

Rosters for this Week 6th and 7th May

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Gerard Colla, John O’Keefe 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Evol Farrelly 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Joe Covelli
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Volunteer Needed 10.30am Joe Covelli
Children’s Liturgy	8.30am Ros Jacklin, Trish Dykes


Rosters for next Week 13th and 14th May 2023

Counting Team No. 4	Leanne Spiteri, Greg Morgan, Mary Ward, Jean McCutcheon, Ted Kennedy
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Mary Frisby 10.30am Richard van der Merwe
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Di Collins
Children’s Liturgy	8.30am No Children’s Liturgy - Mother’s Day

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Kevin Murphy, Sarah Rodgers, Cathy Reid, Assunta Delgrosso, Yemme Reddy, Joseph Falzon and Jean McCutcheon.





RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Kay Conlin who passed away recently and Philip Barclay, Ray Luttick, Eric Pinzone, Palmino Regini, Anthony Hynes, Hattie Zammit, Maurie Kirwan, Margaret Jones, Christine House, Emma Amati, Les Wishart, Charlie Broadfoot, Kath Kelly, Mick Nolan, James Wright, Kevin Reilly, Maria Taliana, Les Sharp, Nora Bloedorn, Charlie Axelson, Carmel Featherston, Laurel Bennett, Felice Lanzon, Carmela Darmanin, Jack Bevis, Allan Absalom, Anne Rogerson, Geoff Dooley, Winifred Graham, Rolly Butterworth, Alma Jenkins, Joseph Pace, Panusz Piahoviak, Lina Sharp, Rita Zahra, Carmen Stocks and Tom Verhoef, whose anniversaries are at this time.

St Mary’s Parish

A community where we bring together our gifts and talents

7th May, 2023



We proudly acknowledge the Boonwurrung People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land.

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Parish Office Manager
Heidi Zahra
Tuesday 8:30am – 4.00pm
Thursday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Parish Secretary
Kylie Skinner-Wednesday 8.30am—3.30pm
Sheridan McCutcheon-Friday 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.

Baptisms 12:30pm Sunday

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR A


FIRST READING:
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: 6.1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING:
A reading from the First letter of Peter: 2.4-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14.1-12
“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way.” Thomas said to him, “Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip (pictured right) said to him, “Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.”



Tuesday 9th May	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. 7.00 - 8.00pm Continuation of those interested in looking more into Catholic faith – the Saints as models for living – at presbytery.
Wednesday 10th May	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 12.00pm Funeral Mass for Kay Conlin. 7.00pm Parish Finance meeting at the Presbytery.
Thursday 11th May	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 12th May	9.15am Mother's Day School Mass for Prep – Grade 4 at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

It is with a great deal of sadness for me that our Office Manager, Heidi Zahra has submitted her resignation for the end of this month. I will miss her personally and professional as Heidi has decided after 9 years here to pursue a more financial path in ‘mortgage brokerage’. It has been a real pleasure to have worked with Heidi over these years as she has been so committed professionally to St Mary’s Parish here in Williamstown. Heidi will be very hard to replace as she has so many skills and will be personally missed by our other Parish Staff. I would not have wished anyone else to be here over these last 9 years as it has personally made my job so much easier. Fortunately, myself and others will see her still in and around Williamstown as she is a permanent resident in the area. I thank her immensely and I pray for her next journey that she feels called to at this time. I will be advertising for the position in the next week as it will be a 3-day position of Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Kylie will still be working on a Wednesday while Sheridan will be working on a casual basis.

The “Way of the West” refugee and asylum seeker group informed me last week that we should **start our appeal for funds for CRISP – COMMUNITY REFUGEE INTEGRATION AND SETTLEMENT PILOT**. Accordingly, we stated last week that we would need (if possible) 3 diamond sponsors in order to get this program under way.

