


## Rosters for This Week 5th & 6th March

Counting Team No. 7	Mary Ward, Jean McCutcheon, Greg Morgan
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Volunteer required 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Mary Debenham 10.30am Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Evol Farrelly 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Anne Cooper


## Rosters for Next Week 12th & 13th March

Counting Team No. 8	Tracey Gregg, Leanne Spiteri
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt, Gail Tull 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Doreen Mitchell 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Kate Arnold



### 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 Thelma Luft, who died recently and for Gilbert Augustin, Fr. Joe Micallef, Giovanni Trifilo, Roger Dawson, Herbert Augustin, Frederick Lazarus, Kevin Hynes, Maria Guastalegname, Mary Lewis, Joyce Rudd, Sheila Webster, Silvana Rossi, Blaze Phillips-Mitchell, Carmel Harrison, Brian Mitchell, Dennis Vanstone, Chiara Lubich, Mike Linehan, Anthony Kennedy, Vittoria Paone, Gwen Sturrock, Sue King, Maria Scabelloni, Hilda Wood, Tanya Pickergill, Margaret Dooley, Daniel Rudd, Mary McLinden, Muriel Bowes, Marjory Cuthbert, Giovanni Raunik, Peter Wentworth, Cynthia Frawley, Nance McRae, Carmelo Pisano, Giuseppina De Bono, Roger Wilson, Cath Wickham, Doris Dean, Serafina Basilone, Eileen Storey, John Day, Vincenzo Timpano, Agnes Lynch, Giuseppe Nardo, Francesco Galle and Immacolata Laudato; whose anniversaries are at this time.

## CatholicCare Victoria—Chaplaincy Appeal 2022



Thank you! Last month we conducted the annual Chaplaincy Appeal in our parish and raised \$1,600. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal.

If you still wish to donate or if you would like to have more information about the Chaplaincy Services, please visit [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.


# St Mary's Parish

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



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6th March, 2022

<p><b>Parish Priest</b> (Fr.) Greg Trythall PH: 9397 6066 MO: 0400 524 363 Email: <a href="mailto:greg.trythall@cam.org.au">greg.trythall@cam.org.au</a></p> <p><b>Pastoral Associate</b> Monique Julian 0450 789 951 Monday, Tuesday</p> <p><b>Parish Office Manager</b> Heidi Zahra Tuesday 8:30am – 4.00pm Thursday 8:30am – 4.00pm Friday 8:30am – 4.00pm</p> <p><b>Parish Secretary</b> Kylie Skinner Wednesday 8.30am—3.30pm</p> <p><b>St. Mary's School</b> Principal Anthony Hockey</p> <p><b>Normal Mass Times</b> Consult bulletin inside for any changes. Saturday at 6:00pm Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am Tuesday to Friday 9:15am</p> <p><b>Reconciliation</b> Saturday 10:00am</p> <p><b>Silent Adoration in Church</b> 2:30pm – 3:30pm Wednesday</p> <p><b>Baptism Preparation Night</b> Third Thursday monthly 7.00pm at Parish Centre. Baptism must be booked prior to attending Preparation Night. <b>Baptism</b> 12:30am Sunday</p>	<p><b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR C</b></p> <p><b>FIRST READING:</b> A reading from the book of Deuteronomy. 26:4-10</p> <p><b>RESPONSORIAL PSALM:</b> Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.</p> <p><b>SECOND READING:</b> A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. 10:8-13</p> <p><b>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:</b> No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.</p> <p><b>GOSPEL: LUKE 4:1-13</b></p> <div> <p>Filled with the holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, “I shall give to you all this power and their glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me.” Jesus said to him in reply, “It is written:</p> <p>‘You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.’”</p> <p>Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written:</p> <p>‘He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,’ and:</p> <p>‘With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.’”</p> <p>Jesus said to him in reply, “It also says, ‘You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.’” When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.</p> </div> 
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Tuesday 8th March	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Wednesday 9th March	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 10th March	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 11th March	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors



Lent is our time to work out the narrative of our own call to discipleship. Where are we in the story of our own salvation? What stage of growth and awareness are we in as we pursue our own human ambitions, use our gifts to succeed? **Has the Spirit disturbed our lives**

**yet, taken us deeper into the identity that will give meaning and purpose to our lives?** Has our baptism made a difference? Have we calculated the cost of discipleship? Has suffering touched us sufficiently to force our priorities into view, made us choose the narrow path that leads to life in relationship with others, responsibility for others?

