

Rosters for This Week 1st & 2nd June

Counting Team No. 7	Mary Ward, Jean McCutcheon, Greg Morgan
Ministers of the Eucharist	5.30pm Mary Soppitt, Gail Tull 8.30am Evol Farelly, Peter Kirwan 10.30am Gillian Sementilli
Mass Readers	5.30pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Mary Debenham 10.30am Kate Arnold
Children's Liturgy	8.30am No Children's Liturgy 10.30am No Children's Liturgy—Year 2 Family Mass

Rosters for Next Week 8th & 9th June

Counting Team No. 8	Tracey Gregg, Leanne Spiteri, Rinna Sy
Ministers of the Eucharist	5.30pm John O'Keefe, Larry Rigoni 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Mary Debenham 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	5.30pm John Grieve 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Anne Cooper
Children's Liturgy	8.30am No Children's Liturgy—Queen's Birthday Weekend 10.30am No Children's Liturgy—Queen's Birthday Weekend

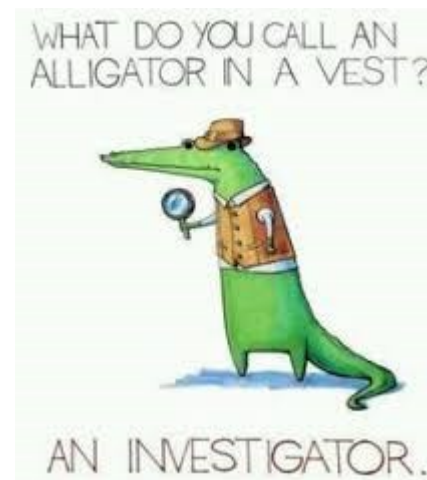
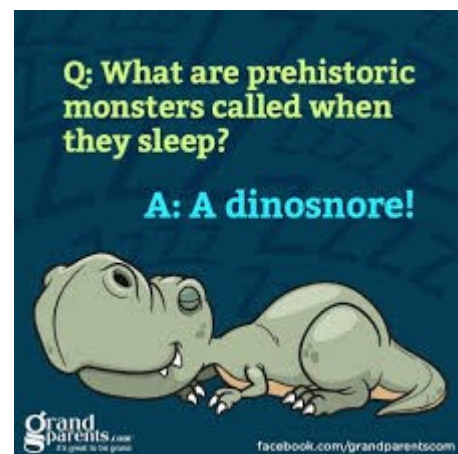
IN OUR PRAYERS

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



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Sr. Bernadette Heath rsj, Maria Kirkwood, Maurie Kirwan, Salvatrice Pecora, Leslie Cross, Joseph Cutajar, Malcolm McAuslan, Tess Mullens, Walter Small, Joseph Cantarella, Thomas Statton, Alice Giels, Neil Fitzpatrick, Russell Dixon, Arthur Leslie, David Wilson, Carmel Close, Patricia Dorgan, Kath Charles, Vera Anderson, Helena Nahas, Bernie Diamond, Anthony Herley, Baily Blake, John Steinthal, Elsie Winifred Martin whose anniversaries are at this time.



St Mary's Parish

A community where we bring together our gifts and talents



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2nd June, 2019

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Tuesday 8:30am – 4.00pm
Thursday 8:30am – 4.00pm
Friday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Parish Secretary

Kylie Skinner
Wednesday
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.

Baptism 11:30am Sunday

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 1:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

God mounts the throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. 9:24-28, 10:19-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Go and teach all people my gospel:
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

GOSPEL: LUKE: 24:46-53

And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high" Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.



Tuesday 4th June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7.30pm—8.30pm RCIA Meeting –continuation in presbytery for those learning more about the Catholic faith.
Wednesday 5th June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Thursday 6th June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 7th June	11.30am Seniors Mass at St Mary's Church followed by luncheon in the

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

We welcome all the children of St Mary's school and their families to our annual Grade 2 Family Mass. Thanks for being here and hope the rest of the day goes well.

