

## ROSTERS FOR MASS THIS WEEKEND

6th & 7th February, 2021

Counting Team No. 7	Mary Ward, Jean McCutcheon, Greg Morgan
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maria Laudato, John O'Keefe 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Mary Debenham 10.30am Volunteer Needed

## Rosters for weekend 13th & 14th February, 2021

Counting Team No. 8	Tracey Gregg, Leanne Spiteri, Rinna Sy
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni, Gail Tull 8.30am Evol Farrelly 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Ashleigh Fulcher 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Olga Reginato

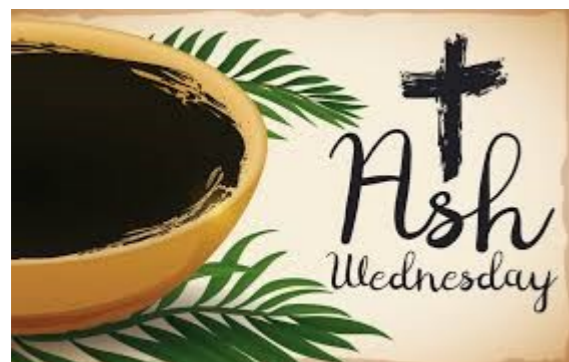
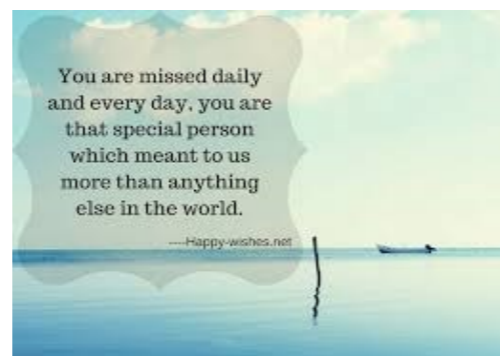


### IN OUR PRAYERS

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Franca Ficcarra, Fr. John Woodcock, Fr. John Spillane, Rosaria Mangion, Marie Read, Mons. Attilio Delise, Mons. Pietro Fonda, Helena Meehan, Francis Spina, Concetta Merlino, John and Reno Bartolo, Paul, Frances, John, Charlie and Mathew Zahra, Kevin Broadfoot, Ljubica Vuksevic, Helena Meehan, Kathleen Liston, Sr. Marie Kennedy, Alan Grace, Kevin Clarke, Peter Hamment, Arch Rennie, Mary Dalton, Jennifer Phillips, William Murphy, Angelina and Natalino Meilak, Lawrence and Blondina Sammut, Michael Meilak, Carmela Sammut, Nunzio Ficcarra, Peter and Vera Rice and Joan Spiteri, whose anniversaries are at this time.



## ASH WEDNESDAY 17th February 2021

### MASS TIMES

**9.15am Whole School Mass at St Mary's Church.**

**7.00pm Mass at St Mary's Church.**

# St Mary's Parish



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

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7th February, 2021

#### Parish Priest

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#### Pastoral Associate

Monique Julian  
0450 789 951  
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 Thursday 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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Job. 7:1-4, 6-7

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted.

### SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 9:16-19, 22-23

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Christ bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.

### GOSPEL: MARK 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue he entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John. Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever. They immediately told him about her. He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up. Then the fever left her and she waited on them.

When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you." He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.



Tuesday 9th February	No Mass at St. Mary's Church. (Fr Greg celebrating 2 Masses at Port Phillip Prison.)
Wednesday 10th February	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 11th February	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 12th February	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. Opening School Mass for St Mary's

Dear Parishioners,

Lent starts on Wednesday week. It can and should be a very fruitful experience, but for some they carry the wrong mindset into this opportunistic season. If you look at Lent as depriving you of some of your happiness or some of your pleasures then most probably you have already defeated the season of Lent before it even begins. Lent is rather an opportunity not to have more, but to be more. To be more compassionate or patient or kind – whatever – there must be some basis though from the prayer time in Lent. I can give you 100 ways of praying but it is up to you to know how you pray, what distracts you from enhancing your prayer time, do I communicate better with set prayers or what helps me to be in better communication with the divine. Can I set a healthier pattern for that and stick to that without it seeming a burden? One cannot change oneself without being in touch with the Master. For instance, I cannot say practice 'patience' during Lent unless I receive wisdom from the Divine. To help that connection with God there will be a booklet available for \$10 which should be available from Ash Wednesday (Feb 17th onwards) and it will give you a daily bible reading and some reflection opportunities. I think you will find it helpful.



