

## ROSTERS FOR MASS THIS WEEKEND 4th & 5th DECEMBER, 2021

Counting Team No. 2	Mary Forster, Marguerite Buckley, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm John O'Keefe, Larry Rigoni 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Chris Maine 10.30am Jane McLaughlin

## ROSTERS FOR MASS THE WEEKEND OF 11th & 12th December, 2021

Counting Team No. 3	Ian Veal, Frances Maloney, Tony Cutroni
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maria Laudato, Larry Rigoni 8.30am Gerard Colla, Karen Colla 10.30am Volunteer Needed
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Kate Arnold
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Volunteers Needed

### IN OUR PRAYERS

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

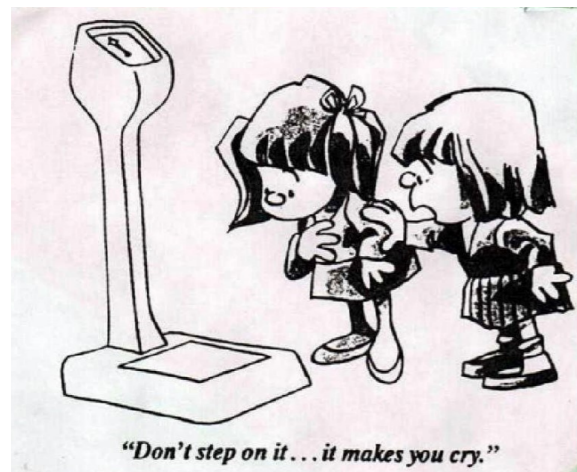
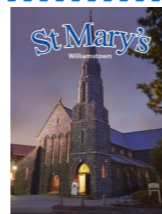


We pray for Petar Fiamengo who passed away recently and Mary Martin, Arthur Jones, Frank Cini, Brendan Harkin, Maria Napoli, Norma Arnold, Josie Wilde, Nora Doig, Stan Woodruff, Eric Flackhlam, Maria De Grassi, Merle O'Keefe, Marion Loriente, Libero Costanzo, Andrej Edovic, Giuseppe Pecora, Ersilia Portelli, Carmela Pisano, Nunzio Ficarra, Joseph Sammut, Eugena Fewster, John Wilson and Michele Cafagna; 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](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)



# St Mary's Parish

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



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5th December, 2021

### Parish Priest

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### Pastoral Associate

Monique Julian  
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Monday, Tuesday

### 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



## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Baruch. 5:1-9

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

### SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Philippians. 1:4-6, 8-11

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:  
all people shall see the salvation of God.

### GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. He went throughout the region of Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah.

“A voice of one crying out in the desert:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make straight his paths.

Every valley shall be filled  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low.

The winding roads shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth,

and all flesh shall see the  
salvation of God.”



Tuesday 7th December	9.15am	Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Wednesday 8th December	9.15am	Feast of the Immaculate Conception at St Mary's Church.
	7.00pm	Parish Finance Team meeting at the Presbytery.
Thursday 9th December	10.00am	Funeral Mass for Petar Fiamengo at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 10th December	9.15am	Mass at St. Mary's Church.
	3.15pm	St Mary's School Advent Liturgy.
	7.00pm	Memorial Mass for recently deceased at St. Mary's Church

Dear Parishioners and Visitors.

A special welcome to those who have been patient among the parent body! This is now our 7<sup>th</sup> effort to come together for the children's first Eucharist!!! Most of you have been very patient as wrong timing of the various 2-year lockdowns has caused the problem of your now grade 5 children receiving Jesus for the first time within the Eucharistic meal. In writing it this Wednesday I hope the sky does not fall in(!) – otherwise it is all systems go for this weekend.

I met Jake Mudge, a young priest from the Bendigo diocese (Sandhurst) many years ago at our annual Melbourne priests golf day as I was running the day as the Secretary of the Tournament. Now he is a professor at the diocesan seminary for Victoria and Tasmania in Carlton. Jake rang me a month ago to ask a favour: would I take in a seminarian who is due to become an ordained deacon in February and a priest sometime in 2022! My answer was in the affirmative as I believe it may be good for me, good for the seminarian's experience of parish life before he gets appointed to a parish by probably the end of next year, and good for the St Mary's Williamstown Parish. Strangely, enough 8 years ago my Williamstown podiatrist at the time, Kyle mentioned that a good mate of his, a fellow podiatrist, was going into studies for the Catholic priesthood! Well, this is the same guy, Tom Christie who will join me at the Williamstown presbytery for the next few months or longer, arriving here on December 13<sup>th</sup>. I asked Tom in the meantime to write some background to his priesthood studies and any other matters he wished to put to paper as a short summary as he has just finished 7 years of studies. This summary is on the opposite page in the bulletin. Among several other things I will get Tom to preach some sermons – there is always plenty of work around the place - and after February as an ordained deacon to do some non Eucharistic marriages and funerals. A deacon can do anything a priest is able to perform, except in particular celebrate the Eucharist or take part in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

