

Rosters for weekend 21st & 22nd August, 2021

Counting Team No. 3	Ian Veal, Frances Maloney, Tony Cutroni
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni, Mary Soppitt. 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Jeanette Thompson
Mass Readers	6.00pm Ashleigh Fulcher 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Richard van der Merwe
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Mariza O'Keefe, Rachel Nardo

Sending healing thoughts and prayers. Xx

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

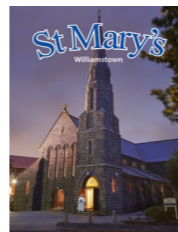
RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Bernard Ryan, Anna Cutroni, Patrick Ryan, Antonia Kucich, Leo and Rachel Mangan, Ralph McMenomy, Marie McAloon, Margherita Cini, Ignatius Ostojich, Romyne Augustin, Trish O'Driscoll, Giovanni Del Grosso, Pasqualina Pazzi, William John Dooley, Mary Elaine Hyland, Gina D'Angelo, Greta Ryan, Edward Charewicz, Gabrielle Mills, Gerry Franken, Frances Hussey, Peter Power, Josie Gilligan, Patrick McGlade, Raymond Pearce, Mary Conway, Mary Blenheim, Lillian Connors, Paul Bracken, Alice Kelly, Aurelio Sagona, Warwick Smith, John Leonard, Benito, Felicidad, Clotilde Lagahit and John Robert William Richardson, whose anniversaries are at this time.

I can no longer
see you
with my eyes
or touch you
with hands,
but I will feel you
in my heart
forever.

ATTENTION!!! Don't Forget to Save Your Seat At Mass

As there is a maximum on the number of Mass attendees, 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



Do you have a question or a suggestion? ASK MARY

St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council is committed to inspiring, encouraging and supporting the St. Mary's parish community. One way in which you can communicate with us is through our 'Ask Mary' box. The 'Ask Mary' box enables parishioners to ask questions, put forward suggestions and to provide feedback. You are welcome to include your contact details on your submissions, or if you prefer, you may remain anonymous. All submissions are reviewed on a monthly basis and we, the parish pastoral council will respond to your submissions accordingly.



"FREE HAMMOCKS, all over town. It's like a miracle!"



There is a gap in your resume...
What were you doing in 2020?

I was washing my hands...

St Mary's Parish

A community where we bring together our gifts and talents



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15th August, 2021

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Monday, Tuesday

Parish Office Manager-Secretary

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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.

Baptism 12:30am Sunday

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 11:19, 12:1-6,10.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.15:54-57.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Mary is taken up to heaven; a chorus of angels exults.

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:39-56

During those days Mary set out and travelled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;

my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness;

behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.

The Almighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him.

He has shown might with his arm,

dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart..

He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly.

The hungry he has filled with good things;

the rich he has sent away empty.

He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy,

according to his promise to our fathers,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.



Wednesday 18th August	7.00pm Parish Finance Meeting via Zoom.
Thursday 19th August	9.15am No Mass at St. Mary's Church due to restrictions.
Friday 20th August	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,
 Every week on a Tuesday I write a section for the bulletin, and put together most of the other items in order to get **the weekly bulletin finished by the Wednesday afternoon**. After receiving it from me, the Wednesday secretary, Kylie Skinner will put the bulletin together; I will then proof read it, and it usually gets printed by the Wednesday afternoon at the latest. However, things have changed lately and within hours of publishing the bulletin there is often another lockdown or release from lockdown. You win some and you lose some! Now, as we were just about to go to print the Premier of Victoria has announced a 7 day continuation of the lockdown.

Personally, as it has given me an extra hour to exercise of a day, the covid situation has not affected me greatly, but **I feel sorry for 'all' the parents and brides who have been affected** by the uncertainty of setting or keeping dates. Most of the 58 marriages listed for our parish church for 2021 have been affected in either some or a rather big way. For instance, I had booked and then had to cancel 3 wedding rehearsals for 6pm, 7pm and 7:45pm on last Tuesday. All those marriages in the end have had to be postponed. One of those brides originally had the wedding booked for 3/4/2020, then 4/9/2020, then 7/8/2021 and she was hoping that it would only need be put off for another week. However, I'm just now waiting for confirmation from the couple that it will be on September 30th. We hope so!!

