


Rosters for This Week 2nd & 3rd April

Counting Team No. 3	Ian Veal, Frances Maloney, Toni Cutroni
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm John O'Keefe 8.30am Ivonne Cram 10.30am Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Olga Reginato


Rosters for Next Week 9th & 10th April

Counting Team No. 4	Glenn McKinney, David Jamieson, Bob Paz
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt, Larry Rigoni 8.30am Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Volunteer needed



IN OUR PRAYERS

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



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Graeme Skinner, Joan Kirwan, Brian Begley and Laurie Sammut who passed away recently and for 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 Nedyka 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.

So technically Moses is the first man to download files from the cloud using a tablet.



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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 6:00pm
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 12:30pm Sunday

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. 43:16-21

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING:

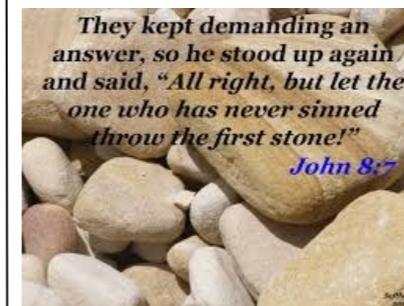
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians. 3:8-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

With all your heart turn to me, says the Lord,
for I am tender and compassionate.

GOSPEL: JOHN 8:1-11

While Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore."



Tuesday 5th April	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 7.00pm St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting in the Parish Centre. Seeking new members—all enquiries Tim Lonergan (President)
Wednesday 6th April	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 7th April	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 6.30pm Parish Council Meeting at the Presbytery.
Friday 8th April	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 6.30pm Stations of the Cross at St. Mary's Church.
Saturday 9th April	5.15pm Reconciliation Service at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors
I have only fully realised in the last five years the appreciation over the centuries of so many people for the work of religious artists. In the 'Remember' Lenten reflection books this has very much come to the fore with the explanations of Mgr Graham Schmitzer – retired priest from the diocese of Wollongong. Some of those paintings and painters he has written about have been really quite extraordinary for the Sundays of Lent. For instance, this week we have the painting of Alessandro Allori from a Florence Church entitled "Christ and the Adulteress" – the main theme of our Sunday Gospel. It is worth noting that in Jewish law, adultery was a serious crime, equated with idolatry and murder. Now, in a broader framework it is good to understand that Alessandro Allori was one of the most prolific painters in late 16th century Florence and that he most likely learned from and knew the great Michaelangelo whose funeral he helped to arrange in Florence when Allori was 29 years of age. Although without exaggerating the shame of the adulteress woman, his painting of "Christ and the Adulteress" certainly brings out the compassionate Jesus without lessening Jesus' signs on his face of the seriousness of the matter at hand. Mgr Schmitzer explains: 'The accusers were the scribes and the Pharisees, but they end up becoming the accused as Christ bends down and writes on the ground'. Like the scribes and the Pharisees we are all capable of looking at the sins of others, without addressing our own temptations, bad habits or sinfulness. Thus, Lent gives us that opportunity to renew our commitment to a straighter course of life.



It is hard to believe that Palm/Passion Sunday will be upon us as soon as next weekend followed of course by Holy Week. For Holy Week many restrictions have been lifted and it is important to understand that the following is allowed in religious congregations by the Victorian government:

The use of hymn books and other worship aids are again permitted as part of the liturgy.
On Palm Sunday April 10th palm branches can be made available.

On Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper) washing of the feet can be resumed – the celebrants and participants need to wear a face covering while performing the rite of the washing of the feet. Please sign up for the Washing of the Feet as per back table request. As Tom, our soon to be ordained priest, is a former podiatrist, I think it is appropriate that I delegate Tom for this task!

The Veneration of the Holy Cross during the Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord remains by government regulations as a simple genuflection rather than the normal reverencing of the Cross with a kiss, or by touching.

I hope you found our update last week from the "Way of the West" group encouraging as we break new territory with the support of two other asylum seeker families after having helped three African women fall on their feet, after our support of the last three years to the Newport House. Consequently, it has been a privilege to work with our parish "Way of the West" group as the whole lot of them pull their weight and are very caring people of the needs of others: Michael Iaccarino, Mark Northeast, Robina Astley, and our Chairperson Gerard Colla. They all put faith into action, are true disciples of Jesus and on the other hand I don't think our group will be any way diminished with our new members, as per last meeting, Joe Covelli and Michael Dillon.

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As stated in last week's bulletin, as further work of 'The Way of the West' we are now as a parish helping with the rent of a mother from Iran, with two pre-school children in Albion. The other family also living in the western suburbs in St. Albans have some real dire needs: dad is on dialysis every second day, mum is working three days a week for four hours at an airport hotel, one older son

will be earning money soon, while the other three children attend school. Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project and ourselves are helping with the rent, and Red Cross have also been assisting with emergency relief funds. As you can appreciate, although our parish has its own bills to pay, we need to be able to reach out as well – otherwise we can be reduced to a parish of hypocrites and that's not what we are or what we stand for. Anyway, I have always found over the years when one is generous to others, then the Lord also finds His ways of being generous to us. He has promised this when he was on earth and he always delivers. I am still looking for two more volunteers to help on the roster with the cutting of our front church and parish centre grass. The parish lawn mower can be supplied. It starts this month, then July/August and November. It could be you!!

Please do not forget Reconciliation Service of Forgiveness for Lent next Saturday at 5:15pm before the 6pm Mass.

Yours 'in Christ'
Fr. Greg 31/3/2022

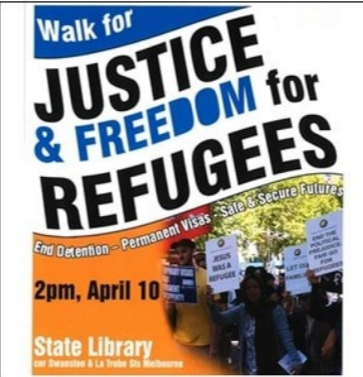


Easter At St. Mary's

- Saturday 9th/Sunday 10th: Palm/Passion Sunday Masses—6.00pm, 8.30am and 10.30am
- Thursday April 14th: Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm
- Good Friday April 15th: Stations of Cross at 10.00am
- Good Friday April 15th : Main Service Celebration of the Passion of the Lord. at 3.00pm
- Saturday April 16th : Easter Vigil at 7.00pm
- Sunday April 17th : Easter Sunday 8:30am and 10:30am

WALK for Justice & Freedom for Refugees - Sunday 10 April 2022

Show solidarity with individuals and groups who want to welcome people seeking refuge and treat all those who have arrived with dignity and care.



- Walk for Justice & Freedom for Refugees:
- > Release all refugees
 - > End offshore processing
 - > Bring them here
 - > Permanent visas
 - > Income support
 - > Family reunion

2.00pm State Library, cnr Swanston & La Trobe Sts Melbourne