

**Rosters for this Week 10th and 11th June 2023 (King's Birthday Weekend)**

Counting Team No. 2	David Jamieson, Mary Forster, Marguerite Buckley, Bob Paz, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Volunteer Needed 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Ashleigh Fulcher 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Joe Covelli 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Lisa Rodgers, Trish Dykes

**Rosters for next Week 17th and 18th June 2023**

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull, Beata Sicut 8.30am Mary Frisby, Peter Kirwan 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Sam Cutajar 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Volunteer Needed 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Volunteer Needed
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Joe Covelli, Volunteer Needed

**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 Audrey Doherty, Valma Tweedly, Nellia Corva, Charlie Gatt, Kathleen Canavan, Mateja Gashi, Gerry Miller, Silvatrice Pecora, Marie Pinzone, Brendan O'Grady, Maria Djopa, Fr. John Cunningham, Vittorio, Adele & Mario Rigoni, Dorrie O'Neill, Mary Bell, Stewart Fisher, John Morris, Lyn Trojkovic, Brian Deagan, Mary Allsopp, Bruce Calman, Vin Hogan, Peter Page, Lawrence Kennedy, Martin Mahy, Jessie Pace, Bernie Kelly, Ernie Jackson, Eric Hudson, Carlo Miskey, John Thompson, Peter McDonald, Noel Bean, Lino Lechich, Herbert Richardson, Lino Tominovi, Marcel McKay, Josephine O'Driscoll, Gordon Alexander, Nicholas Cassar, Emilio Cini, Angelina & Natalino Meilak, Maria Falzon, Michael Meilak, Joan Spiteri, Blondina and Lawrence Sammut, Carmela Pisano, Vincent Mifsud, Rosalba Failla, Antonio Basilone, Rosaria, Albert, Maria Meloni, Celestina, Ersilia, Guiseppa, Natalino, Margherita, Carmelo, George and Emanuele Mangion, Agostino,

Margherita, Pasquale, Rita, Pietro, Francesca, Benedetto, Ignazio, Angeolina Saragozza, Mario Camilleri and Giuseppe Azzaro, whose anniversaries are at this time.

*Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear*

# 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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11th June, 2023

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**Parish Office Manager**  
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Tuesday 8:30am - 4.00pm  
Thursday 8:30am - 4.00pm  
Friday 8.30am - 4.00pm

**Parish Secretary**  
Kylie Skinner-Wednesday  
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**

**FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST  
YEAR A**

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy: 8.2-3, 14-16

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

**SECOND READING:**

The First and Second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 10.16-17

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

**GOSPEL: JOHN 6.51-58**

Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." The people then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. "Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." Jesus said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.



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

Dear Parishioners,

In the desert the people learned that they could not continue their journey without being sustained by the word of God. This experience was to teach them that they could not live on bread alone: when the bread ran out and the water dried up, their very survival depended on the word of God making new life possible for them. It was the creative word of God which brought them the manna – their daily bread – referred to as “the grain of heaven” and “the bread of the mighty”. The people collected as much as they needed for the day; they were forbidden to hoard any of it. The next day the arrival of the bread was seen as a new sign of God’s continuing favour.

In today’s Gospel John picks up the theme of the manna and contrasts the bread the Jewish ancestors ate in the desert with the new bread of life given by Jesus. Consequently, in Jesus there is a new word of God and a new bread from heaven.

