

Rosters for This Week 14th & 15th September

Counting Team No. 6	Jim Farrelly, Tim Kennedy, Evol Farrelly
Ministers of the Eucharist	5.30pm Larry Rigoni, Gail Tull 8.30am Peter Kirwan, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Justine Brogna
Mass Readers	5.30pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Shannon Pedrotti 10.30am Anne Cooper
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Jacinta Sagona, Rachael Kisvarda 10.30am Jenny Furey, Hannah Furey

Rosters for Next Week 21st & 22nd September

Counting Team No. 7	Mary Ward, Jean McCutcheon, Greg Morgan
Ministers of the Eucharist	5.30pm Mary Soppitt, Maria Laudato 8.30am Mary Frisby, Stephen Littleton 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	5.30pm Ashleigh Fulcher 8.30am Mary Debenham 10.30am Jane McLaughlin
Children's Liturgy	8.30am No children's liturgy—school holidays 10.30am No children's liturgy—school holidays

IN OUR PRAYERS
We pray for Leo O'Brien, Haizil Joseph,
Santhi Komatineni, Barrie Poulton.



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES



We pray for Colleen Littleton who passed away recently and Catherine "Mum" Willmott (second anniversary), Paul Falzon, Franca Azzaro, Concetta Azzaro, Maria Loriente, Romyne Augustin, Brian Campbell, Luciana Rigoni, Neil Dalton, Jack Oman, Giuseppe Sokolic, Pat Tuck, Sonia Schilich, Roland Zammit, Felice Falzon, Nicky Colton, Damien Grafen, Salvatrice Basso, Francesca King, Frank Cuffe, George Zammit, Rose O'Brien, Eileen Bull, Peg Dooley, Mary Wiltshire, Tony Dixon, Suzy Pomazan, Caterina Borghese, Tom Magee, Bridie O'Loughlin, Marie Morris, Rita Di Leonardo, Tim Forbes, Wendy Gosser, Olive Walsh, Connie Zammit, Catherine Elder, Wally Clarke, Maureen Tamlyn-Kelly, Michael O'Keefe, Jane Zahra; whose anniversaries are at this time.

2019 St Mary's Parish

28th September—Grand Final Day	Mass at 6.30pm—Summer time evening mass commences
30th November—Opera Night	Mass at 5.30pm
4th December—Annual Mass of Remembrance	Mass at 7.30pm
14th December/15th December Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass	Mass at 6.30pm 14th December and 8.30am and 10.30am 15th December



St Mary's Parish

A community where we bring together our gifts and talents



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15th September, 2019

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Parish Office Manager
Heidi Zahra
Tuesday 8:30am – 4.00pm
Thursday 8:30am – 4.00pm
Friday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Parish Secretary
Kylie Skinner
Wednesday
8.30am—3.30pm

St. Mary's School
Principal
Anthony Hockey

Normal Mass Times
Consult bulletin inside for any changes.
Saturday at 5:30pm
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.
Baptism 11:30am Sunday

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING:
A reading from the book of Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
I will rise and go to my father.

SECOND READING:
A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy 1:12-17.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the good news of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1 – 32
Jesus said "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and he has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your sons returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"



Sunday 15th September	8.30am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 10.30am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Tuesday 17th September	9.15am Communion Service at St. Mary's Church.
Wednesday 18th September	9.15am Communion Service at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 19th September	9.15am Communion Service at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 20th September	9.15am Communion Service at St. Mary's Church.
Saturday 21st September	5.30pm Mass at St. Mary's Church.

FR. GREG'S TRAVEL DIARY

It has been a hard 7 days of walking since I started in the ancient town of Vézelay in the middle of France. The route zig jags over farmlands and hills, and through forests to avoid car traffic. There are many goat tracks and half made roads. It has been interesting to say the least:

Sunday Sept 1st: on the first day I did 7 1/2 hours of walking and covered 31 1/2 kilometres to get to my booked accommodation at the small village of St Germain Des Bois. I only found one man outside and he had no clue of the street: 5 domaine de Bannay. In desperation I knocked on door of a veterinarian young couple about to be married. He wisely looked up the Internet address and said to me " there is only one problem there are two small villages in France called: St Germain Des Bois!!! It is all you need after a heavy day of walking!

Monday Sept 2nd: another reasonably heavy day of walking to get to what was the right accommodation place! It was 9 1/2 hours of full walking plus some breaks to cover 35 kilometres. At evening meal at the accommodation place in the town of Champlemy met a beautiful couple named François and his wife Dominique both from Dijon on the same journey as myself.

Tuesday Sept 3rd: left fairly early at 6:30am as had 36 kilometres to go to the absolutely stunning town of La Charite Sur Loire and did not want to be caught too much under hot afternoon sun - another 8 full hours of walking plus the breaks on top - no chance of getting food during day as just minor villages on the way. Tried to get some evening meal across the road from the huge 900 metre span of the magnificent La LOIRE river and found my friends François and Domique sitting down for a meal at my same chosen place!

