

ROSTERS FOR MASS THIS WEEKEND 6th & 7th March, 2021

Counting Team No. 3	Ian Veal, Frances Maloney, Tony Cutroni
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni, Maria Laudato 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Mary Debenham 10.30am Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Evol Farrelly 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Kate Arnold

Rosters for weekend 13th & 14th March, 2021

Counting Team No. 4	Glenn McKinney, David Jamieson, Bob Paz
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Doreen Mitchell 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Anne Cooper

IN OUR PRAYERS

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



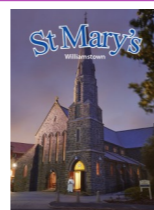
RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for 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.



ATTENTION!!! Don't Forget 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 under the heading: **SIGN UP TO ATTEND MASS** or by accessing the link: signupgenius.com/go/stmarys



Lets be crafty

March 11th 9.30am—Noon



Learning craft to make a soft toy giraffe and attractive applique shopping bag.

RSVP 2 days prior would be appreciated. 9397 6012 or email admin.sjbtsw@sosj.org.au

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7th March, 2021

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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Exodus. 20:1-17.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 1:22-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

GOSPEL: JOHN 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money-changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of scripture, "Zeal for your house will consume me." At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

Third Sunday of Lent



Tuesday 9th March	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 10th March	No Mass (Priests have Lenten gathering at monastery in Templestowe)
Thursday 11th March	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 12th March	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 6.30pm Stations of the Cross at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

In Matthew's Gospel (Ch. 23) Jesus has a real go at the Jewish leaders for not practising what they preach. During Lent we reflect on our lives individually and try to come to grips with that same challenge. Also 'The Parish' must try to practise what it preaches. I would like to think we are doing that as a group especially in the more important areas of life. One area we are trying to meet a definite need is with Refugees and Asylum Seekers. I know that parishioners have made a big difference to the support of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, especially in our normal gathering of goods during August. However, whether we like it or not as we are doing better financially than most parishes in the western suburbs, we should try to practise what we preach by going that one step further if we can do so. Accordingly, the Parish Finance Team with the support of our Parish Council has again budgeted \$20,000 this financial year of our total budget to help mainly with rental assistance to co-fund a rental house in Newport for three refugee women - Farhia and her teenage daughter, and Mirabel. Farhia and her daughter are from Somalia, a country that has been experiencing civil war since the 1990's. Mirabel is from Cameroon, a county also in crisis. Since about 2017 government forces have persecuted the minority Anglophones, who make up about 20% of the population. Hundreds have died, close to 500,000 have been displaced.



It will depend on the success of our next 3 year Stewardship Program in May if we are able to still keep helping these 3 ladies in Newport, but I hope we can at least do more than our bit while other parishes and organisations are doing more than a bit to help in the same arena. Consequently, I am happy to inform you all of the continuing work of the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project (BASP) as they are the ones who ultimately help run the Newport house.

The aims of BASP are the following:

- Provide hospitality and practical support for people seeking asylum.
- Actively network with like-minded individuals and groups who are working for justice for asylum seekers.
- Promote advocacy for the rights of asylum seekers.
- Raise awareness of asylum seeker issues and concerns through a range of activities.

BASP practises what it preaches! Currently what they are doing for refugees in Melbourne is truly outstanding and I am very proud that a member of our 'Way of the West' in our parish is also on the committee of the BASP. Currently BASP assists around 255 people directly with housing and quite a lot more with paying utility and other bills when it is impossible for people to pay themselves. The actual cost of the housing is around \$29,000 - \$30,000 per month in rentals. Some of those living in BASP houses had contributed to the rent and utilities prior to COVID but this contribution dropped for many during the pandemic. Some of these are now returning to work and making rental payments. BASP also gives emergency relief money to people who have no income. This also has averaged at \$30,000 a month over the last 7 months. As you can understand we are not talking about 'chicken feed' but real support to so many refugees located in Melbourne suburbs. They are a terrific organisation and full credit to the Brigidine Sisters for their work out of their central headquarters at 54 Beaconsfield Parade, Albert Park. If you wish to help and have an expertise then I am sure Sr Brigid Arthur would appreciate your support. She can be contacted on barthur@basp.org.au.

But maybe you could consider at least coming along to our 'Way of the West' monthly meeting at the Presbytery at 7:30pm on the last Wednesday of the month, as we also trying to do our bit in following the Gospel.

For your information the following are our main aims:

- To help those experiencing the need to access available assistance and services, including those existing within St Mary's parish community.
- Where those in need cannot readily access available assistance and services, we will advocate on their behalf.
- To provide practical and tangible support.
- To increase awareness and the engagement of parishioners, including the school community, of St Mary's Williamstown, in identifying and addressing needs.

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 4/3/2021



Third Sunday of Lent
7th March 2021



Twenty-two-year-old Oliva lives in Tanzania with her farmer husband, two young sons and an adopted niece and nephew. She didn't have the opportunity to go to school growing up and was embarrassed that she couldn't read, write or count. Around 25 percent of Tanzanian girls and women over 15 years cannot read or write, with many families unable to afford school fees or uniforms. Now, as an adult, Oliva runs a kiosk and works as a farm labourer but her business was losing money because she couldn't add up. Then Oliva enrolled in Caritas Australia-supported literacy and numeracy classes. She also set up a classroom at home to teach her neighbours, for free, because they were too shy to attend larger classes. Oliva has now graduated, as have some of her students. Attendance at her classes is growing, her kiosk is thriving and she can help her children with their homework. She aims to become a pastor and run for leadership in the next local election. Oliva aspires to 'Be More' and wants to help her community to achieve its vision of a better life for all.

"I am proud to be a teacher who helps others to achieve their dream," Oliva says.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting:
www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Sacramental Preparation



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

- **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.

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, WILLIAMSTOWN

Prep Enrolments for 2022

Application forms for enrolment in 2022 are now available at the school office.
Applications close Monday 3rd May, 2021.
Children who turn 5 years on or before 30th April, 2022 are eligible for enrolment



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHILDREN'S LITURGY-SUNDAY 8.30AM MASS

The Parish is in need of someone to co-ordinate and plan each week's children's liturgy. Volunteers are also needed to join the roster for the children's liturgy at 8.30am.

Please contact Heidi Zahra on 9397 6066 or email williamstown@cam.org.au for further details.

