

ROSTERS FOR MASS THIS WEEKEND 10th & 11th April, 2021

Counting Team No. 8	Tracey Gregg, Leanne Spiteri, Rinna Sy
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt, Larry Rigoni 8.30am Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Chris Maine 10.30am Jane McLaughlin

Rosters for weekend 17th & 18th April, 2021

Counting Team No. 1	Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones.
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm John O'Keefe, Gail Tull 8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Mary Frisby 10.30am Richard van der Merwe
Mass Readers	6.00pm Ashleigh Fulcher 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Jane McLaughlin

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 Nella Siragusa and Isa Frances Mannes who passed away recently and 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.

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, WILLIAMSTOWN

Prep Enrolments for 2022

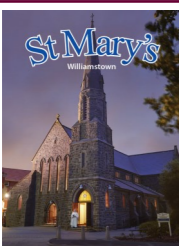
Application forms for enrolment in 2022 are now available at the school office. Applications close Monday 3rd May, 2021.



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



St Mary's Parish

A community where we bring together our gifts and talents



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11th April, 2021

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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 4:32-35

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Give thanks, for the Lord is good, God's love is everlasting.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of John. 5:1-6.

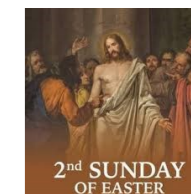
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



Tuesday 13th April	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Wednesday 14th April	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 15th April	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 16th April	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,
A tree does not keep growing unless it has nourishment from the sun and the soil; a person does not grow in greater and wiser insights unless one has an open mind, and a Parish ceases to grow if it only thinks of itself! Accordingly, in regards to the latter, I am proud of your responses to the needs of others and especially help and support for particular 'causes' over the recent period. Let's firstly look at 'The Good Friday Collection' for the Holy Land. I know a few spare envelopes have come in late this week, plus some generous credit card donations, but besides that, **a wonderful total of \$2,007 was received through your generosity.** Obviously, we do not just raise money for the sake of it but it must have a good reason behind it. Accordingly, I think some of the following are more than reasonable reasons why we raise money for the annual 'Good Friday Collection' for the Holy Land.
Good Friday is a unique day when we recall the love of Jesus unto death for us, when He shows us the extent to which God is in solidarity with our suffering humanity. The suffering Church of the Holy Land is still so affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Since the time of St. Paul, who urged his missionary Churches not to forget the needs of the Church in Jerusalem, **Christians worldwide have understood the responsibility to support the land where Jesus walked.**



The political, religious and military challenges in the Holy Land are more complex than ever. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. **The economic consequences especially of the present pandemic have disproportionately affected their most vulnerable,** as well as their neighbours.

The Good Friday collection supports 29 parishes, four homes for orphans, keeps schools open for over 10,000 prep - through to Grade 12 students, provides senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth and preserves 54 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR HELP WITH THE ABOVE.
I am also very proud of your responses to the 'Project Compassion' collection. Many of you will remember the video stories we have presented through Lent. For instance, take Hilda who was widowed at 21, fled escalating violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State in 2017 and arrived at the biggest refugee camp in the world, Cox's Bazar with nothing to her name. 'Australian Caritas' has helped not only Hilda but her children and her elderly mother. **Within the next fortnight we hope to send in all your donations through Project Compassion to 'Australian Caritas' as well as \$657 dollars raised from the St. Mary's school community.**
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL THAT HELP.



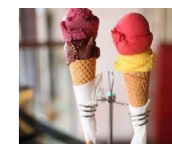
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The above makes us as a Parish grow and not just exist as some insular organisation just thinking of mere survival without considering the needs of others. **Another way we helped recently was sending \$10,000 of our parish funds to the 'Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project'** to help keep co-funding a house in Newport for three refugee women, two from Somalia and one from the Cameroon where ethnic minorities have been persecuted. **This has been a regular commitment of ours over the last two years.**

If we as a Parish and as parishioners keep on being generous rather than being short sighted then the Lord will be generous with us, as He stated quite emphatically in the Scriptures: " ...A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back." (Luke ch 6: 38)

Thank you to the great number of people who filled out our Parish Census cards and updated any necessary information over the last three weeks - if by chance you were not at those Masses or did not complete your card, please fill out one of those cards available from the back tables as it assists us greatly in maintaining our records.



The ice cream man returns next weekend. Prepare for a treat.
 Yours 'in Christ' Fr. Greg 9/4/2021

Parish Working Bee Saturday 1st May—9.00am—11.00am

Come and join us to help clean up the parish gardens. Even an hour would be greatly appreciated. If possible, we would be grateful if you could bring your own tools.

MORNING TEA AFTER 8.30AM SUNDAY MASS

Please feel welcome to attend morning tea after 8.30am Mass recommencing Sunday 2nd May.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

WILL RECOMMENCE AFTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ON SUNDAY 2ND MAY AT 8.30AM MASS.

SENIORS' MASS AND LUNCHEON—MAY 7TH

Our next Seniors' Mass will be at 11.30am on Friday 7th May followed immediately by a luncheon in the Parish Centre. All our welcome.

VOLUNTEERS AND WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne has adopted a blanket policy that **ALL** volunteers obtain a working with children check. This is a requirement across all volunteer groups. You are welcome to contact Heidi Zahra on 9397 6066 on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday of any week to arrange assistance to complete this form. You can contact Heidi to arrange a time for her to complete the form at the presbytery.

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.