

ROSTERS FOR MASS THIS WEEKEND 18th & 19th DECEMBER, 2021

Counting Team No. 4	Glen McKinney, David Jamieson, Bob Paz
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull, John O'Keefe 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Anne Cooper

ROSTERS FOR SUNDAY MASS 26th December, 2021

Counting Team No. 5	John Richardson, Larry Rigoni, Susan Jamieson
Ministers of the Eucharist	8.30am Mary Debenham 10.30am Di Collins
Mass Readers	8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Volunteer Needed

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

A PRAYER OF
HEALING FOR SICK
FAMILY & FRIENDS

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Brian Warlond who passed away recently and Margaret Murphy, Pam Neely, Peter Wenzel, Kath and Ray Wilmott, Jason Gilham, Brad Dobney, Matthew Busuttill, John Wilson, Sr. Myrene Erdman, Josie Wilde, Nora Doig, Stan Woodruff, Eric Flackhlam, Maria De Grassi, Merle O'Keefe, Marion Oriente, Libero Costanzo, Andrej Edovic, Giuseppe Pecora, Maria Napoli, Shannon Gillis, Mario Camilleri, Lorenza Camilleri, Francesco Camilleri, Rita Consolandi, Carmelo Consolandi, Alberto Mangion, Celestina Mangion, Ersiglia Mangion, Jo Bruchhaus, Frank Schobben Sr and Rosaria Mangion, whose anniversaries are at this time.



St Mary's Parish

A community where we bring together our gifts and talents



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19th December, 2021

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Heidi Zahra
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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 6:00pm
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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C



FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Micah. 5:1-4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. 10:5-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

I am the servant of the Lord:
let it be done to me according to your word.

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:39-44

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, "Most 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."



Tuesday 21st December	9.15am	Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Wednesday 22nd December	9.15am	Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 23rd December	9.15am	Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 24th December Christmas Eve	6.00pm	Mass at St Mary's (200 capacity)
	9.00pm	Mass at St Mary's (200 capacity)
Saturday 25th December Christmas Day	8.30am	Mass at St Mary's Church (200 capacity)
	10.30am	Mass at St Mary's Church (200 capacity)
Sunday 26th December	8.30am	Mass at St Mary's Church.
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Dear Parishioners and Visitors

Christmas is a wonderful feast. Christmas celebrates the presence of God in our world and in our daily life. Christ was born in human flesh in order to draw those who are willing to listen and obey into unity with God and with one another. Therefore, I am sure Jesus challenges us at this time to see the divine spark in others that we meet and equally to be the divine spark for others. We are another Christ in our world and God indeed lives in us. We encourage that deepening of Christ in us through prayer, through listening to his Word, through gathering in His name and through our attempts of unselfish love for others. On the other hand, we can read about people every day in our newspapers who lower themselves from the human to a sort of semi animal level, whereas we are lucky enough to appreciate the lifting of ourselves, not without our own efforts and God's help, to a divine level. Our human level meets the divine and we are so much more at peace through that and then are able to have a deeper joy. It is a life long process of transformation, but progress can definitely be made and we then can be people of greater hope. Our hope can then feed our faith and our love.

We welcome this weekend Tom Christie, as a 7th year seminarian, who will be staying at the Williamstown presbytery over the next few months or at least until after his diaconate ordination in probably February or March 2022. Tom has grown up in West Essendon, and finished his secondary education at St Bernard's College in Essendon. One thing you will learn is that he is a Saint – a St Kilda supporter!! I was telling Tom that my grandfather first played for St Kilda in 1903 before ending his career from 1907 – 1912 for Melbourne. My Melbourne supporting mother eventually married a die-hard bulldog's supporter from Footscray! As I informed one dismayed grade 6 child a few years back: "My grandfather was a dog (paternal side of family), my father was a dog and I am a dog"!! We hope Tom Christie finds Williamstown to be a second home for him as he stays with us over the coming months. He has had a reasonably long journey to priesthood, having studied 4 years of podiatry, 5 years practising as a podiatrist, now just finished 7 years of studies for priesthood. Hopefully the next 40 or so years as a priest after ordination in 2022 goes well for him and that he is very effective as a pastor of God's people.

Yours 'in Christ'
Fr Greg 15/12/2021



Columban Calendars 2022
Are available for sale at the conclusion of Mass from the rear of the Church for \$10.00.



There are copies of 'The Swag' available on the back table. Please feel free to help yourself.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2021 AT ST MARY'S

Please note Bookings are required at all Masses. To book your attendance go to signupgenius.com/go/stmary's. All attendees must be fully vaccinated.
Let us – "Love our neighbor and be vaxed."

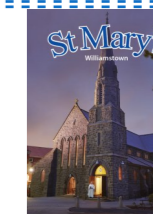


Christmas Eve Friday 24th December	Christmas Day Saturday 25th December
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Sunday 26th December 10.30am Mass at St Mary's

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



Commitment to the safety of children and young people

By the directive of the Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne, Peter A Comensoli, this commitment extends to clergy, employees and volunteers within the Archdiocese, regardless of their role or level of responsibility to act to safeguarding children and young people from abuse. The Catholic Church has a mission-driven moral and legal responsibility to create nurturing environments where children are respected, where their voices are heard, and where they feel safe and are safe. We acknowledge that preventing child abuse requires proactive approaches across policies, procedures and practices consistent with the requirements of the Victorian Child Safe Standards and the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (informed by the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations).



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If you would like to donate, you will find posters around the Church with the QR code or alternately please scan the one here.



As you are aware from previous newsletters, due to lengthy lockdowns, we have not been receiving the loose money from collections which are needed for living expenses. I now have Seminarian Tom Christie who is staying with me at the Presbytery, so any extra you are able to give via the above or alternatively directly crediting the Presbytery Account (BSB: 083-347 Account: 65-836-5858) would be greatly appreciated.

I thank you for your generosity. Fr. Greg