

Rosters for this Week Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday 8th & 9th April

Ministers of the Eucharist	7.00pm Mary Soppitt, Larry Rigoni 8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Alison Silke, Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	7.00pm Frank Schobben, Daniel Corcoran, Josie Penna 8.30am Peter Kirwan, Anthony Verhoef, 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro, Charles Hili

Rosters for next Week 15th and 16th April 2023

Counting Team No. 2	David Jamieson, Mary Forster, Marguerite Buckley, Bob Paz, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Mary Frisby 10.30am Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Ashleigh Fulcher 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Olga Reginato

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Kevin Murphy, Sarah Rodgers, Cathy Reid, Assunta Delgrosso, Yemme Reddy, Mary Debenham, Peter Conroy and Joseph Falzon.



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES



We pray for Nella Siragusa, Isa Frances Mannes, Innocenza Pecora, Angelina Pace, Marie Ann Richardson, John Clarke, Tony Falzon, Kurt Goetz, Rosaria Laudato, Jeff Cockerell, Emily McVeigh, Gordon O'Keefe, Frederick Hernan, Chris McKenzie, Thomas Mullens, Vera Newbury, Adrian Van Osta, John Galvin, Regis Hynes, Mary Sexton, Paul Vaisanen, Philip Hoban, Vincenzo Taliana, Benito Cilea, George Jones, Mary Bennett, Michael McGrath, Norah Maher, Hack Geoghegan, Calogero Durante, Giuseppina Petar, Francesco Antonio Mesiti and Frank Hynes; whose anniversaries are at this time.



"He only got this job because of who his dad is."



St Mary's Parish

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

A community where we bring together our gifts and talents



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9th April, 2023

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Monday, Tuesday

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

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD EASTER SUNDAY—YEAR A



FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts 10: 34, 37-43

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians 3: 1-4

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-9



On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They

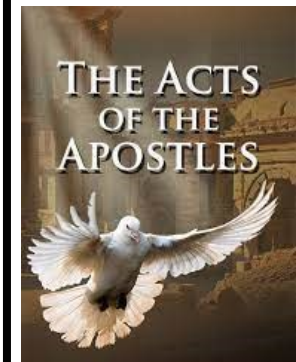
have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the scripture that he had to rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned home.

Tuesday 11th April	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 12th April	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 13th April	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 14th April	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

Although many Australians have lost their way spiritually and unfortunately can often lead their families astray, we are convinced as followers of Jesus in the path we follow as we know the peace that only Christ can bring us. His life and gift of the sacraments, especially His presence in Eucharist has meant many thousands of Saints over the last 2,000 years contribute to an admirable example for so many of us. The support of others of faith not only spurs us on to keeping faithful to the Lord, but his Resurrection from the dead points to something of hope on our own horizon, our own personal resurrection to new life. In the meantime, we keep on being loyal to the Christian Community here in Williamstown and being supported by the Holy Scriptures.



From now until the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in seven weeks' time our first reading at Mass comes from the marvellous book straight after the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles. In Acts the famous writer Luke is concerned with showing the triumphal progress of the Gospel throughout the whole known world after the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Behind the progress Luke sees the power of the Holy Spirit acting in and through the Church.

As during the last week, Holy Week, we have been celebrating the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus it is appropriate that we have signs of hope given through the recent picture painted by well-known Victorian aboriginal Vicki Walker. She will come to Mass sometime in the next few months and explain her art work which is placed as we immediately come into the main entrance from the street or as we go out the back entrance, it is just above and to the side of the door. The art work is to do with the seven sacraments that Jesus has left us during his lifetime. The idea of the Seven Sacraments Paintings on the "two way cross" at the back has been in Vicki's imagination over many years. For instance you will notice the two crossed spears near and above the head of Christ on the cross. The Laws (the Dreaming) governing Aboriginal life are strong and ask them to seek qualities of Reconciliation. These are vital for the harmony and future of the community. Consequently, the two spears crossing each other above the head of Jesus depict reconciliation and justice. In the context of Eucharist, the shedding of Christ's blood as depicted in the painting by blood coming from the side of Christ into a wooden bowl is far more graphic. In Aboriginal context 'Elders' very carefully carve the meat of an animal that will feed the family. A child is taught how this must be done with respect for the animal that has sacrificed its life for them so that they can live. The child is taught some blood is kept back and sipped from a small wooden bowl as a reminder of the great sacrifice of life. After eating the animal and drinking its blood, the young person is ready for the next stage of the journey! Likewise, we in Eucharist partake of the full Christ. His blood is shed for us in the new covenant in his blood and he leaves us His full presence in the Eucharist where we partake for our next stage of the journey.

