

Rosters for this Week 3rd and 4th June 2023

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat, Mary Soppitt 8.30am Gerard Colla, Karen Colla 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Mary Debenham 10.30am Richard van der Merwe
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Maryann Wenzel 10.30am Di Collins
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Rachelle Pantalleresco

Rosters for next Week 10th and 11th June 2023 (King's Birthday Weekend)

Counting Team No. 2	David Jamieson, Mary Forster, Marguerite Buckley, Bob Paz, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Volunteer Needed 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Richard van der Merwe
Mass Readers	6.00pm Ashleigh Fulcher 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Volunteer Needed
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Joe Covelli 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Lisa Rodgers, Trish Dykes

IN OUR PRAYERS

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



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

In Loving Memory
We pray for Terry Holdsworth, Brian McCarthy, Peter Vincent, Terry Winship, Salvatrice Pecora, Brunina Rando, Stepjan Ivelja, Sr. Joan Guiry, Noel Bonnici, Jim Charles, Michael Henry, Leslie Cross, Bernice Mill, Norma Honeyman, Vic Routley, Mavis Reed, Helen Bartlett, Ersilia Portelli, Vera Webb, Helen Kucic, Owen Whelan, Pat Talbot, Doreen Curtain, Helen Ambrose, Leo Wise, Trevor Joseph, Elizabeth Trainor, Maria Corbo, Sr. Joan O'Shea, Antonio Santoro, Gerarda Cordijn, Rosina Bottoli, Jack Rusick, Sebastiano Sirgiovanni, Giuseppina Timpano, Francesco Caputo, Carmela Darmanin, Stella Magri, Antionetta Azzopardi, Maria Meloni, Carlo Giacomelli, Nadala Sokolic, John O'Neill, Margaret Simms, Louie Tweedly, Cecilia Hoctor, Vera Harnett, Loretta Stirling, Bernice Diamond, Nance Tweedly, Harry Hart, Bella Morgan, Joyce Deller, Helen Nahas and Frank Buntz; whose anniversaries are at this time.



CHURCH GARDEN WORKING BEE
SATURDAY 10th June, 2023—9.00AM—11.00AM

Come along and help clean up our beautiful church gardens, even if it is only for an hour or two.

If you could bring your own equipment, it would be greatly appreciated.

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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4th June, 2023

TRINITY SUNDAY—YEAR A

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Parish Office Manager

Heidi Zahra
Tuesday 8:30am – 4.00pm
Thursday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Parish Secretary

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

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Exodus 34.4b-6, 8-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Glory and praise forever!

SECOND READING:

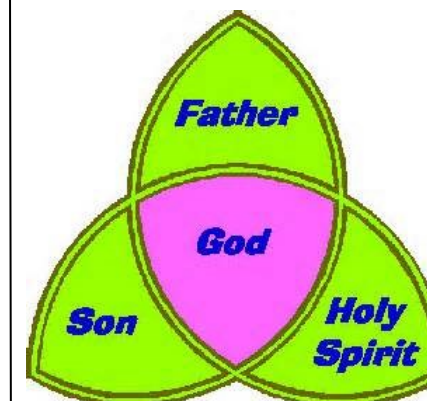
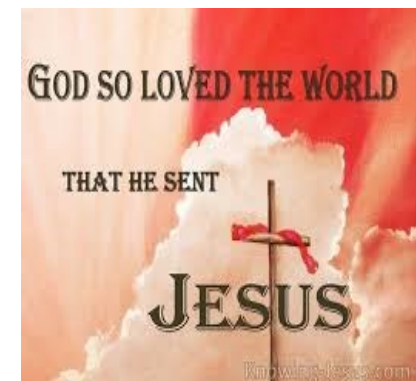
Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 13.11-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

GOSPEL: JOHN 3.16-18

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

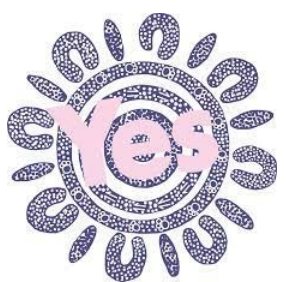


Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Tuesday 6th June	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7.00pm Continuation of Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at Presbytery with Fr. Greg. All welcome especially those who desire deeper faith. This weeks topic: "The people of God"
Wednesday 7th June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 8th June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 9th June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

