

Rosters for This Week 12th & 13th March

Counting Team No. 8	Tracey Gregg, Leanne Spiteri
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt, Gail Tull 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Doreen Mitchell 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Kate Arnold

Rosters for Next Week 19th & 20th March

Counting Team No. 1	Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm John O'Keefe, Larry Rigoni 8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Peter Kirwan 10.30am Richard van der Merwe
Mass Readers	6.00pm Evol Farrelly 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Jane McLaughlin

IN OUR PRAYERS
We pray for Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Kevin Murphy, Sarah Rodgers, Cathy Reid, Assunta Delgrosso and Yemme Reddy.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

In Remembrance We pray for 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.



Catholic Earthcare

Would you like to help the parish complete the Catholic Earthcare program, reduce climate change and take action at a local level? The new St. Marys Green Team would like you to join us.

Contact Anthony Verhoef on 0466 489 439.

A PROGRAM OF  Caritas AUSTRALIA

If you have any suggestions or ideas about what climate actions St. Mary's can take, please leave a suggestion in the Ask Mary box or email williamstown@cam.org.au

St Mary's Parish

A community where we bring together our gifts and talents



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13th March, 2022

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Heidi Zahra
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.
Baptism 12:30am Sunday

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR C



FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Genesis. 15:5-12,17-18

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians. 3:17-4:1

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

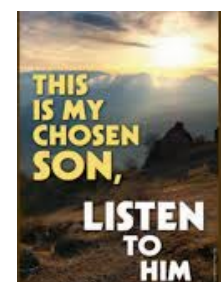
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard.
This is my beloved Son, hear him.

GOSPEL: LUKE 9:28-36



About eight days after he said this, he took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said,

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."



After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

Tuesday 15th March	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Wednesday 16th March	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 17th March	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. Maybe a touch of the "Guinness" for some, not before but after Mass—sometime during this St. Patrick's Day! 7.00pm Baptism preparation night at the Parish Centre.
Friday 18th March	9.15am Feast of St. Joseph. Entire School Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors
For the over 100 now in our Parish who have picked up the "Remember" Lenten program material, I hope you find some gems either in the section on 'Artwork Spotlight,' 'Breaking Open the Word' or the last First Sunday of



Lent section from Mother Hilda Scott entitled 'Spiritual Direction.' Maybe it is just personal to me, but I found the latter section particularly enlightening when, in the wider context of 'Temptation' she said: "It seems to me that Jesus could say no because he had in fact already said "yes" to his father. **One can never find a no when what we have said yes to still holds its integrity within our hearts....Why not make this a time (Lent) to go about saying yes to all the good things there are – to the commitments in our lives.** Then we will find it very easy to say no to that which will inevitably derail and destroy us....Ask yourself as you look back over your life: when have you said yes? **What yesses still hold, and how have they grown?"**



Maybe you enjoyed and found it more worthwhile reflecting on the 'Art Spotlight' wherein we were challenged to look more deeply at a painting in the Sistine Chapel by Sandro Botticelli (1445- 1510) entitled "The Temptations of Christ." In 'Breaking Open the Word' there may have been further gems as the writer explains how Jesus did not take the easier path but the better path in order that we might freely choose Him. The religious priest writer finished on a logical path (in regards to Jesus not just falling into the devil's temptation) by letting people see Him perform amazing stunts when stating: **"He does not want our faith in him to be so dependent on spectacular miracles, dramatic displays of power and frequent signs. That sort of faith is shallow and weak, constantly in need of reassurance. Jesus wants us to have a faith that will stand firm through the good times, through difficult times and through ordinary moments in life."**

Having moved on somewhat from last week, our Lenten material again delves into the "The Transfiguration" for the Second Sunday of Lent. The same three authors handle the same three sections under "Art Spotlight," "Breaking Open the Word" and "Spiritual Direction." As the weeks go by, you might find one of those writers appeals to your way of thinking and reflecting more than the others. I think it is sometimes better, even if it is briefly, to look at all three, as for instance the third author Mother Hilda appealed to me more than the others but partly because the others helped in some way to my appreciation of her last article on 'Spiritual Direction.' Anyway, I really hope you find some more gems this week. For those who do not have the material, I will again photocopy some extra copies which I will leave for you on the back tables.

