

Rosters for This Week 11th & 12th February 2023

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni, Gail Tull 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Mariza O'Keefe

Rosters for Next Week 18th & 19th February 2023

Counting Team No. 2	David Jamieson, Mary Forster, Marguerite Buckley, Bob Paz, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Richard van der Merwe
Mass Readers	6.00pm Ashleigh Fulcher 8.30am Mary Debenham 10.30am Joe Covelli
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Ros Jacklin, Trish Dykes

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 who Veronica Dillon, George Marzic, Kerry Danaher, Rosaria Mangion, Hilary Coles, Sr. Patricia Coolahan rsj, Michele Cafagna, Anna Pungitore, Karen Ann Dey, Margaret Eastmure, Pat Doherty, Luisa Kucic, Lyn Trojkovic, Anne Baker, Kath Dorgan, Elizabeth Brent, Antonio Darmanin, Marie Morgan, Franceschina Mifsud, Natalina Costa, Ilone Szabados,

Erminia Abigniente, Valerie Watt, Tarryn Crawley, Mate Delija, Mavis Nichols, Stephanie Taliana, Dorothy Baker, Peter Hayes, Drago Trojkovic, John Foley, Emily Hudson, Hugh Auld, Peter Soussa, Joe Ellis, Lena Cassar, Michael Nicholaci, Valda Wills, Sr. Nell Russell, Sr. Kathleen Nolan, Norma Hynes, Philip Webb, Lisa Di Donato and Stephen Kelly, whose anniversaries are at this time.

The Williamstown Vinnies need new members



“The Williamstown Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society are looking for new members. We provide financial and personal support to the poor and dispossessed in the local community and within our parish. The work is very rewarding, and we are a close knit and supportive group who meet every first Tuesday of the month to discuss their needs and how to best administer to them. We would be delighted if you have an interest in joining us, so if you do, please call John Brooks (Conference President) on 0466 824 044.”

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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12th February, 2023

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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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Sirach. 15:15-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Happy are those who follow the law of the Lord!

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 2:6-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW: 5:17-37

“Do not think I have come to abolish the law of the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter into the kingdom of heaven. You have heard it was said to your ancestors, ‘You shall not kill; and whoever kills will

be liable to judgement.’ But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement, and whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca,’ will be answerable to the Sanhedrin, and whoever says, ‘You fool’, will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, ‘Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.’ But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God’s throne. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No’. Anything more is from the evil one.”



Tuesday 14th February	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 15th February	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.
Thursday 16th February	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.
Friday 17th February	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

Very tragic events in Syria and Turkey with the earthquake damage and deaths. I think when we give out the Project Compassion boxes or **envelopes next weekend** it should make us even more aware of the importance of our main aid agency ‘**Caritas Australia**’ as it sponsors Project Compassion in Lent.

I will be celebrating the 5:30pm Mass at Spotswood and the 10:00am Mass at Newport this weekend. Hopefully I will get the chance to say hello outside after our 6pm Mass Saturday night and the 10:30am Mass Sunday unless I get held up on the way. On the other hand, we welcome Fr Binh Le who has a very busy life as a priest as besides Parish Priest of St Joseph’s Parish – Newport/Spotswood he is required by the Archdiocese to spend at least two days a week at the Marriage Tribunal of the Catholic Church due to his Canon Law qualifications. One day I should get him to explain over the pulpit the reasons and the process for annulment in the Catholic Church, as I have discovered many Catholics do not understand the real opportunity and need for mercy for certain quite often very complex relationships undertaken, but that this process for annulment also must be taken in a very professional manner due to both the dictates of Jesus and the dictates of the Catholic Church. In my lifetime I have had women marrying at young as 17 in Nevada – not knowing what they are really doing – and not without permission of the Catholic Church as a baptised Catholic. It can be as simple as that in getting permission of Catholic Church for ‘a real marriage’ later on in the Catholic Church! Mercy is needed and that is easily given.