I hope that those who have lost a love one over the last year or so or who wish to come to the passing of Fr Noel Oliver, our former Parish Priest (2000 – 2010) feel welcome to come to the annual **Memorial Mass on this coming Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. I have managed to obtain some more booklets of Fr Noel's funeral Mass at the time held here on October 13<sup>th</sup> – unfortunately Government had restrictions of only 10 at any funeral at the time!

Welcome back for the 3<sup>rd</sup> continuous weekend to our normal faithful parishioners – we are on a roll! I hope you are feeling right at home again.

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 2/12/21

### STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Please collect your stewardship envelope from the back table after Mass today.

All are filed in alphabetical order. Thank You.



### Memorial Mass for recently deceased Parishioners and Family.

There will be a Memorial Mass this **Friday 10th December at 7pm** for recently deceased parishioners and family. To accommodate numbers we ask for groups of up to 7 (fully vaccinated). If you would like to attend please register at [www.signupgenius.com/go/stmarys](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/stmarys).



### Tom Christie Short Biography

When I got told I would be spending a few months at Saint Mary's parish, I immediately thought of my parish priest I was lucky enough to have when I was growing up in West Essendon. The late Fr John Spillane was a Williamstown boy in his formative years before entering the seminary, and he often made fond references to his time here in this parish during the post-World War I era. As you would all agree, the world is a much different place nowadays, however through this connection, I can see God's providential hand at work. I'm sure there will be many more graces in store throughout my short stay here in this parish.

I entered the seminary in 2015, after thinking about the priesthood since my senior high school years at St Bernard's College, Essendon. My sense of a priestly vocation was not especially strong as a teenager, however being introduced to the rich tradition of the Church during religious education classes really sparked something within me. I am now very grateful to a couple of my teachers for being so passionate about their Catholic faith. Looking back, it did leave a lasting impression on me. In the immediate years before entering the seminary, I worked as a podiatrist in private practice. I was largely motivated to enter into this field due to my passion for sport. I played local football and cricket up until my early twenties, and I thoroughly enjoyed helping patients get back out onto the sporting field. An unexpected job I did as a podiatrist was working in nursing homes. This exposed me to the vulnerabilities and frailties of the human condition, as I witnessed patients enduring terminable illnesses, requiring the care of a team of doctors and nurses.

While there were many good times during my five years working as a podiatrist, I slowly began to recognise a growing intuition or a hunch that I should give this priesthood idea a try. The last seven years in formation at Corpus Christi College, Carlton, have included more time in prayer, formal study at university, as well as placements in Italy, Sri Lanka and other parishes in Melbourne. There have been many joys and challenges throughout this time, however there has been an abiding peace that only comes from doing what God has called you to be.

I'm due to be ordained a transitional deacon early next year, which is the final office one receives before becoming a priest. I will also be continuing my full-time theological studies while I am in residence with Fr Greg at the presbytery. I look forward to being of service to the Saint Mary's parish throughout my time here. See you soon. **God bless, Tom Christie.**



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People are NOT for sale

The ACRATH supported 16 days of activism to end gender-based violence against women continues until 10<sup>th</sup> December. Human trafficking, a \$150 billion global industry, is one of the greatest examples of violence against women and girls. Forced marriage, under payment for work done and no

access to education are other examples of violence against women.

ACRATH's website: <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/16-days/> has daily reflections for each day of the campaign as well as much information about the issue of human trafficking. The campaign closes with a Zoom prayer session at 1pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December. The above link will give you access to the Zoom invitation to this reflection. There is no need to book a place, just access the Zoom link at 1pm on the 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. ACRATH thanks you for your prayerful support of this effort.



### PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT

Due to trying to keep parishioners safe no basket collections have taken place over the last 18 months. Although they are now up at the back of the Church this is no substitute for handing around the baskets. Accordingly, the presbytery account which pays Fr Greg's wage, leasing of his car through archdiocesan car loan scheme, petrol and food in the presbytery is close to a negative balance. Thus, if you able to help financially please contribute money into National Australia Bank (presbytery account) **BSB 083 347 Acct No = 658365858**

It is appreciated if you are able to help. This will also help us to keep food on the table for our new border (seminarian as per enclosed above info)