Rosters for this Week 1st & 2nd April 2023

Counting Team No. 1	Tracey Gregg, Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones, Paul Francis
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Ivonne Cram, John O'Keefe 10.30am Di Collins, Richard van der Merwe
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran, Frank Schobben, Marcia Schobben 8.30am Anthony Verhoef, Cameron Ryan, Christal Augustin 10.30am Joe Covelli, Cameron Ryan
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Lisa Rodgers

Rosters for Holy Week 6th to 9th April 2023

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper — Thursday 6th April 2023 at 7.00pm

Ministers of the Eucharist	7.00pm Jeanette Thompson, Doreen Mitchell
Mass Readers	7.00pm Chris Longman, Herb Zimmer, Joe Covelli, Marcia Schobben, Charles Hili.

Good Friday 7th April 2023 Main Service 3pm Passion of the Lord

Mass Readers	3.00pm Jan Maine, Evol Farrelly, Herb Zimmer, Marcia Schobben

Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday 8th and 9th April 2023

Ministers of the Eucharist	7.00pm Mary Soppitt, Larry Rigoni 8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Alison Silke, Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	7.00pm Frank Schobben, Daniel Corcoran, Josie Penna 8.30am Peter Kirwan, Anthony Verhoef, 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro, Charles Hili

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Kevin Murphy, Sarah Rodgers, Cathy Reid, Assunta Delgrosso, Yemme Reddy, Mary Debenham, Peter Conroy and Joseph Falzon.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Jacobus Toonen who passed away recently and Graeme Skinner, Joan Kirwan, Brian Begley, Laurie Sammut, Carlo Falzon, Angelina Pace, Peter Ward, Kathleen Anthony, John Kennedy, Vasil Necevski, Annette Taliana, Pat Harney, Bess Wood, Elaine Jones, June Dibbs, Marie Anderson, John Brennock, Rosario Guastalegname, Rita Sargasso, Robert Morton, Kate Dawes, Marie Farrelly, Joso Djuric, Steven Drozdek, Frank Galli, Veronica Knight, Peter Black, Robert Barry, Rita Holdworth, Brian Williams, Joseph Maguire, John O'Grady, Ivy Shields, Alan Urban, Lena Cassar, Frank Woodruff, Mary McLinden, Mary Dyson, Michael Frawley, Agnes McDonagh, Joyce Zammit, Kay Green, Peggy Price, Laura Palumbo, June and Nediyka Celic, Peter Zahra, Emmanuel Taliana, Charles Tabone, Paul and Elvira Taliana, Lora and Lui Micallef, Maria Mesiti, Sergio and Lucia Geligrisio, Angela and Natalino Meilak, Blondina and Lawrence Sammut, Michael Meilak, Joan Spiteri, Carla Pisano and Michael Mangion, whose anniversaries are at this time.

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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1st April, 2023

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Kylie Skinner-Wednesday 8.30am—3.30pm
Sheridan McCutcheon-Friday 8.30am—3.30pm

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

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 50.4-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING:

Letter of Paul to the Philippians 2.6-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 26.14 - 27.66.

Jesus was arraigned before the procurator, who questioned him: "Are you the king of the Jews?".... He did not answer him on a single count, much to the procurator's surprise. Now on the occasion of a festival the procurator was accustomed to release one prisoner, whom the crowd would designate. They had at the time a notorious prisoner named Barabbas. Since they were already assembled, Pilate said to them, "Which one do you wish me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus, the so called Messiah?".....Meanwhile, the chief priests and elders convinced the crowds that that they should ask for Barabbas and have Jesus put to death. So when the procurator asked them, "Which one do you wish me to release for you?" "Barabbas."……When they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among them by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Above his head they had put the charge against him in writing: "THIS IS JESUS, KING OF THE JEWS." Two insurgents were crucified along with him, one at his right and one at his left…….Once again Jesus cried out in a loud voice, and then gave up his spirit.

Tuesday 4th April	9.15am 7.00pm	Mass at St Mary's Church. Continuation of Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at Presbytery with Fr. Greg. All welcome especially those who desire deeper faith.
Wednesday 5th April	9.15am	Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 6th April (Holy Thursday)	7.00pm	Mass at St. Mary's Church. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Friday 7th April (Good Friday)	10.00am 3.00pm	Stations of the Cross. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord.

Dear Parishioners,

Holy Week gives us the opportunity to accompany Jesus on his final journey. On that journey, he suffered betrayal, torture, crucifixion, and death. May the example of Jesus help us to bear our sufferings with patience and fortitude.

Holy Week 2023

During Lent we try to raise money for the needy works of Caritas Australia through 'Project Compassion' as shown by the videos we have shown during Lent. Accordingly, if you could **start bringing back individual cheques, envelopes or project compassion boxes so that we can send on to Caritas Australia that would be great and much appreciated.** You know the importance of the work they do throughout the world.