Then in regards 1st eucharist for grade 4 children of 2020! This has been put off 5 times now with different dates that have not eventually worked out. Don't get me started on baptisms! This has meant a constant change of dates and how many can be at the Ceremony. **Parents or brides and grooms have been affected all along the line with baptisms, 1st communions, confirmations, and weddings.** As I have stated it has not personally affected me greatly as I am totally healthy through such things as swimming at Williamstown beach every morning, but it is very disappointing for me not to be able to meet the religious needs of such a variety of circumstances. In the ideal world a date for a baptism or a wedding is the actual date, but all of us are affected in some small or large way by this continuous covid situation. I believe our own relationship with God at this time can make a big difference to our state of mind. Indeed, it can be difficult for all of us to get a balance of our physical, spiritual, emotional and psychological selves. I don't know about yourself, as you may be quite different from me but during a lockdown I try to make sure I keep in touch with God through prayer, and also concentrate very much on getting some reasonable exercise every day and eat at least a mainly healthy diet. Then I have found it easier to get the right balance with the rest of life such as social relationships as I normally feel physically well anyway. All of us though are a little different – so we have to find our right formula for being at peace with ourselves, and achieving what we feel we need to achieve in a given day. I can't imagine it fully but for those who have lost an income at this time (or a business) or are undergoing significant health or marriage difficulties then it must be quite challenging as these are always curve balls on the road of life. They are never easy even outside of covid time. Also, I for one do not have to deal with two or three unsettled children who are really hankering to be back in a classroom! Anyway, at the very least my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Thanks for leaving an incredible amount of goods for refugees and asylum seekers at St Mary's School or on the presbytery porch in one of the big containers. At present my dining room is half full of "Dried Goods" and hopefully with the "Tinned Foods" from this weekend we will be able to transport another rather large portion of items to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Footscray. I note that the goods most have left are usually of a high quality and I respect you for that as why should others be given the cheapest of the cheap – no fear of that as in the last week and the last few years parishioners have excelled themselves. Mark Northeast will be able through his trusted truck to transport the variety of items to Footscray and another family, the Pantelleresco have also offered their spare truck if we get just too many items. This is all going in the right direction even though covid is stopping us worshipping together for a week or so.



Although I will never have the problems of refugees or asylum seekers, I suppose I better stick up for myself – otherwise who is in a better position to do so! Last week to my surprise I noticed that I was **down to \$5 in the presbytery account**. The Church account is in good shape partly due to the fact that 2/3rds of parishioners give to our stewardship program via credit or direct debit. Not undermining our other third who are usually very faithful through envelopes but some envelopes do not get to us during lockdowns and understandably so. So, what is happening with the presbytery account which pays for my food and stipend wage? Well, during lockdowns there is no loose money on the plate which normally goes to the presbytery account. Also, during covid for the last year we have not been allowed to pass the plate around and only keep it up the back of the church in case people remember to put money into it. I know some are generous but normally our plate collection is way down. Part of my problem is that I gave up owning a car myself and went with the majority of priests into a leasing agreement. Accordingly, with the leasing, the insurance and petrol it costs about \$800 a month to run the presbytery account not counting in also my food bill and stipend as well. Consequently, I explain to you my dilemma at this time. Therefore, when we come back soon to Church could you put some extra loose money on the plate as it would be greatly appreciated.

It would be remiss of me to not say something about this priority feast of the Catholic Church this weekend on Sunday August 15th. I know this date is celebrated by the Jesuits, as Society of Jesus was founded by St Ignatius Loyola on this date in 1549 and it is also the date the Japanese surrendered to the allies in 1945, but for us Catholics **the Feast of the Assumption** is one of our more important Feasts. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven reveals that what God begins, he brings to completion. In predestining her to be the Mother of the Saviour, the Lord prepared her through the Immaculate Conception, which preserved her from original sin. Grace began to expand and flower within her, giving her strength to stand by Jesus as he died on the cross. She was preserved from the corruption of the tomb and enjoys already a bodily participation in the glory of Christ in heaven. From there, she prays for us – that grace may come to perfection within us, and that we may share in her glory with Jesus.

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 11/8/21

The Annual Way of the West Food and Living Essentials Collection for Refugee and Asylum Seeker Families

Week 3—Monday 16th August to Sunday 22nd August—Toiletries & Personal



Shampoo, Soap, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Sanitary Products, Shaving Items, Deodorant, Tissues.

All items can be placed in the plastic tubs at the Presbytery door.

An Invitation to serve your Parish! Come and be an Altar Server.

All students in Grades 3-5, boys and girls are invited to join the St Mary's altar server's team. New and old faces are invited to attend one training session, which will be held in the Church under the direction of Michael McConville. This will be held on Sunday August 29th from 4pm-5pm. Do not hesitate to ring Fr. Greg on 0400 524 363 for any further clarification. Please complete the below information and return ASAP.

Name of Child: _____

Name of Parents: _____

Contact email and phone number of at least one parent: _____



PARISH WORKING BEE - SATURDAY 28TH AUGUST - 9AM—11AM



Come along and join us to help clean and tidy up the parish gardens. Even an hour of your time would be greatly appreciated. If possible please bring your own tools.