

ROSTERS FOR MASS THIS WEEKEND 13th & 14th February, 2021

Counting Team No. 8	Tracey Gregg, Leanne Spiteri, Rinna Sy
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni, Gail Tull 8.30am Evol Farrelly 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Ashleigh Fulcher 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Olga Reginato

Rosters for weekend 20th & 21st February, 2021

Counting Team No. 1	Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maria Laudato 8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Ivonne Cram 10.30am Richard van der Merwe
Mass Readers	6.00pm Elizabeth O'Keefe 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Jane McLaughlin

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Leo O'Brien, Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Kevin Murphy, Sarah Rodgers, Cathy Reid, Anna Trifilo

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

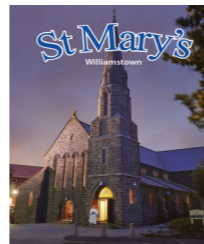


We pray for George Marzic who passed away recently and Kerry Danaher, Rosaria Mangion, Hilary Coles, Sr. Patricia Coolahan rsj, Michele Cafagna, Anna Pungitore, Karen Ann Dey, Margaret Eastmure, Pat Doherty, Luisa Kucic, Lyn Trojkovic,

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.

ATTENTION!!! How 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
If anyone is unable to access a computer, please phone:
Monique Julian 0450 789 951 or Heidi Zahra 0418 456 266 to arrange your booking.



SENIOR'S MASS AND LUNCHEON

The next senior's Mass will be held on **5th March at 11.30am**
Followed by lunch in the Parish Centre **All Welcome.**



St Mary's Parish

A community where we bring together our gifts and talents



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14th February, 2021

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

SECOND READING:

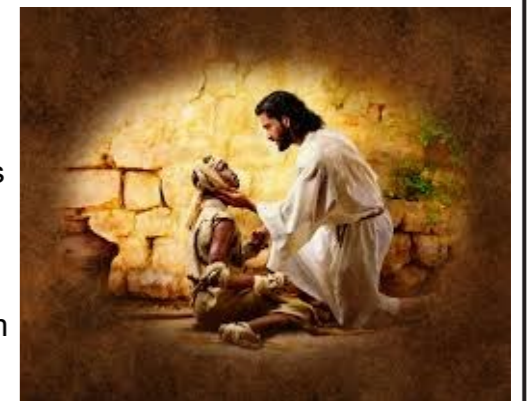
A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 10:31-11:1

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

GOSPEL: MARK 1:40 - 45

A leper came to him and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. Then he said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."



The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

Tuesday 16th February	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 17th February Ash Wednesday	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. Grade 3-6 School Mass and distribution of ashes.
Thursday 18th February	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 19th February	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 6.30pm Stations of the Cross at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

My Victorian priest friends on annual holidays in November do not always feel like going to Mass! We do not always go to Mass because we feel like it! For instance, in Byron Bay on annual holidays over the last more than 40 years there have been a variety of Parish Priests. There have been 6 so far come and go and be assigned to different parishes within the Lismore diocese within that period. Some we liked immensely, one we found ok and one we considered extremely boring. We did not keep going to Mass on a weekend to the church there because of the priest! We do it for various reasons, such as a commitment in a relationship to God, the importance of hearing the Word of God and receiving Eucharist, the need to receive wisdom from God, the need to help the Christian Community by responding appropriately within the worship to the responses etc etc. Likewise, I think during Lent that we as **a Community at St Mary's can improve in our responses to God!** Some do not know them, some know them well, some should learn them. It is our responsibility to worship God appropriately, not by keeping silent as Mass as is not a private prayer, but a public action. Accordingly, a small step along the way is to have and learn a different

'Mystery of Faith' response for Lent. **You will find on the opposite page that response:** please make an effort to learn it during Lent – it is not an arduous duty. I do my part in preparing a different sermon every week, and preparing other aspects of the Mass, I think the least I should expect is that 'all' of you not just 'some' of you know the responses. Love of God is the first commandment, and as Jesus states the second is love thy neighbour as yourself.