Approximately every two months there is a **change of pulpits between me and the Parish Priest of Newport/Spotswood Fr Binh Le as with this weekend also.** I do believe for the future Williamstown, Newport and Spotswood are very viable communities and should have sufficient clergy to take care of them sacramentally and pastorally with the help of the appropriate support of parishioners. However, if one of us left there is no guarantee of another priest being appointed! It would be most unlikely. The fact is that there is only one or two ordinations a year for the Melbourne Archdiocese these days. Deacon Tom will be one of those towards the end of the year. However, at the same time there are normally six or seven priests who retire each year due to being normally at least semi burnt out by 75 years of age or through sickness. The golden era of an abundance of priests has finished and we are in a new era of challenges to keep parishes going but still thriving! I think Fr Binh and I can go on for many years to come to help support the good work being accomplished by parishioners in our two parishes. However, we cannot do it without strong support from the majority of you. I am the more likely to come under the pressure of age or sickness, but Fr Binh also faces the challenges of looking after a normal sized parish while needing to work for the Archdiocese two days a week in the Marriage Tribunal. I have seen more than one priest suffer burn out with that type of workload. Fr Binh’s health is up to him and the amount of support he receives in the meantime. However, as far as myself is concerned I hope to keep swimming most mornings of the week at Williamstown beach to keep an above average fitness. Nevertheless, at 76 years of age at the end of this month I need to look at the future. My plan is to work full time another 4 years until 80 years which is 5 years after the normal retirement age in the Archdiocese! From there and God willing I intend to rent in the Williamstown area and help Fr Binh with supply of Masses of a weekend. This would mean that at least this area of the Archdiocese with Williamstown, Newport and Spotswood is not neglected in at least a sacramental sense and hopefully with parishioners pulling their weight we can cover most of the more pressing and priority pastoral needs. I am not foolish enough to think this future journey is going to be easy or could have some hiccups but I feel we are all capable of working together and of doing at least ‘a good job’ for the Kingdom of God in our own particular area. Hopefully as this bulletin is being printed “pressure washing” has been undertaken and completed on the dirty concrete paths at side of Church and Parish Centre. **All the main roof gutters are down in the book for Thursday June 22nd for the Church, Parish Centre and Presbytery.**

This week we will have our annual Melbourne Clergy Conference which will take place at RACV Cape Schanck. It will be exploring this year mainly liturgy and worship. We will be having two international keynote speakers. Abbot Paul Gunter is a monk at Douai Abbey UK. Among other things he has been a consultor to the Pope on liturgical celebrations. The other keynote speaker is Elizabeth Scalia who is a Benedictine Oblate and author of several books. She has been editor in chief of a few worldwide religious magazines.

**“The Ask Mary” box is up the back** for your suggestions or insights for your Parish Council. The last request was to have a picture of the ‘Divine Mercy’ displayed on ‘Divine Mercy Sunday’ which is the weekend after Easter Sunday. As a Parish Council last week we agreed with that suggestion.



Yours ‘in Christ’  
Fr Greg 8/6/2023

## CRISP - Community Refugee Sponsorship Program – Progress, Thank You and Next Steps



The generosity of St Mary’s Parish Williamstown never ceases to amaze, as we move some big steps closer to welcoming a family of refugees into our community.

With over \$4,000 given and a further \$13,000 pledged, we have been told (unofficially) that we will be allocated a family. Once we are officially notified we will reach out to all those who pledged.

With over 103 million displaced people worldwide, and 32.5 million refugees, the current CRISP program is Australia’s start to allowing the community to play a part in welcoming and accommodating an initial 1,500 refugees selected by the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) and who have been granted Humanitarian Visas. By supporting this pilot program the hope is we start a platform for growth for a better, kinder, more caring community and Australia. Under a similar program Canada has successfully settled over 325,000 refugees.

### Next Step – Housing

Under the program, we look after the allocated family for the first 12 months in Australia. We cover the first six weeks of rent, and once settled with employment and/or benefits the family contributes to rental for the rest of their first year in Australia.

If you have accommodation or a property that you might like to consider being used to assist in this program, please contact Fr Greg in the first instance.

Finally, we currently have six households actively involved, but wish to expand that to expand to 7 to 10 to share the load. Again if you would like to find out more please contact Fr Greg.

You would be involved in providing practical support to help a new family settle into Australia in their first 12 months, with training provided. Support provided may range from a being a welcoming face at the airport on arrival to helping with travel to appointments, getting Myki cards, initial helping with shopping, filling out forms etc. Simple practical things that we might easily do every day, that would be unfamiliar to a new family.

Again thank you for your amazing support St Mary’s

***“I was a stranger and you welcomed me” Matthew 25:35***

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS—GRADE 3 - 6**

**TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS AT ST MARY’S CHURCH FOR BOYS AND GIRLS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 8TH JULY FROM 1 PM–2.15PM**

**SHOULD YOU REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT FR. GREG ON 0400 524 363**

**Altar Servers**