This is the ordinary drama of every Christian life, the quiet daily sorting out of options that define us and direct us first inward, then outward, teaching us to feel the graces at work, the strength of good habits, the value of honesty and dependability. It slowly adds up to a holiness that exceeds our own efforts. **It is the Holy Spirit with us, within us, whispering, "This way" "That way" "Be patient" "Act now."**



During Lent, we become closer to God in three ways:

**We can get closer to God when we talk to Him. We do this by praying.**

**We get closer to God through Sacrifice.**

**By giving up or taking up something during Lent,** we remember how much Jesus gave up for us. Traditionally, fasting has become part of that 'sacrifice.' As I said in the homily last weekend, we might have one less glass of wine or beer, we might smoke 10 a day instead of 20, we might decide to eat less, we might do without something we like during Lent, we might fast from bad language, unfair criticism, bad gossip or

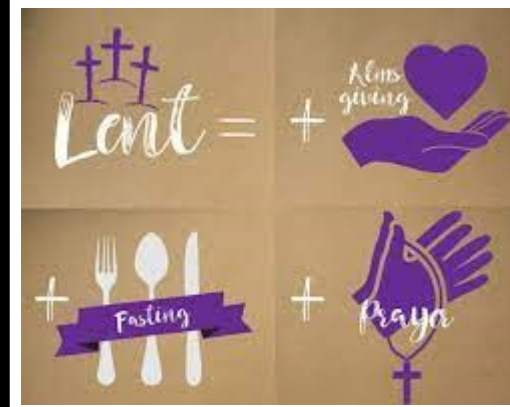
negative posting on the internet. A leopard cannot change its spots – so we can't change overnight but we can do at least one thing!

**Lastly, we get closer to God by serving others. We have traditionally called this 'almsgiving.' This might mean contributing to 'Australian Caritas.'** Jesus said to his disciples: "Love one another as I have loved you." This means loving not just family and friends, but showing a greater love in some way for all of God's people especially those in need. "What you did to the least of these brothers (or sisters) of mine you did unto me." **Again, doing something – not trying to save the world in one foul swoop – the latter only leads to nervous breakdowns but doing something – something practical in at least two of those areas of prayer, fasting and almsgiving – writing it down – to review every now and again during Lent.**

As a Parish Council it was agreed at our February meeting to associate ourselves with the program of 'Catholic Earthcare.' In light of this, it may interest you to know that the Australian Jesuits will host the 'International Ignatian Ecospiritual Conference' to be held on April 25 – 30. Dr. Peter Saunders, one of the keynote speakers remarked: "Pope Francis is encouraging us to undertake an ecological conversion, whereby we come to appreciate that 'Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth.'"

**If anyone wants further details of the Conference : [www.iiec.org.au](http://www.iiec.org.au)**

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The New Parishioners Luncheon will take place for those who have joined the parish within the last two years. The luncheon will be held on Sunday March 27th at the Parish Centre at 11.30am immediately following the 10:30am Mass. All new parishioners are welcome. Please ring the Parish Office on 9397 6066 or text Fr. Greg on 0400 524 363 to advise the number of attendees.

The "Ask Mary" box is at the back of the Church for any parishioners who want to make a suggestion that will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting. Please feel free

to leave your email or phone number to enable a Parish Council member to get back to you. If you would prefer, you can write anonymously and leave your suggestion in that box.

To give some variety after two years of the third acclamation of faith, we are reverting as a parish back to the first acclamation next weekend in anticipation of our full-hearted responses during the Mass. Please take it away and learn by heart and recite every Sunday for the next year.

**WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, O LORD, AND PROFESS YOUR RESURRECTION UNTIL YOU COME AGAIN.**

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



## UKRAINE SUPPORT

Our Catholic agency Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Ukraine to provide humanitarian assistance. At this time of writing it has been stated: "Nearly 3 million people already need humanitarian assistance in eastern Ukraine, and over 850,000 have been displaced". Now these numbers will increase dramatically.



## BULLETIN NOTICE INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers.

**COME & SEE!**

An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on Saturday 2 April 2022, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic

Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne.

For more information: A new Vocations website is under development, however the links below (copy, then paste) are working.

**Watch:** Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTSO>

**Watch:** Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons  
<https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

**Read More:** [Brochure] <https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

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