Thankfully I am more than delighted to say that three generous people have come forward for that \$1,000 diamond sponsorship. Now we are **trying to get 6 people to do \$500** (gold sponsorship). From our earliest responses I think this is now more than possible. As you know today we will be taking up our one and only collection which will mean all loose proceeds today on plate (instead of going to presbytery account unless in normal stewardship envelop) will go to our new CRISP venture in which we will sponsor one refugee family under this new government scheme. The leader group of five families (hoping for more to join) will work together to meet the new family at the airport, provide initial accommodation, link with schools, banks, centrelink, doctors, dentists, English lessons. Also there will be a need to show how our public transport works, getting myki cards, having a mobile phone and so forth. **We are now well under way** and thanks for the start everyone.

Two weeks ago Fr Binh of St Joseph’s Parish: Newport/Spotswood and I went to a meeting called by the Archdiocese. This was the first of three meetings occurring this year when with lay representatives we discussed the archbishop’s plan for working more with each other across parishes. This discussion or plan for us to be more in dialogue between parishes has been pre-empted by the shortage of priests which has caused many amalgamations of parishes in the last ten years or so in our Melbourne Archdiocese. Similarly with shortage of priests in the 1800’s Williamstown, Newport and Spotswood were within the same parish! This does not mean that we need to be together again, but our geography means at least we should be able to work together for the common good of each other. With Fr Binh and myself being able to work together we hopefully can work with you as our main constituents in order that we can still keep our own identities namely St Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish Williamstown and St Joseph’s Parish: Newport and Spotswood.

Nevertheless, where appropriate we somehow should be able to share our resources more, find strategies to work together for the common good of our people and make sure both parishes are even more viable for the long term.

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It is not surprising that the usual suspects come out of the wood work to oppose progress in our country especially to greater strides in **aboriginal reconciliation**. I think though that it is worth stating that the Government’s top lawyer insists that the proposed Indigenous Voice to Parliament would “enhance “Australia’s system of government and not pose a threat to parliamentary democracy. Besides the usual outspoken former parliamentarians there will always be a few disparate aboriginal and Torres strait islander people who will oppose “the Voice” but I notice some of our more notable aboriginals are the ones in favour of “the Voice”. I am inclined to back them rather than those who often want just to have their own voice heard!

I have put a notice on the board for **Joseph’s Corner** which helps families with drug related problems. The notice is a **High Tea at Mount St Joseph’s**. You may be interested in the different speakers at the event.

Besides Mary’s visitation to her cousin Elizabeth in May we have other important dates in May. It is a nice habit to say a decade of the rosary every now and then especially in May – often called Mary’s month.

Yours ‘in Christ’ Fr Greg 2/5/2023

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION ST. MARY’S PARISH 2023

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The sacramental preparation programs for 2023 at St Mary’s Parish will be on the following dates:

FIRST COMMUNION 6.00pm–7.00pm in the Parish Centre on Monday evenings.

8/5, 15/5, 22/5. With Communion Mass on 28th May and 4th June 2023 at 10.30am

RECONCILIATION 6.00PM–7.00PM in the Parish Centre on Monday evenings.

29/5, 5/6, 19/6. With reconciliations from the 20th–24th June.

CONFIRMATION 6.00pm–7.00pm on the following Monday evenings:

31/7, 14/8, 21/8 with confirmation Masses scheduled for 22nd and 23rd August.

These classes are for Parish Children who **do not** attend St. Mary’s School and who would like to be part of our Sacramental Program in 2023, please contact Monique Julian (Pastoral Associate)

Monique.julian@cam.org.au to register.

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Sacramental Preparation

St Joseph’s by the Sea 2023 Retreats

LET US ENJOY — 116 Esplanade, Williamstown

22nd MAY — 28th MAY

A Retreat can be a holiday with God! We appreciate and enjoy contemporary artists’ interpretation of the Song of Songs and the story of Mary Magdalene in the Garden. (John 20 : 11-18). Jesus sends Mary Magdalene to the brothers and sisters. She goes. Here is a woman disciple specifically sent by Jesus on his mission.

Therese Quinn rsj will lead the reflections. Cost \$750

To book for this St Joseph by the Sea retreat, you need to ring Kate at the Heritage centre.

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