

Rosters for this Week 13th and 14th May

Counting Team No. 4	Leanne Spiteri, Greg Morgan, Mary Ward, Jean McCutcheon, Ted Kennedy
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Mary Frisby 10.30am Richard van der Merwe
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Di Collins
Children's Liturgy	8.30am No Children's Liturgy - Mother's Day

Rosters for next Week 20th and 21st May 2023

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt, Gail Tull 8.30am Evol Farrelly, Karen Colla 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Peter Mareena 10.30am Antoinette Acquaro
Welcomers	6.00pm Volunteer Needed 8.30am Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Tue Pham
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Eilin Taylor

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Kevin Murphy, Sarah Rodgers, Cathy Reid, Assunta Delgrosso, Yemme Reddy, Joseph Falzon and Jean McCutcheon.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Kay Magee, Clement Charles Peterson, Dr. Tony Huang, Andre Mande, Katica Bozanic, Desanka Repanic, Racheline Soccio, Maria Hoszylyk, Nicola Nardo, James Wills, Kathy Bednarek, Margaret Wills, Patrick O'Sullivan, Jack Taylor, Gordon Grainger, Vern Lawrence, Him McLaren, Patrick Quirk, Collin Maher, Ignazio Kucich, Frank Labb, Mary Geddes, Maria Napoli, Mary Lewer, Chris Carter, Charlie Axelson, John Bancell, Marion Brumby, Charles Brincat, Tony McKie, Chloe Avery, Margaret Black, Albert Baily, Eileen Cooney, David Rowan, Des Brophy, Joan Shumway, James McAleese, Leo Doran, Arthur McKean, June Ellis, Catherine Doyle, Lenore Hay, John Bartolo, George Lewis, Matthew Costello, Alicia and Jan Oruba, Kathryn and Joseph Bojanowski, Rosaria, Alberto, Celestina, Emanuele, Giuseppe, Carmelo, Margherita, Felice, Ersilia, Natalino and George Mangion, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Pietro, Rita, Francesca, Benedetto, Ignazio and Giuseppina Saragozza, Mario Camilleri, Maria Meloni, Natalino and Angela Meilak, Blondina and Lawrence Sammut, Michael Meilak and Joan Spiteri, whose anniversaries are at this time.



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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14th May, 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER — YEAR A

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Pastoral Associate
Monique Julian
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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

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: 8:5-8, 14-17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the First letter of Peter: 3:15-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14.15-21

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the spirit of truth, which the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows it. But you know it, because it remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realise that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”



Tuesday 16th May	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 7.00 - 8.00pm Continuation of those interested in looking more into Catholic faith – 'the Sacraments' – at presbytery.
Wednesday 17th May	9.15am Communion Service at St. Mary's Church. (Fr. Greg celebrating secondary school mass at St Paul's Campus.)
Thursday 18th May	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm 'Way of the West' meeting at the Presbytery.
Friday 19th May	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,
This month there is an annual Mass count of numbers at Mass in our Archdiocese. No need to do anything – just sit there!

In case you were away from the Parish last week our **Office Manager/Secretary, Heidi Zahra has submitted her resignation** after 9 years here to pursue a more financial path in 'mortgage brokerage'. As I stated last week it has been a real pleasure to have Heidi on our Staff. I have advertising for the position as it is to be a 3-day position of Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Kylie will still be working on a Wednesday while Sheridan will be working on a casual basis. I have advertised the position on the Archdiocesan website, Newport/Spotswood parish & schools, plus last weekend as a copy in our bulletin. It is also on the back noticeboard of the church plus a few copies on the side table that you might like give to someone capable of performing the duties, and with good communication skills with ability to relate to a variety of people. Hopefully you join your prayers with mine to find the most suitable of candidates. It is a most important position for our Parish.

The "Way of the West" refugee and asylum seeker group informed me two weeks ago that we should start our **appeal for funds for CRISP – COMMUNITY REFUGEE INTEGRATION AND SETTLEMENT PILOT**. Little did I realise the overwhelming support for this particular scheme of trying to help one refugee family each year to settle into Australia and be supported by the local community. Your response has semi shocked me as \$4,000 has already been given and another \$12,000 has been pledged if we go ahead with this scheme. Although I think we have more than enough parishioners pledging **I will leave the pledge cards on the school side table** just in case anyone else felt inclined to pledge for when the Australian Govt gives us our first family.