Sr. Patricia is shifting to a new 'Josephite Order' religious house at Clayton in the next few weeks. You may remember Sr. Patricia took over as our Pastoral Associate in 2013 from Sr. Helen. Patricia spent many hours of work from 2013 – 2020 at the Williamstown hospital and visiting several homes to give communion to the sick as well as providing liturgy help at the weekend Masses, and looking after our state/private school religious program. **She has worked hard and generously and we wish to say a nice goodbye and good travels by conducting a morning tea in the Parish Centre immediately following the 8:30am Mass next Sunday, March 20th. All are welcome. Thank you, Sr. Patricia.** Among our many priorities, Child Safety ranks highly. Accordingly, when it is safer to do so we will resurrect our Children's Liturgy of the Word (hopefully next term) and make sure things are in place to keep the children safe. For instance, under our risk management procedures, we require two adult supervisors in charge and if a child needs to go a short distance into the toilet areas of the Parish Centre, one of the adult supervisors needs to check that the facilities are vacant. **We take the security of your children seriously and try to put the correct risk management processes in place.**



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I believe it is good as a parishioner to feel pride that parish property looks good both inside and out. With that in mind, I believe it is good not only for visitors to funerals and our many weddings but ourselves generally to see that the lawns are nicely mowed. Accordingly, due to mainly age and injury we need a few more people on the 'lawn mowing roster'. The vacancies are for April, July-August and November. July/August is easy during winter with small growth in those months but if any volunteers could ring the Parish Office on 93976066 about April and November in particular that would be great or text/email me on 0400 524 363. We all do our part.




We are getting some nice numbers for the New Parishioners Luncheon to be held on Sunday March 27th at 11.30am at the Parish Centre immediately following the 10:30am Mass. All new parishioners welcome. If you have not already done so, please record your name on the green folders at back of church or ring Parish Office with the number of attendees on 93976066 or Fr. Greg on 0400 524 363.

The "Ask Mary" box is at the back of the Church for any parishioners who want to make a suggestion that will be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting in early April. If you wish to leave your email or phone details, someone from the Council will respond or alternatively you can write anonymously if you would prefer. Please do not put any money in that box as some people have been doing recently. It is a suggestion box not a money box! Thanking you.


Yours 'in Christ'

Fr. Greg 10/3/2022



The Water Challenge

Save 5 Litres of water every day, for 7 days



1 in 9 people worldwide do not have access to safe and clean drinking water – that's 780 million people. Most of the world's population spends up to 3 hours a day to get the water they need to survive. They don't have taps in their houses, or even in their villages – some have to walk up to 10km each day just to find clean water. Every day they are challenged to find clean water. Today, we're challenging you. We're challenging you to save 5 litres of water every day for 7 days in the lead up to World Water day on 22 March.

\$410 can provide a skilled laborer in the rehabilitation of boreholes to provide access to safe drinking water in Mozambique.

HOW IT WORKS Firstly, save water!

You can save up to 5 litres of water every day by making some simple changes to your routine:

- Take shorter showers
- Put a bucket in your shower to catch water for the garden •
- Don't leave the tap running when you clean your teeth •
- Use the half-flush on your toilet

Keep this up for the 7 days before World Water Day on 22 March, and you'll see how simple it is to make a difference to your water usage.



UKRAINE SUPPORT

Our Catholic agency Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Ukraine to provide humanitarian assistance. At this time of writing it has been stated: "Nearly 3 million people already need humanitarian assistance in eastern Ukraine, and over 850,000 have been displaced". These numbers have increased dramatically during the last few days.