

ROSTERS FOR MASS THIS WEEKEND 3rd & 4th July, 2021

Counting Team No. 4	Glenn McKinney, David Jamieson, Bob Paz
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Ivonne Cram 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Olga Reginator
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy—School Holidays

Rosters for weekend 10th & 11th July, 2021

Counting Team No. 5	John Richardson, Larry Rigoni, Susan Jamieson
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni, Gail Tull 8.30am Mary Frisby, Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Richard van der Merwe
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Mary Debenham 10.30am Anne Cooper
Children's Liturgy	No Children's Liturgy—School Holidays

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Heartfelt Prayers

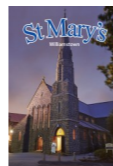
RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES



We pray for Miriam Kucic who passed away recently, Henreitta Augustin, Frank Fenwick, Antonio Sagona, Jesse Ochenden, Nicola Nardo, Roman Kin Senior (NZ), Ercole Taliana, Jim Charles, Kevin Tweedly, Helen Nahas, Emmanuel Darmanin, Edwin Poliness, Joe Pecora, Eddy Welsh, Rene Hynes, Rolfe Erdman, Martin Woods, Bill Stone, Giovanna Scolaro, Nancy Sexton, Deano Cosma, Jack Lauder, Lloyd Croall, Jerome Creaney, Concetta Lo Piccolo, Alf Swallows, Mary Hyland, Michal Camilleri, Des Laurie, Clare Ryan, Aristeia Sagona, Michael Daly, Geoffrey Reid, Paul Dargo, Mona Ellis, Catherine Torrisi, Rachel Mangan, George Ulmer, Edna Kelly, Jack Richardson, Sonja Hodell, Anthony Caccamo, Ted Hill, Domenic Edes, Jim Ward, Tom Ward and Margaret Campitelli; whose anniversaries are at this time.

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 under the heading: **SIGN UP TO ATTEND MASS** or by accessing the link: signupgenius.com/go/



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.

St Mary's Parish



A community where we bring together our gifts and talents

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4th July, 2021

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Friday 8:30am – 4pm

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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 11:30am Sunday

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel. 2:2-5

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 12:7-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

The Spirit of the Lord now upon me has sent me to bring good news to the poor.

GOSPEL: MARK 6:1-6



He departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? "Where did this man get all this?"

What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honour except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



Tuesday 6th July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting in the Parish Centre.
Wednesday 7th July	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Thursday 8th July	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 9th July	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

One of the main things for this weekend in the Catholic Church in Australia is National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. In line with our history, I think it is a very important event. It is mainly organised by NATSICC! The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC) is the peak Advisory Body to the Australian Catholic Bishops on issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics. The Council was founded in 1992. NATSICC is a not-for-profit organisation that is funded by the Catholic Church and Caritas Australia's First Nations program.

Perhaps you did not know that the number of aboriginals converting to Catholics over the last decade or so is quite impressive. There are now 133,528 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics! Brisbane and Darwin dioceses have the highest number of Aboriginal and TS Islander Catholics. Palm Island in the Townsville diocese has the highest percentage of Aboriginal and TS Islanders Catholics in a single parish = 98.5% while Melville Island is third on the list in the Darwin diocese = 96.4%. **NATSICC has decided to adopt the NAIDOC theme for 2021 – HEAL COUNTRY.**

I hope in my sermon this weekend to cover some aspects of this theme as our world is always in need of more healing – environmentally, spiritually and socially.



Most of us can understand that Aboriginals have suffered much as a First Nation people in our country. Accordingly, in this short space I am afforded, I wish to convey an aspect I and we can fail to understand and that is the importance of certain priorities for our aboriginal brothers and sisters, and through greater understanding hopefully we can appreciate how we as a mostly 'white society' in particular in the past have caused incredible difficulties for aboriginals, but hopefully we can bridge the gap to a more common friendship and direction for the future.