Thanks for those who are bringing back their Project Compassion boxes and envelopes for your help of the causes we set out to outline in the Project Compassion videos of mainly various countries and the work for the disadvantaged of this world initiated by Caritas Australia. Just last week we received over \$1,100 dollars for our annual Project Compassion appeal from the parents and students of St Mary's school – we thank them all. Also thanks last month for parishioners supporting our annual Pastoral Care appeal to help organisations and chaplains to continue their work in hospitals and social welfare settings. CatholicCare Victoria sent back a thank you note this week for \$1,141.50 raised.

We will be having **Children's Masses start at the end of every last Sunday of the month. The first one will start for families on Sunday 30th April at the 10:30am Mass.** The Ice Cream truck might even be there outside after our first Mass in this new venture! Your family is welcome as we start the ball rolling and hope as the time goes by to build up to something much bigger.

No doubt there are some people who like to pick olives! We have a massive tree of olives outside the front of the Church towards the lawn area. I know someone who is away at the moment but once back will help with the processing of the olives if they are picked by some willing volunteers as they should be all ripe by the end of this month. Just contact me if interested by ringing on my normal mobile – always at front of the bulletin.



Over the last two years a new program has been funded by the Australian Government Department of Home Affairs called CRISP! It is to help refugees given permanent visas to assimilate better into this country of ours. CRISP stands for **COMMUNITY REFUGEE INTEGRATION AND SETTLEMENT PILOT**. More will be relayed on weekend of **April 29th/30th** .Our new group is under the banner of ST MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, WILLIAMSTOWN.

At the Easter Vigil – Holy Saturday night one of our school parents Craig Edwards as a baptised person in another denomination will be welcomed into the Catholic Church and will receive Confirmation and his 1st Eucharist. We welcome Craig as one of us at the Table of the Lord.

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg 6/4/2023



St Joseph's by the Sea

2023 Retreats



VISITING THE WELL—WILLIAMSTOWN 17th April — 23rd April \$750

An opportunity to use the scripture of the Woman at the Well as well as our own lived experience. A story of encounter, having our eyes opened, being vulnerable, going deeper, times of dryness, transformation and new life and being asked to proclaim the good news. **Jenny Scally rsj NSW**

All are invited, there are still available spaces

St Joseph's by the sea, 16 Esplanade, Williamstown. Phone 9397 5012. email: admin.sjbtsw@sosj.org.au

ST MARY'S WELCOME MINISTRY



The 'Weekend Experience' refers to everything that happens when we come together at weekend Mass. We want it to remain the highpoint of our faith celebrations and we need to do everything possible to make it so. This is not just about our regulars and is particularly important for visitors and potential parishioners who we would like to become a part of our St Mary's family.

The Welcome Ministry is an important part of this commitment prior to the commencement of each Mass. Members are charged with greeting attendees with a smile, distributing newsletters, introducing newcomers, assisting with finding spare seats at our major events at Easter, Christmas etc.

We have a number of parishioners already involved – but seek you support to grow this important Ministry. A new roster is about to be prepared – so it would be appreciated if you could confirm your intention to join the Welcome Ministry by contacting Fr Greg or the Parish Office.



EASTER BLESSINGS

May you and your family be blessed as you celebrate the true meaning of Easter, from the reflection of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday and the promise of eternal life.