Again, our two seminarians will join us this weekend at one or both of the 8:30am and 10:30 am Masses. From coming for the first time a month ago you may remember Cameron Ryan is in his 2nd year in the Seminary with family in Melbourne while Tue (tway pronounced) is in his 6th year in the seminary and all his family are back in Vietnam.

Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia

Over the last two years a new program has been funded by the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs called CRISP. Our "Way of the West" group has prayed about it and tried to discern if we could help with this new program to help refugees on permanent visas to assimilate into this lucky country of ours. Accordingly, we are **seeking the help of a few parishioners** to join us in this endeavour. **The program is called CRISP! CRISP stands for COMMUNITY REFUGEE INTEGRATION AND SETTLEMENT PILOT**. Our new group is under the banner of ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, WILLIAMSTOWN. As most of these new refugees are from the Middle East, we have requested the family ideally be of Christian origin. If we finally receive a refugee family we have to look after their initial accommodation, linking them with schools, banks, Centrelink, housing, doctors/dentists and English lessons. We will need to show them how to use public transport, getting MYKI cards, having a mobile phone and so forth. It will be a challenge but I am sure with the number and type of people in our parish community we can meet this challenge. Not only will we need a few more group members we will need several supporters to help who may be real estate agents, doctors, dentists – all sorts of people who can provide a service and for a year help a new family to acclimatize in a satisfactory way and then we can take on a different family if we feel we are meant to continue the program. According to the COMMUNITY REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP AUSTRALIA (CRSA) we need to raise some funds also to demonstrate that we are capable to provide 12 months of practical hands-on appropriate support to a refugee household from their date of arrival in Australia. CRSA helps train and support the CRISP group. Other various groups throughout Australia have taken this program on board from National Council of Churches to individuals like Tennis Groups, and so forth and I am sure that we are capable of doing our bit. We would be willing to take up offers of short-term accommodation eg the first month or helping support us in raising funds to support our proposed budget. All group members need to provide background checks such as Working with Children and a Police check. After our group has completed some training under CRSA we are matched normally with a refugee household that the United Nations has selected from the vast number seeking protection overseas. We will be advised of their names, arrival dates and any special needs if all goes to plan over the coming months. If you want more information email recent parishioners of ours who have been very much at the forefront of this potential program : sandyandpeter@gmail.com More information will be provided the weekend of 29th and 30th April and hopefully we can take up a collection that following weekend.

Scams abound these days. For instance if you receive an email with my name at the bottom it won't be mine if it is not from greg.trythall@cam.org.au or our official parish email williamstown@cam.org.au Last week a few ones came to parishioners from a scam email starting with churchcare946 etc – it is not from me even thought my name is typed at the bottom of the email! If you reply to the next email from them, it will probably be asking for money – so be careful if not my exact email – thanks.

This week on the Wednesday my year of 1971 in the seminary will come together for the **funeral of another member of our original 1971 year,** Steve Willy. We were a very strong friendship year and at the recent 100-year celebration of the seminary we were the most represented. However, as there were 27 in our original year and Steve was the 9th death then exactly 1/3rd of our year have gone to God! It is hard to believe and although I was the oldest of the 1971 year I am still hanging in there somehow!

At the Easter Vigil – Holy Saturday night **one of our school parents Craig Edwards** as a baptised person in another denomination **will be welcomed into the Catholic Church** and will receive Confirmation and his 1st Eucharist. We welcome Craig as one of us at the Table of the Lord.

Yours 'in Christ' **Fr Greg 29/3/2023**

St Joseph's by the Sea

2023 Retreats

VISITING THE WELL—WILLIAMSTOWN 17th April — 23rd April $750

An opportunity to use the scripture of the Woman at the Well as well as our own lived experience. A story of encounter, having our eyes opened, being vulnerable, going deeper, times of dryness, transformation and new life and being asked to proclaim the good news. **Jenny Scally rsj NSW**

All are invited, there are still available spaces

St Joseph's by the sea, 16 Esplanade, Williamstown. Phone 9397 5012. email: admin.sjbtsw@sosj.org.au

Easter and Holy Week Mass Times

Holy Thursday 6th April	7.00pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday 7th April	10.00am	Stations of the Cross at St Mary's Church
	3.00pm	Good Friday main service at St Mary's Church
Holy Saturday 8th April	7.00pm	Mass at St Mary's Church
Easter Sunday 9th April	8.30am 10.30am	Mass at St Mary's Church

ACRATH Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans www.acrath.org.au People are NOT for sale

This Lenten season ACRATH is running a slavery free chocolate campaign. Please look for the Fairtrade or Rainforest Alliance symbols on any chocolate you are considering buying. Another useful tool is the Be Slavery Free's Chocolate scorecard www.chocolatescorecard.com. Download the scorecard when shopping and buy Easter eggs and chocolate that are produced without child labour.

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