

## Rosters for weekend 31st July & 1st August, 2021

Counting Team No. 8	Tracey Gregg, Leanne Spiteri
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm John O'Keefe, Gail Tull 8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Peter Kirwan
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Charles Hili
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Jacqueline Pace

## Rosters for weekend 7th & 8th August, 2021

Counting Team No. 1	Franks Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Ocampo 8.30am Evol Farrelly, Mary Debenham 10.30am Richard van der Merwe
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Anne Cooper
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Rachelle Pantalleresco, Rachael Kisvarda

### IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Leo O'Brien, Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Kevin Murphy, Sarah Rodgers, Cathy Reid, Assunta Delgrosso.

### RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Marianna Covelli, Meran Edwards, James Lynn, Gabriella Pazzi; Anthony Pace, Lino Lechich, Kevin Broadfoot, Charles Broadfoot, Mary Elaine Hyland, Elio DeCleva, Graeme Tweedly, Aurelia Jones, Elizabeth Kenwery, Denise O'Connell, June Durdin, Michael McClelland, Frank Mulholland, John Arnold, Raymond Russell, Grace Kritikides, Pauline Farley, Margaret Harris, Judy Travers, Joe Saidy, Agnes Bugden-Maguire, Julianna Emerson, Charles Buttigieg, Frank Jamieson, Norma Dooley, Javid Yilmaz, Santina Pecora, Iris McFarlane, Carmelo Farrugia, Joseph Mifsud and Albert Haddad, whose anniversaries are at this time.



# St Mary's Parish

*A community where we bring together our gifts and talents*



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1st August, 2021

### Parish Priest

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### Pastoral Associate

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### Parish Office Manager-Secretary

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 6:00pm  
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.

**Baptism** 12:30am Sunday

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Exodus. 16:2-4, 12-15.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

### SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians. 4:17,20-24.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

### GOSPEL: JOHN 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."



Tuesday 3rd August	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Wednesday 4th August	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 5th August	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 6.30pm Parish Council Meeting. Location to be advised.
Friday 6th August	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church, celebrating feast of Mary MacKillop—school children present. 11.30am Senior's Mass at St. Mary's Church followed by luncheon

Dear Parishioners,

**Bread of life** is the theme that dominates the majority of Sundays in August. Jesus, who knew the human heart intimately, was aware that the people had come in search of him in order to satisfy their physical hungers. However, he was attempting to whet their appetite for the true bread from heaven, who gives life to the world. In the first of several similar statements, Jesus declares: "I am the Bread of Life".

Eventually we were able to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation during the past week and if all has gone to plan Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July were good experiences for the Confirmation children and worthwhile events for our parish. Now the children have been confirmed they have to work out in a few years' time, like the rest of us whether we are meant to take on the vocation of marriage or go in another direction such as to the religious life. No matter what happens, certain truths will exist for all of us in knowing that God calls each person into existence and creates each of us in His image. God then invites each person to grow in this likeness through participation in the life of Jesus Christ, God's Word incarnate. During this life God does not force us. The truth of freedom is realised in one's acceptance of God's Word in my life. This is one's baptismal vocation. However, each of us must live this vocation. Christ seeks to be born in our life through the Holy Spirit. And so, my baptismal vocation must become increasingly personal. It becomes increasingly personal through God's particular call in and through my life; and it becomes increasingly personal through my response to that call in Christ. I grow as a person to the degree I respond to God's Word in my life. My vocation whether to marriage or religious life or whatever is not just for me. If we follow that personal call, it becomes a witness to God's power in our world.

With the above in mind each year in August in Australia we celebrate '**National Vocations Awareness Week**'. This week is an opportunity to pray for and to help young people discern their vocation from God.

Also, I would like to draw your attention to a number of items:

- If you have a child from grade 3-5 with a possible interest in **altar serving** whether male or female, please look at the item enclosed.
- Following on last week's bulletin if you are interested in leading the rosary after weekday Mass please come and see me.
- On Sunday August 8<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating the Feast of Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Also, as 'St Joseph by the Sea' has a presentation on Mary MacKillop by our own parishioner Annmaree Iaccarino on Thursday August 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:30pm - 9pm it should be worth your consideration. It is called 'The Spirit of the West: Mary MacKillop and the sisters of St Joseph in the West of Melbourne.
- New Parishioners Lunch: This has now been listed for Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am - straight after the 10:30am Sunday Mass.
- Please be reminded that on August 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> weekend for Refugee and Asylum Seeker Families to bring if you can **Dried Food**: healthy breakfast cereals, dried fruit, nuts, seeds, healthy snack food (for lunch boxes), spices, Tea (both black and green) and instant coffee. Next time you are in the supermarket you might put an extra one of the above in your trolley.
- Catholic Care Appeal will be on next weekend. This goes to help so many struggling families, refugees, asylum seekers, those suffering mental problems counselling programs for so many who need it. Please be generous with this appeal next week.

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 29/7/21

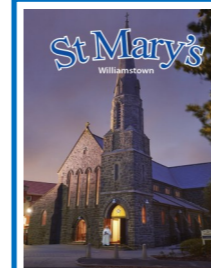
### An Invitation to serve your Parish! Come and be an Altar Server.

All students in Grades 3-5 are invited to join the St Mary's altar server's team. New and old faces are invited to attend one training session, which will be held in the Church under the direction of Michael McConville. This will be held on Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-5pm. Do not hesitate to ring Fr. Greg on 0400 524 363 for any further clarification. Please complete the below information and return ASAP.

Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email and phone number of at least one parent: \_\_\_\_\_



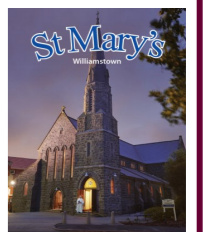
### Do you have a question or a suggestion? **ASK MARY**



St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council is committed to inspiring, encouraging and supporting the St. Mary's parish community. One way in which you can communicate with us is through our '**Ask Mary**' box. The '**Ask Mary**' box enables parishioners to ask questions, put forward suggestions and to provide feedback. You are welcome to include your contact details on your submissions, or if you prefer, you may remain anonymous. All submissions are reviewed on a monthly basis and we, the parish pastoral council will respond to your submissions accordingly.

### ATTENTION!!! Don't Forget to Save Your Seat At Mass

As there is a maximum on the number of Mass attendees, please ensure that you register to book your (free) ticket to Mass. This can be done via our website: [stmaryswilliamstown.org.au](http://stmaryswilliamstown.org.au) under the heading: **SIGN UP TO ATTEND MASS** or by accessing the link: [signupgenius.com/go/stmarys](http://signupgenius.com/go/stmarys)



### **PARISH WORKING BEE**

**SATURDAY 28TH AUGUST - 9AM-11AM**

Come along and join us to help clean and tidy up the parish gardens. Even an hour of your time would be greatly appreciated. If possible please bring your own tools.



### *What's on in August*

*Spirituality Today—Presenter Annmaree Iaccarino*

*19th August, 7.30pm—9.00pm*

The Spirit of the West: Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St. Joseph in the West of Melbourne

Tracing the footsteps of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and her Sisters in the West

All Donations Welcome