

**Rosters for this Week 11th & 12th March 2023**

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt, Gail Tull 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Doreen Mitchell 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Evol Farrelly 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Olga Reginato
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Eilin Taylor, Joe Cavelli

**Rosters for next Week 18th & 19th March 2023**

Counting Team No. 4	Leanne Spiteri, Greg Morgan, Mary Ward, Jean McCutcheon,
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Peter Kirwan 10.30am Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am
Children's Liturgy	8.30am James McCutcheon, Eilin Taylor

**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 Teresa Iaccarino who passed away recently and Pearl Wells, Lynette McCann (Lily), Giovanni Raunik, Peter Wentworth, Brendan Rooney, Kevin Hynes, Zaren Bartolo, Francis Spira, John Bartolo, Marcelle Michaud, Sr. Mary Byrne, Brendan Rooney, Win Kelly, Czeslaw Pleban, Jim Houlahan, Terrence Mahoney, Bessie Wood, Isabella Belmonts, Antonio Fernandes, Kevin Creaney, Terrence Duffy, Carmel Johnson, Cynthia Frawley, Harry Orr, Norma Ranson, Des O'Driscoll, Noreen Hunter, Geoff Hopkins, Kevin Grace, Giuseppe Nardo, William Spurling, William Dorgan, Lou Hindle, Charles Little, Fran Mannix, Michael McGrath, Kevin Walsh, Ted Leterski, Margaret Mangion, Len Owens, Gordon Barnes, Edward Maguire, Mary Zahra, Gertrude Embach, Andrew Murphy, Robert Telfer, Win Hogan, Les Williams, Severina Ordinario, John Smith, Giovanni Radoicovic, Robert James Burke, Nancy McCrae, Marie Richardson, Baskal Farrugia, Domenico & Maria Ulcigrai, Giacomo, Caterina & Lino Lugnani, Laura Palumba, Henrietta Augustin and Shirley Barclay, 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 March, 2023

- Parish Priest**  
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- Pastoral Associate**  
Monique Julian  
0450 789 951  
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**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT — YEAR A

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the book of Exodus. 17:3-7

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts

**SECOND READING:**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. 5:1-2, 5-8.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

**GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5 - 42**

So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."..... Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I had done." When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."





<b>Tuesday 14th March</b>	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 7.00pm Continuation of Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at Presbytery with Fr. Greg. All welcome especially those who desire deeper faith.
<b>Wednesday 15th March</b>	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
<b>Thursday 16th March</b>	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
<b>Friday 17th March</b>	9.15am St Patrick's Day Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

Today's Liturgy of the Word starts out with the Israelites and Moses in the desert. After accepting God's invitation to abandon slavery for freedom, the people quickly started complaining : they missed the food the Egyptians let them have, they feared they would die of thirst and so forth. Acting as if God had made no plans and was incapable of providing for them, they complained so much that Moses expected a mutiny. Somehow though God provides the water for them and eventually they keep going on their long journey through the desert to reach eventually the Holy Land.

Israel's thirst in the desert sets up John's account in the Gospel of the woman at the well. Of all people in the world, it is Jesus, the Saviour of the world requesting from this unsuspecting Samaritan woman a drink of water: "Give me a drink!! "

After our Deacon Tom Christie left I didn't think we would be getting a semi replacement for Tom who is now happily working across the broad parish area of Grovedale, Torquay and Anglesea. He looked very well the last time I saw him as he came to my place for dinner last week. Out of the blue though last Tuesday I received a phone call from permanent Deacon at the seminary Jim Curtain. We have known each other for years as his older brother sat next to me in class at secondary college. Jim inquired whether I was prepared to make **welcome two seminarians once a month to at least one Sunday Parish Mass.** After I gave a positive response lo and behold they arrived last Sunday for the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. Only in fourth year does a seminarian normally take a full year in a parish for a fuller pastoral experience. Accordingly, the two seminarians will be coming once a month as they are 2<sup>nd</sup> year and 6<sup>th</sup> year and it is a possible they will be here over the Easter ceremonies. I have one to do the Narrating part of the longer Gospel on Passion/Palm Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tue (pronounced tway) Pham came from Vietnam by himself (no family here) seven years ago and is obviously a very friendly guy. He is in his 6<sup>th</sup> year in the seminary and like all Vietnamese background people he has been struggling with English but seems to be more than half way there. I noticed that he is full of friendliness and energy. He was more than willing to give out the parish bulletins at the door at both the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses and when we had a meal together in the presbytery later on, he hopped right up (no expectations from me) to do any dishes at the sink. The other man Cameron Ryan has family in Melbourne and Phillip Island (Cape Woolamai) and looks a more serious type but when sitting down I noticed with parishioners at the morning tee after the 8:30 Mass that he is quite engaging and he was equally so when we three were in the presbytery later after the last Mass. Cameron completed an Arts degree , minored in linguistics and majored in Japanese. He worked at some stage at the Catholic Library bookshop next to St Francis Church. On inquiry he informed me that one of his major hobbies is History. Anyway, I think both of them will fit in well here and I hope you as parishioners can make them welcome whenever they are able to come here to Williamstown.

If you have any concerns or suggestions you are welcome to speak to anyone on the Parish Council, our President being Peter Kirwan or put those suggestions or concerns in the 'ASK MARY' box at the back of the Mass in order for us to discuss at our next Parish Council meeting on Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup> .

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 8/3/2023

### Catholic Earthcare program

Would you like to help the parish with the Catholic Earthcare program, help promote and explain energy saving actions to parishioners and help reduce climate change? The StMarys Green Team would like you to join us. Come and check it out at our next meeting on Mon 20th March at 7.30pm. Contact Anthony Verhoef on 0466 489 439.

### 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 no later than Wednesday 22 March.

### St Joseph's by the sea 2023 Retreats



- A CONTEMPLATE JOURNEY—WILLIAMSTOWN 27th March — 2nd April \$750**  
Oneness of Being. In this reflective, contemplative time, opening to the Spirit of Love, we embrace our oneness with Earth, Stars, Universe—our Cosmic Communication.  
**Katerie Duke rsj SA**
  - 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**
- St Joseph's by the sea, 16 Esplanade, Williamstown. Phone 9397 5012. email: admin.sjbtsw@sosj.org.au*

### EXPLAINING THE STEWARDSHIP OPTION

**Presbytery Account**  
Father Greg's supplies for the week eg food and drink from mainly nearest Supermarket, supplies for presbytery including laundry detergent, cleaning equipment plus car expenses.

**Church Account**  
All the rest of things especially not to do with presbytery eg staff wages, big insurance bill, maintenance of parish properties, payment of utilities: gas, electricity etc.



### STEWARDSHIP OPTION—DIRECT DEBIT

Please continue to use your Envelopes or the option to Direct Debit as per account details below. If you would prefer, you can set up regular payments using Internet Banking.

<b>CHURCH ACCOUNT</b>	<b>PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT</b>
BSB: 083-347	BSB: 083-347
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Thank you for your continued support. Fr. Greg