Besides Mary's visitation to her cousin Elizabeth in May we have other important dates in May. It is a nice habit to say a decade of the rosary every now and then especially in May – often called Mary's month.

Mary of course was the greatest of mothers and without peer as a woman. Luckily we are blessed with so many good women in our world. Each of us has a story about a mother and it usually is a good story. All of our mothers have an influence on us, but behind that influence is their own background stories. The choices they made during their life are so important for them and for others under their care. Their formation as a person comes from the choices they made. One choice my mother made not only influenced her, but in the end made a crucial difference to my life.

Unfortunately my grandfather was not a particularly kind human being. Fortunately my mother rebelled as an 8 year old and convinced my grandmother to take her away from the local state school in Gippsland and enrol her into the local Catholic school while my grandfather, a former VFL league footballer was away on his many pursuits such as coaching country footballers. It was a brave move because when my grandfather finally came home my mother fled to the woodshed, as she expected him to give her a belting for leaving the state school. However, the belting did not eventuate and she was allowed to stay in the Iona Catholic primary school (incidentally in my former parish they have named a new catholic secondary school IONA COLLEGE GEELONG – nothing to do with me but quite ironic!)
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The experience of my mother led her to enter me into both primary and secondary catholic schools. As I have intimated one's choices or decisions help to form you as a person, and help in the eventual and better formation of others. Mothers make a dozen major choices and thousands of little choices. For instance, back when my parents became engaged around 1940 there was a great mistrust between Protestants and Catholics. My father being the protestant and my mother the Catholic. After they became engaged my father made the big announcement that when they married it "would definitely not be in the Catholic Church"!

My mother made her wise decision to bide her time, and when they happened to be walking past a Catholic Church one day, she said to my father Harry, "if you are not prepared to at least step inside this Catholic Church, the marriage is off"! It was a brave decision as everything was on the line. Somehow that line breaker led her and my father to be married in St Patrick's Cathedral not long after. Luckily my former secondary school at the time was on the same site as the Cathedral and it was handy for me to pop past the Cathedral in later secondary years and at least receive Holy Communion if not be there for the entire Mass.

On many occasions the decisions of a woman or a mother are blessed with far reaching consequences as it has formed one as a person due to the good motives behind those decisions. It also effects those who will eventually be nurtured into maturity of life.



Happy Mothers Day.

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 11/5/2023

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION ST. MARY'S PARISH 2023

The sacramental preparation programs for 2023 at St Mary's Parish will be on the following dates:

- RECONCILIATION 6.00PM–7.00PM** in the Parish Centre on Monday evenings. 29/5, 5/6, 19/6. With reconciliations from the 20th–24th June.
- CONFIRMATION 6.00pm–7.00pm** on the following Monday evenings: 31/7, 14/8, 21/8 with confirmation Masses scheduled for 22nd and 23rd August.

These classes are for Parish Children who **do not** attend St. Mary's School and who would like to be part of our Sacramental Program in 2023, please contact Monique Julian (Pastoral Associate) Monique.julian@cam.org.au to register.

Sacramental Preparation

JOSEPH'S CORNER
A non-profit support service to families living with alcohol and drug addiction.

Joseph's Corner High Tea
Sunday 21st May 2023

Help raise much needed funds to support families affect by addiction.

We will be joined by **Les Twentyman OAM** (Founder of Les Twentyman Foundation and legendary youth worker), **Barry Michael** (Australian Boxing Hall of fame) , and as Master of ceremonies, **David Mann Am KSJ FAICD** - best known as 'Mann about Town'.

Your ticket includes a selection of classic High Tea favourites including savouries and sweets to enjoy with a traditional cup of tea or coffee. Dietary Requirements will be catered for.

This is a fundraiser so come prepared to bid in our silent auction, main room auction and purchase raffle tickets. Cash and card both welcome.

To book your ticket go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CHLLV>

Should you have any queries or would like to know more about this event, please do not hesitate to contact Ann Hudson on 0409 901 899.

High Tea 23 YEARS IN THE WEST
Sunday 21st MAY 2023 2 PM - 5 PM

BOOKINGS THROUGH TRYBOOKING (SCAN OR CODE) OR CLICK HERE

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