Wednesday Sept 4th: two months before I left Australia I was very impressed with the story of Saint Solange, the patroness of the wonderful historic French city of Bourges. Accordingly, I put the information in my paper pack in order to pray to Saint Solange as I got near Bourges. Around that area without knowing it I made an incredible decision. I read a booking.com site and I felt very drawn to the type of people at Brécly who offered accommodation and a meal that evening. However, it was a 44 kilometres walk and I was not sure as I thought it might be a bridge too far! For a change I let my heart rule my head. I took a wrong turn at one stage which put an extra 3 km onto that - all I needed under a hot afternoon sun! I left at 5:40am and got there at 6:20pm. The family were absolutely beautiful. They were strong Catholic faith people. The 82 year old grandmother said something about taking me to a famous church the next morning but I tried to get out it by saying "I have to keep walking". But she insisted and then it twigged on me this is the Church of Saint Solange who was a shepherdess who spent her days looking after the sheep in the 9th century and through her days kept praying and made a vow of virginity. However, Bernard the son of the count of Poitiers, became charmed with the young woman's beauty and tried to drag her onto his horse. Because she resisted he cut off her head with a sword!! Well, I was taken to this out of the way country village church with magnificent tapestries and depicting all the scenes of her life, such as her beauty and looking after the sheep. You won't believe it but there are also two big paintings of Reuben's in that Church with the big locked doors, but the grandmother had the key!



Thursday and Friday Sept 5th & 6th got into Bourges - a historic town with Unesco World Heritage site. Glad I had booked that extra day to look around the town. If you have Instagram look up greg_trythall as truly magnificent Church. Also as I visited the Bourges home of Jacques Cœur do not hesitate to google it - a remarkable merchandiser and adventurer in the 1400's.



Saturday Sept 7th - Another big day as I needed to go 39km to Issoudon. It took me 9 1/2 hours of walking plus about an hour in total of breaks. There is usually no food on the way! Evening meals go down well!

Sunday Sept 8th: another big day to town of Chateroux - meant to be 34 km but missed a direction marker as it was hidden a distance of 50 metres off road / so went extra 4 km. I walked from 7:45 am to 6:15pm. Anyway we keep walking and who knows what is in store during the next week?

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PASTORAL WORKER

St. Mary's - Williamstown Parish—PART-TIME



St. Mary's community Williamstown possesses a good cross section of ages, has many gifted parishioners in leadership positions, and would be an excellent choice for a person wanting to be an important part of an already dynamic Christian Community. Accordingly, we are seeking the employment of a suitably qualified person for this role commencing 1st February, 2020. This is a part-time position, two days per week, but also entails being present for a minimum of one weekend Liturgy, with the requirement for additional hours during the Christmas, Easter and Confirmation periods. Therefore the normal 20 hours per week may be extended by mutual agreement. The successful applicant will work with the Parish Priest, and with the administration staff of the parish, as well as liaising with the school staff, particularly the RE Coordinator. We want an applicant who believes in moving our parish along a 21st century model, keeping in mind the principles of Vatican II. The remuneration will be in accordance with a Pastoral Worker position but is dependant upon the qualifications of the applicant. The position involves:

1. LITURGY

Assisting with creative liturgy for the three weekend masses, coordinating with the music ministry teams, providing the coordination of music at particular masses, providing the Prayers of the Faithful etc. Certain liturgies during the year would need to further the causes of asylum seekers, Aboriginal reconciliation and Christian marriage, such as the annual blessing of couples at a 'marriage anniversary' weekend. The re-energising of our parish liturgy team is also an important step in the right direction.

2. GOVERNMENT/PRIVATE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Coordinating a program to be delivered by trained catechists for Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Interested applicants should contact Trish Fazzino at the Melbourne Archdiocesan headquarters - Trish.Fazzino@cam.org.au

WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER 7.30 TO 8.30 PM

Ecology—Focused Shift in Consciousness.—Carmel Cramer, rsj.

What do we mean by the New Cosmology?

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

Cost Free

St Joseph's By The Sea, 16 Esplanade Williamstown, 9397 6012 admin.sjbtsw@sosj.org.au



St. Vincent de Paul Society are looking for volunteers to help with the Footscray soup van.

Food preparation takes place between 4.00pm and 5.30pm then the van travels around the western suburbs (including Williamstown) is then returned and all packed up by 9.30pm Monday to Friday and Sunday. The van operates between 3.30pm and 7.45pm Saturday.

Interested volunteers are required to hold current working with children check and police check. Please contact Pauline Griffiths on 0421 636 623 or paulineannegriffiths@yahoo.com



Project Compassion 2019—the Melbourne result

This year the Catholic community of Melbourne donated \$1,528,032 to Project Compassion to support Caritas Australia's work with the poorest of the poor. Thanks very much for your outstanding generosity—we are all doing the work of Christ.



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