

## Rosters for this Week 18th & 19th February 2023

Counting Team No. 2	David Jamieson, Mary Forster, Marguerite Buckley, Bob Paz,
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Richard van der Merwe
Mass Readers	6.00pm Ashleigh Fulcher 8.30am Mary Debenham 10.30am Joe Covelli
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Ros Jacklin, Trish Dykes

## Rosters for next Week 25th & 26th February 2023

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beta Sicut 8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Mary Frisby
Mass Readers	6.00pm Sam Cutajar 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Antoinette Acquaro
Children's Liturgy	8.30am James McCutcheon, Joe Covelli



### IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Kevin Murphy, Sarah Rodgers, Cathy Reid, Assunta Delgrosso, Yemme Reddy, Mary Debenham, Peter Conroy and Joseph Falzon.

### RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Alfred Spiteri, Anna Trifilo, Barney Cooney, Philip Webb, Lisa Di Donato, Stephen Kelly, John Paul Camilleri, Luigina Frlan, Mario Frlan, Ignazio Kucich, Elaine Jones, June Dibbs, Marie Anderson, John Brennock, Rosario Guastalegname, Rita Sargasso, Robert Morton, Kate Dawes, Marie Farrelly, Joso Djuric, Steven Drozdek, Frank Galli, Veronica Knight, Peter Black, Robert Barry, Rita Holdworth, Brian Williams, Joseph Maguire, John O'Grady, Ivy Shields, Alan Urban, Lena Cassar, Frank Woodruff, Mary McLinden, Mary Dyson, Michael Frawley, Agnes McDonagh, Joyce Zammit, Kay Green, Peggy Price and Laura Palumbo, whose anniversaries are at this time.



## Mission: Change their lives ... and yours.

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents.

Explore 35 positions by scanning the QR code below. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand.

Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know:

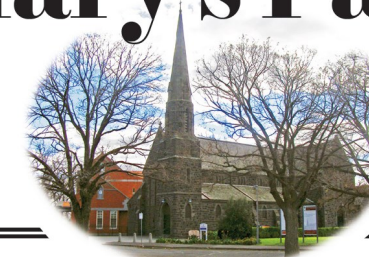
RING: 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567. WEB: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)



# 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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19th February, 2023

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Leviticus. 19:1-2, 17-18

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is kind and merciful.

### SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 3:16-23

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

### GOSPEL: MATTHEW: 5:38-48

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one to him as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand him your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go with him for two miles. Give to the one that asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow."

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."



### Parish Priest

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### Pastoral Associate

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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



Tuesday 21st February	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 7.00pm Continuation of Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at Presbytery with Fr. Greg. All welcome especially those who desire deeper faith. This weeks topic: 'The Christian Community'.
Wednesday 22nd February	9.15am Ash Wednesday whole school Mass at St. Mary's Church. 7.00pm Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 23rd February	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 24th February	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,



Slavery of African ancestry black people is one of the greatest sins of former generations. Thankfully Abraham Lincoln helped greatly to rid his country of slavery for black people. He was President of the United States from 1861 until his assassination in 1865. He led his country through the greatest constitutional, military and moral crisis – the American Civil War to much greater economic prosperity and the abolition of slavery. What most people would not know though is that while running for President of the United States there was a man called Stanton, who never lost an opportunity to vilify Lincoln. Yet when Lincoln won the election, he gave Stanton a post in his cabinet. Why? Because he considered him the best man for the job, and Lincoln was proved right. Stanton gave loyal service to his nation and to Lincoln. Asked why he didn't destroy his enemies, Lincoln replied: "Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?" Stanton said also something most interesting after the assassination of Abraham Lincoln: "There lies the most perfect ruler of men the world has ever seen."!! Well, one could easily say that Lincoln could be classified as a follower of Jesus Christ in that he put into practise one of the most difficult of Jesus' exhortations from today's Gospel: **"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."** Unfortunately there is continuing tragic news from Syria and Turkey with the earthquake damage to buildings and families. As we give out the Project Compassion boxes or envelopes this weekend it should make us even more aware of the importance of our main aid agency **'Caritas Australia'** as it sponsors Project Compassion in Lent. "Caritas Australia" as per usual will be directing efforts to help our "Caritas International" agencies in emergency relief.

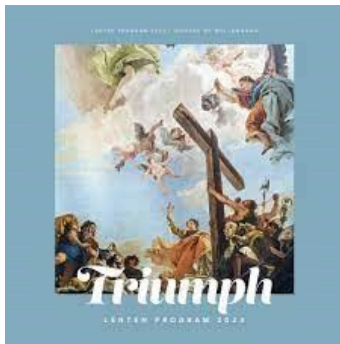
Lent is of course an opportunity for growth in the spiritual life. Accordingly, for another means of help to your spiritual life we have managed to get another lovely booklet that covers not only the Sunday readings but goes through Lent day by day. These will be given out this weekend. Please take notice that it is ideal to start Lent well through coming to one of the **Ash Wednesday services**. One will be **9:15am on this Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>** with most of St Mary's School present and the other one should enable also workers to attend as it will be at **7pm that evening of the 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

Could I remind parishioners that there is a **cup of tea/coffee after the 8:30am Mass each Sunday** in the Parish Centre next door.

**Children's Liturgy** is now well under way starting again at the 8:30am Mass. All primary school are welcome to go out at the start of the Mass and hear the Word of God at their own level.

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg 15/2/2023



**THE MYSTERY OF FAITH**

**SAVE US, SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD,  
FOR BY YOUR CROSS AND RESURRECTION  
YOU HAVE SET US FREE**



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**22nd FEBRUARY 2023**

**MASS TIMES AT ST MARY'S**

**9.15am Entire School Mass.**  
**7.00pm Mass at St Mary's Church.**



**PASTORAL CARE APPEAL 2023**

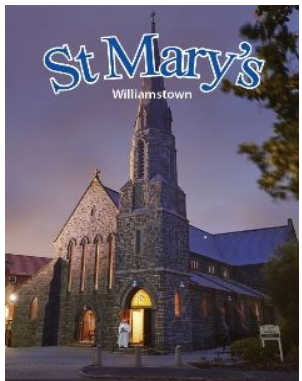
**Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted the annual Pastoral Care Appeal in our parish. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal.**


**If you still wish to donate or if you would like to have more information about the Chaplaincy Services, please visit [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513.**

**Mary Care we at St Mary's care about you**

- Are you Lonely? Isolated? Struggling to get to Mass?
- Are you or your loved one, or someone you know convalescing at home and would like to receive communion?
- Would you like a visit or phone call from a Mary Care volunteer?
- Do you need transport to get to Mass?
- Would you like transport assistance to attend St Mary's monthly Senior's Mass and luncheon? (First Friday of each month)

The Mary Care group is a team of volunteers who would love to assist you in any of these areas. Please call St Mary's parish office on 93976066 and a member of the Mary Care Team will be in contact with you.





**The Williamstown Vinnies need new members**

"The Williamstown Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society are looking for new members. We provide financial and personal support to the poor and dispossessed in the local community and within our parish. The work is very rewarding, and we are a close knit and supportive group who meet every first Tuesday of the month to discuss their needs and how to best administer to them. We would be delighted if you have an interest in joining us, so if you do, please call John Brooks (Conference President) on 0466 824 044."