- **A BIG WELCOME** to all those presenting their children for 1st Eucharist at the 10:30am Mass today. **Please don't forget** (put in diary) that there is a **last Sunday of the month "Family Mass" at 10: 30am** also. Your family will always be welcome at that particular one as well.
- Within the context of the Feast of the Trinity today the importance of the Son is paramount as we hear in the Gospel. Basically, what it states is the Father has shown his love for us by sending his Son to save us; all who believe in him will have eternal life. Those who deliberately reject Jesus condemn themselves; they have rejected the source of life.
- As it has been a while since we trained a new batch of altar servers please be in touch with me (0400 524 363) if your child (boy or girl) is interested in altar serving every second weekend at any of the particular masses of the weekend. The training for this will take place at the Church on Saturday 8th July from 1pm - 2:15pm. It develops their confidence and leadership appearing in public. It helps to develop teamwork skills with other servers as well.
- **Maintenance works** need to be done in the Church in the not too foreseeable future. In the meantime, on **Wednesday June 7th** the somewhat dirty concrete paths at side of Church and Parish Centre will undergo cleaning - 'pressure washing'. The roof gutters are also down in the book for **Thursday June 22nd** for the Church, Parish Centre and Presbytery.
- The Executive Director Stewardship of the Archdiocese Tim O'Leary has this week informed the priests of our Archdiocese that sadly 'Catholic Church Insurance' is no longer in a position to take on new business or renew existing policies beyond 30 June 2023. As he stated: ' Following decades of committed service to the works of the Church, clearly this is a sad day for the Board, Management and Employees of CCI. Over the last three years CCI has worked tirelessly to manage and address a range of challenges, not least the impact of recent extreme weather events, but in a particular way the financial headwinds arising from the weight of historical sexual abuse claims. Unfortunately the challenge has become too great.....While this news might be unsettling, the Archdiocese is working closely with CCI and coordinating with all Church agencies to ensure new and appropriate insurance arrangements are put in place . This work is progressing satisfactorily and we are encouraged by early conversations with brokers that we find a timely resolution to ensure continuity of insurance coverage.'
- We celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit last weekend. If people of all persuasions allow the Spirit to come in and through the door of their hearts then miracles still continue to happen. Maybe (unless I am incorrect) this is why just last week Australia's major sports have felt the need to support the Indigenous Voice to Parliament. The AFL, NRL, Cricket Australia, Football Australia and Rugby Australia were among 21 sports that came together in Melbourne and Sydney events last Friday week to support the "Yes" campaign ahead of the national referendum later this year.
- In two weeks' time we will have our annual Melbourne Clergy Conference which will take place at RACV Cape Schanck. It will be exploring this year mainly liturgy and worship. We will be having two international keynote speakers. Abbot Paul Gunter is a monk at Douai Abbey UK. Among other things he has been a consultor to the Pope on liturgical celebrations. The other keynote speaker is Elizabeth Scalia who is a Benedictine Oblate and author of several books. She has been editor in chief of a few worldwide religious magazines.



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- In case you are wondering on our recent census figures for Mass the following are the normal average as from the four weekends of May: 6pm Sat 76 8:30am 81 10:30am 85. There were other figures such as 420 at our 10:30am Mass for 1st Eucharist last Sunday or 161 for presentation of candidates for 1st Eucharist one Saturday in May, but I discounted those figures as normal and just worked on the other three Saturdays or Sundays that were the more normal mean figures. Of course I sent the fuller statistics into the Archdiocese as requested.

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 1/6/2023

CRISP - Community Refugee Sponsorship Program – Progress, Thank You and Next Steps



Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia

The generosity of St Mary's Parish Williamstown never ceases to amaze, as we move some big steps closer to welcoming a family of refugees into our community.

With over \$4,000 given and a further \$13,000 pledged, we have been told (unofficially) that we will be allocated a family. Once we are officially notified we will reach out to all those who pledged.

With over 103 million displaced people worldwide, and 32.5 million refugees, the current CRISP program is Australia's start to allowing the community to play a part in welcoming and accommodating an initial 1,500 refugees selected by the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) and who have been granted Humanitarian Visas. By supporting this pilot program the hope is we start a platform for growth for a better, kinder, more caring community and Australia. Under a similar program Canada has successfully settled over 325,000 refugees.

Next Step – Housing

Under the program, we look after the allocated family for the first 12 months in Australia. We cover the first six weeks of rent, and once settled with employment and/or benefits the family contributes to rental for the rest of their first year in Australia.

If you have accommodation or a property that you might like to consider being used to assist in this program, please contact Fr Greg in the first instance.

Finally, we currently have six households actively involved, but wish to expand that to expand to 7 to 10 to share the load. Again if you would like to find out more please contact Fr Greg.

You would be involved in providing practical support to help a new family settle into Australia in their first 12 months, with training provided. Support provided may range from a being a welcoming face at the airport on arrival to helping with travel to appointments, getting Myki cards, initial helping with shopping, filling out forms etc. Simple practical things that we might easily do every day, that would be unfamiliar to a new family.

Again thank you for your amazing support St Mary's

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me" Matthew 25:35