The Lenten season has a twofold character:

It recalls baptism or prepares for it;

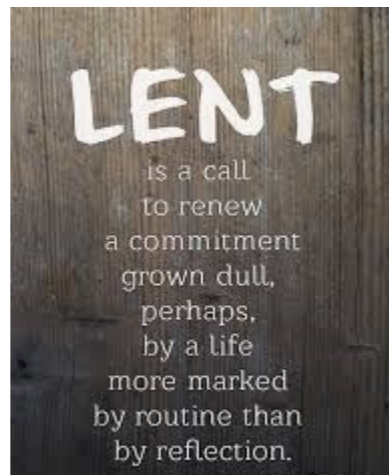
It stresses a penitential spirit.

It is a period where you pay more attention to the Word of God. I have a few spare bibles if one needs a more modern translation of the bible like the New Revised Standard Version. For some it might be an idea to take a new scripture passage to read from the New Testament – every day in Lent. It is something extremely worthwhile. I would suggest as the readings of year B are being used this year that you might read something like a page a day and reflect on the words or be encouraged by the great success of the early Church in the 'Acts of the Apostles'. The 'Acts of the Apostles' follow the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. It is a book everyone should read and reflect on at least once during one's life time. You won't regret it. Another aspect in line with this during Lent is to take part in more ardent prayer. For example: Mass attendance during week, family prayer, a visit to a church, making the Stations of the Cross Friday evenings, praying the rosary, or in other ways.

During Lent, penance should not only be internal and individual but also external and social. One aspect of this to help others: for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened, or in other ways.

Lent is a period of self-denial: for example, not eating sweets or dessert, giving up some form of entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere – Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.

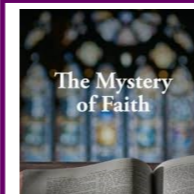
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The following are in dot points as they have been given to me over last 2 weeks or so and I cannot do justice to most of them:

- Mount St Joseph received good results recently from their Class of 2020. The school seems to be going along nicely.
- PALMS AUSTRALIA – Palms helps low income communities in Australia and overseas, especially by providing the help of voluntary trades people and appropriate 'professions'. To consider helping poorer communities develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty consider NOW a 2022 placement: Saturday 20 February at 10:00 am at Ross House – Mezzanine-Sue Healy Room 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne.
- On 1st January 2021 CatholicCare Melbourne has officially merged with CentreCare Ballarat and CatholicCare Sandhurst to form CatholicCare Victoria – one social service agency serving all four Catholic dioceses across the State of Victoria
- On 8 December 2020, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception marked the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis chose this occasion to declare a "Year of St Joseph" for the entire Catholic Church running from Dec 8, 2020 to Dec 8, 2021
- St Joseph's by the sea, on February 23rd there will be an on line reflection on the Good Samaritan story and Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis latest encyclical. The second chapter of Fratelli Tutti is a reflection on the Good Samaritan story.

Yours 'In Christ' Fr Greg 12/2/2021



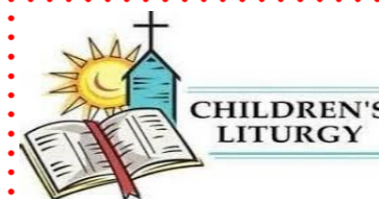
Mystery of Faith to learn for Lent

***Save us, Saviour of the world,
For by your cross and Resurrection
You have set us free.***

LENTEN SMALL BOOKLET

This Lent we encourage Parishioners to take part in a personal Lenten Journey. We will have copies of a 76 page full colour booklet "**Comfort Lenten Program 2021**" containing short daily reflections from Ash Wednesday through to Easter Sunday written by 16 fantastic clergy, religious and lay contributors from around the world.

These are perfect for individual devotional reading at home in addition to additional Sunday Scripture readings and reflections, prayers and questions that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings and will be available from Ash Wednesday at the back of the Church for a \$10 donation.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CHILDREN'S LITURGY 8.30 MASS

We are after a Co-Ordinator to plan and prepare each week's liturgy and volunteers to run the sessions. Even only once a term would be a great help.

Please contact Heidi Zahra on 9397 6066 on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday for further details.

SATURDAY NIGHT MASS IS NOW 6.00PM ALL YEAR ROUND

Just a reminder to you all as many parishioners have been away on holidays.