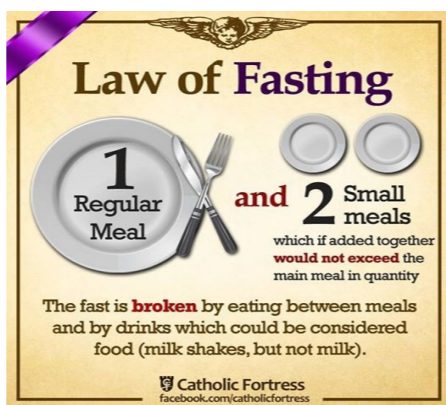
Another aspect of Lent is that we need to understand: why we do the things we do. For example, in the early Church Lent began as a time of repentance for those preparing for baptism. Having experienced the call to follow Christ, those seeking to join the Christian Community made a commitment to turn away from sin and live a Christian life. They were baptised at the Easter Vigil. Today, the 6-week period of Lent is a time of repentance and renewal for the whole Church. It is a time when we prayerfully take stock of our lives, turn away from lifestyle habits that contradict the Gospel and renew our commitment to Christ and each other. By being marked with ashes on Ash Wednesday, a Catholic today is recognised by the community gathered as one who has chosen to repent of sin and believe in the good news.

A sign of our seriousness to take the season seriously is to start the ball rolling by "fasting". We only have one main meal and any others need to be lighter ones. However, in total perspective our first obligation is to fast from sin. Both Ash Wednesday are not only days we set aside for "fasting" but also the two particular days during the year that we abstain from meat.

May you enter the season with a good frame of mind and before even Lent starts reflect on not what you will give up or take on but rather how this will bring me closer in my relationship to God.

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg 5/2/2021



### Working Bee—Next Saturday 13th February

9.00am—11.00am

Due to COVID-19 we have been unable to hold a working bee for over six months. Therefore there is much weeding, trimming of plants and throwing of extra tan bark on gardens to be done. Please spread the word, not just the tan bark. Any time you have to spare would be greatly appreciated. It would also be helpful if you could bring your own tools.

### SATURDAY NIGHT MASS IS NOW 6.00PM ALL YEAR ROUND

Just a reminder to you all as many parishioners have been away on holidays.

### SENIOR'S MASS AND LUNCHEON

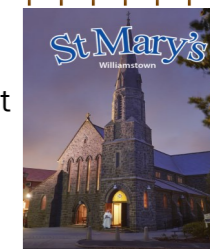


The next senior's Mass will be held on **5th March at 11.30am**

Followed by lunch in the Parish Centre **All Welcome.**

### ATTENTION!!! How to Save Your Seat At Mass

As there is a maximum on the number of Mass attendees of 150, 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)  
If anyone is unable to access a computer, please phone:  
Monique Julian 0450 789 951 or Heidi Zahra 0418 456 266 to arrange your booking.



### LENTEN SMALL BOOKLET

This Lent we encourage Parishioners to take part in a personal Lenten Journey. We will have copies of a 76 page full colour booklet "Comfort Lenten Program 2021" containing short daily reflections from Ash Wednesday through to Easter Sunday written by 16 fantastic clergy, religious and lay contributors from around the world. These are perfect for individual devotional reading at home in addition to additional Sunday Scripture readings and reflections, prayers and questions that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings and will be available from Ash Wednesday at the back of the Church for a \$10 donation.



### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION ST MARY'S PARISH 2021

Parents of Parish Children who do not attend St. Mary's School and would like to be part of our Sacramental Program in 2021 please contact Monique Julian (Pastoral Associate) [Monique.Julian@cam.org.au](mailto:Monique.Julian@cam.org.au)

- **CONFIRMATION (2020 Candidates) Starting this Monday** evening 6.30pm—7.30pm: 8/2, 15/2 and 22/2 with confirmations on Saturday 27th February at 7.30pm.
- **RECONCILIATION (2021 Candidates)** 6.30 - 7.30 on the following Monday evenings: 1/3, 15/3, 22/3 with reconciliations 23/3 - 26/3.
- **FIRST COMMUNION (2020 and 2021 Candidates)** 6.30 -7.30 on the following Monday evenings: 3/5, 10/5, 17/5, 24/5 with communion Masses on the weekend of 29/30th May.
- **CONFIRMATION (2021 Candidates)** 6.30 -7.30 on the following Monday evenings 21/06, 12/7, 19/7, 26/7 with confirmation Masses scheduled for 27/7-29/7.