

Rosters for This Week 14th and 15th of March 2020

Counting Team No. 8	Tracey Gregg, Leanne Spiteri, Rinna Sy
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.30pm Mary Soppitt, Gail Tull 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Doreen Mitchell 10.30am Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.30pm Evol Farrelly 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Kate Arnold
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Mariza O'Keefe, Rachael Kisvarda 10.30am Michelle Northeast

Rosters for Next Week 21st & 22nd March

Counting Team No. 1	Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.30pm John O'Keefe, Larry Rigoni 8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Peter Kirwan 10.30am Richard van der Merwe
Mass Readers	6.30pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Jane McLauhglin
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Rachel Nardo, Eilin Taylor 10.30am Lyndall Burgess, Michelle Dunn

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for, Leo O'Brien, Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Barrie Poulton, Bridget Walsh, Cathryn Walsh.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES



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.

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.



St Mary's Parish



A community where we bring together our gifts and talents

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15th March, 2020

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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 6:30pm
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.

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."

Sunday 15th March	11.30am Baptism: Yanyan Wang, Amalia Cidoni
Tuesday 17th March	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 4pm-6pm Individual 1st Reconciliation at St Mary's Church. 7.30pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults in Presbytery.
Wednesday 18th March	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 4pm-6pm Individual 1st Reconciliation at St Mary's Church.
Thursday 19th March	9.15am Whole school Mass Feast of St Joseph at St. Mary's Church. 4pm-5.30pm Individual 1st Reconciliation at St Mary's Church.
Friday 20th March	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 4pm-6pm Individual 1st Reconciliation at St Mary's Church. 6.30pm Stations of the Cross at St Mary's Church.
Saturday 21st March	10am-12pm Individual 1st Reconciliation at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners

As sometimes the responses during the Mass are not as ideal as I think they could be, I would suggest for instance if you have not learnt by heart during the week **'The first acclamation of faith'** as listed on top of page 3 of the bulletin, then it should not too much of an imposition to try and learn it during this week. We are all in this together. The Mass is not meant to be just a passive experience but an engagement of the whole congregation: heart, mind and soul.

This week there will be **individual reconciliation for grade 3 children from St Mary's school and similar grades from parishioner's children from other schools.** I follow a beautiful format that was handed down mainly from your former beloved Parish Priest, Fr Noel Oliver. Over a 10-minute period for each family:

- The family are introduced to me.
- We gather around Baptism font set up at back of altar and talk about the significance of Baptism in respect to Reconciliation.
- The child sits in a chair opposite me for confession of sin etc. near the Mary altar area, in sight of parents over the other side listening to background music near the organ area.
- We gather again in the middle as a family group, pray the Our Father together and offer each other a sign of peace.
- The family have a photograph with their child at back of altar in front of big stained glass window area. Thankfully families are very pleased with this format.

There will be **'A New Parishioners Luncheon'** on **Sunday May 31st from 11:30am – 1:30pm.** These have been very successful over the years, not only have new parishioners enjoyed it but those on our Parish Council have appreciated getting to know our new parishioners. If not already done so if new parishioners over the last year could you please fill in a **'Registration Form'** from back table (school side) that would be great.

I have probably already said enough over the last two weeks regarding advice taken by the Australian Bishops in regards to **'novel coronavirus'**.

Basically a few things came through:

- Better to receive communion in hand rather than the tongue.
- Special ministers to thoroughly sanitize hands before and after distributing holy communion.
- Water stoups at entrances are dry so as not to spread virus through that means.
- The above is the main thing from the bishops but if things go from bad to worse over the months I suggest as the Archbishop does that we may give a smile or a bow of respect to each other during the "Rite of Peace" instead of our normal handshake or kiss between partners. I hope it does not get to that stage but you never know.

At the **8:30am Mass, Chloe Lanyon will take her next step to becoming a Catholic,** with 'The Rite of Election'. We wish her every blessing. The next big step will be at the Easter Vigil.

Yours In 'Christ' Fr Greg 12/3/2020

FIRST ACCLAMATION OF 'MYSTERY OF FAITH' (During Lent, please learn)

**WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH, O LORD,
AND PROFESS YOUR RESURRECTION UNTIL YOU COME AGAIN**



**Third Sunday of Lent
15th March 2020**



Father of four, Barry, embodies resilience and strength. Growing up in a tough environment, he had to look inside himself to make the right choices for himself and his family. Barry, and others like him, were able to take part in a cultural healing program called Red Dust Healing. This program encourages participants to examine their own personal hurt and allows them to heal from within, addressing family and personal relationships and what may be been life-long patterns of violence, abuse and neglect. Today, thanks to the Caritas support, he's an inspirational father to his four girls and a leader in his community.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 and help vulnerable people like Barry, so that they are empowered to assist members of their communities in Australia.

Let's Go Further, Together. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed **"Go Further Together"**. Your generosity will assist some of the world's most vulnerable communities to lift themselves out of poverty. When we **Go Further Together** in love and compassion, the whole world thrives



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ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, WILLIAMSTOWN Drep Enrolments for 2021

Application forms for enrolment in 2021 will be available at the school office from Monday 3rd February, 2020 until Friday 1st May, 2020
Children who turn 5 years on or before 30th April, 2021 are eligible for enrolment in primary school.
Closing date for applications Friday 1st May, 2020



Ecology-focused Shift in Consciousness

What do we mean by 'The New Cosmology'?

**18th March, 7.30pm-8.30pm
(And each Wednesdays through to November.)**



We invite your participation in conversation, discovery and awakening as we develop our understanding of the new world view, using up to date YouTube clips, readings and other stimulus material.

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