to supplement her income and is able to feed her family. The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **"Go Further Together"**. Your generosity will assist some of the world's most vulnerable communities to lift themselves out of poverty. When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives



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STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Please collect your stewardship envelope from the back table after Mass today.
All are filed in alphabetical order. Thank You.



ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, WILLIAMSTOWN Prep Enrolments for 2021

Application forms for enrolment in 2021 will be available at the school office from Monday 3rd February, 2020 until Friday 1st May, 2020

Children who turn 5 years on or before 30th April, 2021 are eligible for enrolment in primary school. **Closing date for applications Friday 1st May, 2020**



THURSDAYS DURING LENT

For Thursdays in Lent, from 7.30pm to 8.30 pm there will a Lenten Reflection offered. "The Christian Foundation for the Care of Creation" is the general theme for the reflections. (Based on writings of Pope Francis in "Laudato Si")
The second session will be on 5th March. The topic: **"Safeguarding Creation."**

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