One thing I have appreciated lately is that not only our Catholic school children have been given a greater understanding on how our aboriginal brothers and sisters have been hard done by in the past, but various groups are now realising not only have these First Nations people looked after the land in a very spiritual way, but they are also so gifted by God in sporting ability, music, dance and painting. On the sporting front it is now for the first time in the last decades where an aboriginal sporting person is able to feel relaxed in saying the pain his people have endured. For instance, recently the former Sydney AFL Swans footballer, Michael O'Loughlin was asked a question by the chief sporting reporter for the Herald-Sun, Mark Robinson: "If you can remember, how did you feel the first time you saw old photographs of your people in neck chains", and he answered: "Sick, you feel sick. You feel angry. We share stories really well. We talk about the Stolen Generation, and you talk about the horrible things that happened to the younger people through that period and what my people went through. It makes you angry. It's like being called an Abo on the field and as a kid all I wanted to do was fight. And it wasn't until my mother and grandmother pulled me aside and told me to cut that out. They told me it wasn't the first time this was going to happen and it won't be the last time, and you won't be able to fight everyone.Racism in my view will never stop, but what we're getting better at is recognising it and calling it out.....We need respect...I teach my kids and other young people is that acknowledging our past is important to our people because the trauma they've been through is just horrible and it leads to other things, like suicide, mental health, alcohol and drugs because people don't know how to deal with these things".

Aboriginal and Senior Australian of the Year, Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Baumann in a beautiful article reprinted in the recent "Swag" magazine stated the following on similar lines: "We have learnt to speak the white man's language. We have listened to what he had to say. This learning and listening should go both ways. We would like people in Australia to take time to listen to us. We are hoping people will come closer. We keep on longing for the things that we have always hoped for: respect and understanding."

I think a significant step in the listening process was provided by the big selling newspaper 'The Herald Sun' just recently as it has in the last month promoted at least one or quite often two full pages labelled 'Indigenous Sport Month' on its back pages every day.

Fortunately, we are now learning through various sources of the modern media that we should take pride as a nation in our First Nations people. Cathy Freeman, Patty Mills, Ash Barty, Yvonne Goolagong and Lance Franklin are now household names but we are learning of others in the past who should have been put on a pedestal in some way or other. Briefly as I cannot do justice to the following properly but they are at least worth mentioning:

JOHNNY MULLAGH: Mullagh was one of 13 aboriginal cricketers smuggled to England in 1868. It was the first Australian team to tour internationally. Mullagh was so good a batsman and bowler that the best player in the Boxing Day Test in Melbourne is awarded the Mullagh Medal. I bet you did not know that!

CHARLIE SAMUEL: Born in southern Queensland in 1864, he grew up with the Bunyinni people and worked as a stockman. According to sporting newspaper 'The Referee': "Samuels has, in the long course of consistent and brilliant running, established his claim, not only to be the Australian champion, but also to have been one of the best exponents of sprint running the world has ever seen".



EDDIE GILBERT: 'Our Don Bradman' – the greatest batsman the world has ever seen stated about Gilbert as a fast bowler: " ..faster than anything seen from (England fast bowler) Harold Larwood or anyone else".

SIR DOUG NICHOLS: He lends his name to the AFL'S Indigenous Round. He played 55 games for Fitzroy and became the first indigenous player to represent Victoria after growing up on the NSW bank of the Murray River on the land of the Yorta Yorta people. He became a pastor and an advocate for Aboriginal rights culminating in the 1967 referendum that recognised Aboriginal people as Australian citizens. The list could go on. For instance, 4 indigenous runners have won the Stawell gift, first one being Robert Kinnear who won it in 1883. We are slow to learn as a nation, but maybe we are getting there! I hope so, as the Aboriginal people have been a deeply spiritual people and we still in the rest of Australia have still much to learn about spirituality. Maybe we can learn more from them that they can from us – yet we think we are the smarter!

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 1/7/2021

Acknowledgement of Country

The people of St Mary's Parish acknowledge the Yalukit-Willam people, the Traditional Owners of this land who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation. We pay respect to the Elders past and present.



Heal Country

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 4 July 2021
Celebrating the gifts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics



Sacrament Program - Confirmation

For Children Who **DO NOT** Attend St Mary's School

As the 2021 Confirmation Sacrament Program approaches the Program will **begin on Monday 12th July** running for 3 consecutive Mondays from 6.30 - 7.30pm in the Parish Center. Confirmation Liturgies will be the **27th, 28th and 29th July.** If you have not yet registered please contact Monique - Monique.Julian@cam.org.au