

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

Counting Team No. 4	Glenn McKinney, David Jamieson, Bob Paz
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Doreen Mitchell 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Anne Cooper

Rosters for weekend 20th & 21st March, 2021

Counting Team No. 5	John Richardson, Larry Rigoni, Susan Jamieson.
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 Mary Debenham 10.30am Jane McLaughlin.

IN OUR PRAYERS

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



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

The world changes from year to year, our lives from day to day, but the love and memory of you, shall never pass away.

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 Literski, 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

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, WILLIAMSTOWN

Prep Enrolments for 2022

Application forms for enrolment in 2022 are now available at the school office.

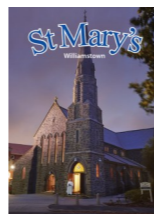
Applications close Monday 3rd May, 2021.

Children who turn 5 years on or before 30th April, 2022 are eligible for enrolment



ATTENTION!!! Don't Forget 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



St Mary's Parish

A community where we bring together our gifts and talents



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14th March, 2021

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Monday, Tuesday

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B



FIRST READING:

A reading from the second book of Chronicles. 36:14-16, 19-23.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians. 2:4-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

GOSPEL: JOHN 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.



Tuesday 16th March	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 17th March	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. Feast of St Patrick's Day
Thursday 18th March	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Friday 19th March	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. St Joseph's Feast Day. School Mass for prep—grade 4.

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome this weekend at the 10:30am Mass to all our grade 3 children from our state, private and Catholic school. Parents, please encourage your children at this time in their spiritual life and know that faith will be more likely an important part of their life if you as parents: **1. go to more regular worship** at our local church here in Williamstown and **2. your faith is shown in action** by your concern and care for others. As I know their Reconciliation Family Ceremony will be less than 2 weeks away – I hope also it is a good spiritual occasion for your family.

In that great 1939 adventure film "Gunga Din", a British soldier is saved by a simple Indian water carrier, and soon after while the water carrier lies dying the British soldier realises what a great man this somewhat simple man has been, and ever since Rudyard Kipling in 1890 originally wrote those lines so many of us have heard the saying (from the British soldier) "you're a better man than me Gunga Din!" **Well, may I say that about the present Pope Francis: "you're a better man than me Gunga Din."** I say that partly



by the way Pope Francis has conducted himself in trying to bring the Catholic Church into the 21st century and by his actions such as his encouraging appearance in Iraq at this time. By visiting Mosul and Qaraqosh in northern Iraq last Sunday, he also urged the Christians to live up to their faith and honour the sacrifice of those who died by promoting peace and reconciliation. Much of Mosul's old city centre remains in ruins or under reconstruction. Pope Francis stood in Hosh al-Bieaa church square, facing some of those ruins: the remains of the Syriac Catholic, Armenian Orthodox, Syriac Orthodox and Chaldean Catholic churches all destroyed between 2014 and 2017 by Islamic State militants. The Chaldean Catholics still speak the same Aramaic language as our Lord himself even today. Pope Francis' message was clear: **"If God is the God of life – for so he is – then it is wrong for us to kill our brothers and sisters in his name. If God is the God of peace – for so he is – then it is wrong for us to wage war in his name. If God is the God of love – for so he is – then it is wrong for us to hate our brothers and sisters."**

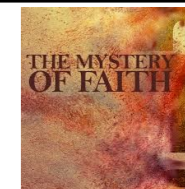
In the last 2 years much work has been done to bring about renewal of our Catholic Church in Australia by having a number of sessions before the actual meeting of delegates from all around Australia for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. Due to the pandemic this has been postponed until October of this year. However, it is worth noting that in order to bring working documents to fruition that more than 220,000 people participated in the first stages of Listening and Dialogue, and according to the President of the Plenary Council, Perth Archbishop Costelloe **"those voices can be heard clearly in the working document"**. The document draws heavily on both the *Listening and Dialogue* and *Listening and Discernment* phases of the Plenary Council, and other key sources. It is titled **'Continuing the Journey.'** In a time of great change there is a need for us all to pray that this October gathering of priests, religious and lay people throughout Australia comes up with valuable strategies to implement in parishes and the many other organisations within the Catholic Church. The 'Continuing the Journey' document has drawn also on Scripture, writings and teachings of the Church including the documents of the Second Vatican Council, encyclicals and papal exhortations, Australian bishops' pastoral letters, and more. Archbishop Costelloe (originally from Melbourne) commented: "The abundance of wisdom in the writings of our rich tradition, together with the papers of the Plenary Council discernment thus far, provided an incredible foundation for the content of this working document."and he added: "seeks to offer an account of what the People of God have expressed as an invitation for ongoing discernment." Plenary Council facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins said a reflection guide has been developed to help people throughout the country engage with *'Continuing the Journey'*, maintaining the national focus for the Council.

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg 11/3/2021

Mystery of Faith to learn for Lent

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



Fourth Sunday of Lent 14th March 2021



Arsad, an Indonesian farmer, had no toilet, so he and his family always had to walk into the forest to an open defecation area. His family was often sick and open defecation caused many neighbourhood disputes. With the support of Caritas Australia and its partner, Laz Harfa, Arsad took part in hygiene, sanitation and financial management training. He then funded the building of a toilet in his house and helped other community members to save for toilets.



Now Arsad's family is healthier. Their community no longer practices open defecation and is more harmonious. Arsad inspired his community to **'Be More.'**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting: www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHILDREN'S LITURGY—SUNDAY 8.30AM MASS

Childrens' liturgy will recommence at 8.30am Mass on Sunday 21st March. We are seeking volunteers to join the roster.

Please contact Heidi Zahra on 9397 6066 or email williamstown@cam.org.au for further details.

Sacramental Preparation



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION ST MARY'S PARISH 2021

Parents of Parish Children who do not attend St. Mary's School and would like to be part of our Sacramental Program in 2021 please contact Monique Julian (Pastoral Associate) Monique.Julian@cam.org.au

- **FIRST COMMUNION (2020 and 2021 Candidates)** 6.30 -7.30 on the following Monday evenings: 3/5, 10/5, 17/5, 24/5 with communion Masses on the weekend of 29/30th May.
- **CONFIRMATION (2021 Candidates)** 6.30 -7.30 on the following Monday evenings 21/06, 12/7, 19/7, 26/7 with confirmation Masses scheduled for 27/7-29/7.



ST MARY'S PARISH - WILLIAMSTOWN PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM 2021

PARISH CENSUS

To be conducted on the weekends of
20th & 21st March and 27th & 28th March



A parish census will be conducted following the Homily at all Masses over the next two weekends. This will enable us to update our parish records – adding new members of our community and noting changes with addresses, emails and phone numbers. We aim to conduct this process with due respect for our Covid-19 environment. Accordingly, census cards and pencils will be placed in the pews prior to each Mass and you are requested to return your completed cards and pencils into the designated baskets on your exit from Mass. Your assistance with this important process is very much appreciated.