The **Season of Lent is coming very soon.** Lent is of course an opportunity for growth in the spiritual life. Accordingly, for another means of help to your spiritual life we have managed to get another lovely booklet that covers not only the Sunday readings but goes through Lent day by day. These will be given out next weekend. If you can’t be there, please get in touch with me so that I can save you one. Please take notice that it is ideal to start Lent well through coming to one of the **Ash Wednesday** services. One will be **9:15am on Wednesday February 22nd** with most of St Mary’s School present and the other one should enable also workers to attend as it will be at **7pm that evening of the 22nd.**

Could I remind parishioners that there is a **cup of tea/coffee after the 8:30am Mass each Sunday** in the Parish Centre next door. All are welcome – just wander in – make yourself a cuppa then choose a table to sit on with other people who will be present there anyway.

Children’s Liturgy is starting today again at the 8:30am Mass.

It is best to inform you I have now 9 adults with Working with Children’s Checks who will be engaged in this over the term. However, there are still a few gaps where I need a second adult to be there as our Safety for Children regulations require. Please approach me if you are able to help, even if it is just being there. Nevertheless, you must have proof of a Working with Children check before the day.



This weekend throughout our whole Archdiocese there is the **Pastoral Care Appeal** so that the vital work of CatholicCare Victoria and Catholic Chaplains can continue. These Chaplains, sometimes priests, sometimes women or men religious, but mainly Catholic lay people support thousands of vulnerable, isolated and marginalised people in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres in the State of Victoria. The Chaplains meet their emotional and spiritual needs by providing a listening ear, a compassionate presence, and spiritual care to cope with emotional pain, loneliness and grief. This is all guided by CatholicCare Victoria. CatholicCare Victoria is the social service agency of the four Catholic dioceses of Victoria, serving as mission -in-action within our parish communities. This collection helps them to help others. They can’t do with your help.

I am down to the last 5 copies (on one of the back tables) of the 2023 Daily Mass Book. This gives not only the Order of Mass but a comment on every day of the year as well as any Saints days throughout the weeks. There are Communion Prayers, Prayers for Peace, Prayers for Christian Unity, Prayers of Sorrow for sin etc etc. As it is a substantial little book taking up the dates to Advent at the end of the year, they are priced at \$24.

I am taking a few days off this week as I have been working pretty hard in December and January especially with many marriages, baptisms and several funerals. Also, I am Chair in Australia of the Australian Clergy Remuneration Assistance Fund – helping priests in outback areas of Australia to get at least a reasonable stipend. This has taken up a reasonable amount of time, especially in January.


Next week we will start during the **Eucharistic Prayer a former ‘Mystery of Faith’** that is usually one of three which can be recited during the middle of the Mass. The last year we have been reciting Number 1 of those, it will be good to have a change for this year. Please try to make sure you learn number three off by heart. It is copied on this middle page for your attention.

Our phones and emails are now back working properly – thanks to the tech people.

Yours ‘in Christ’ Fr Greg - 8/2/2023

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

**SAVE US, SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD,
FOR BY YOUR CROSS AND RESURRECTION
YOU HAVE SET US FREE**



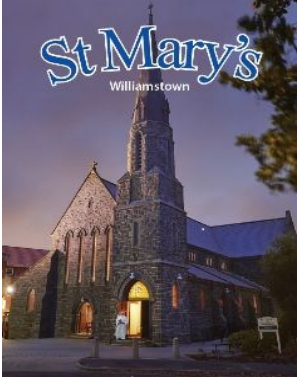
PASTORAL CARE APPEAL 2023


This weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God’s mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing, illness, pain, loneliness, grief and death. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Mary Care we at St Mary’s care about you

- Are you Lonely? Isolated? Struggling to get to Mass?
- Are you or your loved one, or someone you know convalescing at home and would like to receive communion?
- Would you like a visit or phone call from a Mary Care volunteer?
- Do you need transport to get to Mass?
- Would you like transport assistance to attend St Mary’s monthly Senior’s Mass and luncheon? (First Friday of each month)

The Mary Care group is a team of volunteers who would love to assist you in any of these areas. Please call St Mary’s parish office on 93976066 and a member of the Mary Care Team will be in contact with you.





WORKING BEE AROUND CHURCH GARDENS

SATURDAY 18th February, 2023—9.00AM—11.00AM

Come along and help clean up our beautiful church gardens, even if it is only for an hour or two.

If you could bring your own equipment, it would be greatly appreciated.