I usually desist from giving parishioners 'my problems', but you will probably understand where I am coming from on this one! Besides 'Parish Priest' many priests often wear several hats, such as within the Archdiocese, secondary schools and so forth. One of my main hats outside being Parish Priest is the Chairman of ACCRAF – 'Australian Catholic Clergy Remuneration Assistance Fund'. ACCRAF arose out of the 1986 National Council of Priests Convention in Brisbane in 1986. Steps were initiated to set up the body in conjunction with the Australian Bishops Conference. A charter was drawn up to help supplement the income to priests in needy dioceses. ACCRAF continues to be a valuable source of support for priests in dioceses that do not have adequate income to provide for the appropriate assistance of their clergy such as in the past Broome, Darwin and Port Pirrie dioceses. ACCRAF is administered by a committee of three as required by its statutes, one from the National Council of Priests, namely myself, one from contributing funds and one from recipient funds. The bottom line mainly is that priests who could be greedy by taking a better wage/living allowance are giving to priests in Australia who are not as well off as they are at this time. You can imagine what is happening in Broome and Geraldton dioceses which cover more than half of the state of West Australia. There are not only far less people in rural areas, but the priests are covering huge distances. Petrol is expensive, car maintenance is expensive in those areas. On behalf of the ACCRAF committee I was able to authorize last year \$170,367.40 to help the 13 priests of the Broome diocese achieve a reasonable wage for the year. Now only two weeks ago I received a request to ACCRAF from the Geraldton diocese – a diocese of 1,318,000 kilometres – one of the biggest for land mass in the world. Part of the problem is that they have 3 new priests being ordained this month and they do not have enough money in their 'Geraldton Clergy Remuneration Fund'. Not enough money comes on the plate and many of these priests as in Broome are working in mainly aboriginal areas where even less money comes on the plate. They have requested \$90,000 from ACCRAF to help them out in the next year. However, ACCRAF has only \$108,316.35 in the bank!! Also Broome in August/September will request over \$80,000 for their next 6-month period. Our committee has said we can only partly help Geraldton out with \$45,000 at this time – half of the money requested. This is a pity since they are in real need in that financial area. Although it is only mainly priests helping out other priests with their deficiency of income, I have decided to hold a special collection at the Masses next weekend for ACCRAF. It is something that I have never done before, but If anyone wants during the week to help us out with a cheque to ACCRAF next weekend that would be very much appreciated.

Yours "in Christ" Fr Greg 31/5/2019

PARISH GARDEN WORKING BEE

Saturday 15th June, 2019—9.00am—11.00am

Come along and help the other workers, (even if only for an hour) to help tidy up the Parish grounds.

We would be grateful for your assistance in bringing your own equipment.



A FORUM FOR PARISHES—A PLACE TO CALL HOME

Saturday 8 June 2019: 9.30am - 1.00pm

Registration and Refreshments from 9.00am

Venue: Cathedral Room, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street East Melbourne (entrance from Lansdowne Street). Car parking available on the premises

Cost: \$20 (Concession available: please call Lucia Brick, details below)

Enquiries: Lucia Brick: 9287 5566 or e: lucia.brick@css.org.au

RSVP: 3 June 2018 **Bookings:** <https://www.trybooking.com/BBQOR>



What action can we take to address homelessness in our communities? The forum will focus on practical actions that we and our parishes can take to help homeless people in our neighbourhoods.

Catholic Social Services Victoria invite you to a forum following the 2018 Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement: A Place to Call Home and Ten Steps brochure.

The forum is an opportunity for parishes to consider possible action and advocacy they can take in response to the Statement



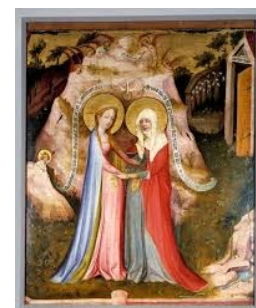
WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

6th June 10am—12.00pm

LET'S BE CRAFTY!

A mixture of teaching new skills and BYO craft offered monthly.

Donations welcome.



Thursday 6th June 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

JOY OF THE GOSPEL—ELIZABETH (Luke 1:39-56)

(Year C—Year of Luke) Lectio Divina prayer,

praying the scriptures contemplatively as living word for us all today.

St Joseph's By The Sea, 16 Esplanade Williamstown, 9397 6012 admin.sjbtsw@sosj.org.au

Bring your Palms Together...

As we prepare for Pentecost, join Palms Australia to celebrate diversity, cross-cultural understanding, and our Call to peaceful development of global family.

Palms Together

Thursday June 6th from 5:30pm

Irish Times Pub, 427 Little Collins St, MELBOURNE



RSVP by June 2nd to Robert@palms.org.au or call 02 9560 5333 www.palms.org.au



WINTER MONTHS AT ST MARY'S

5:30PM every Saturday night now until AFL Grand Final weekend when it changes back to 6:30pm.

8:30am & 10:30am Sunday mornings with Children's Liturgy of the Word most weekends.