

## ROSTERS FOR MASS THIS WEEKEND 20th & 21st February, 2021

Counting Team No. 1	Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Maria Laudato 8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Ivonne Cram 10.30am Richard van der Merwe
Mass Readers	6.00pm Elizabeth O'Keefe 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Jane McLaughlin

### Rosters for weekend 27th & 28th February, 2021

Counting Team No. 2	Mary Forster, Marguerite Buckley, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm John O'Keefe/Beata Ocampo 8.30am Mary Frisby/Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Mimma Cutroni
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Richard van der Merwe

### IN OUR PRAYERS

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Alfred Spiteri and Anna Trifilo who passed away recently and 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.



### LENTEN PROGRAM

On February 23 there will be an on line reflection on the Good Samaritan story and Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis latest encyclical. The second chapter of Fratelli Tutti is a reflection on the Good Samaritan story.

In order to follow this prayer/reflective program please go to the link:

<https://youtu.be/qBjkOgraOO4> For this particular program run by Sr Therese Quinn from 'St Joseph's by the Sea' (16 Esplanade) it is suggested during the presentation you have a diary or booklet, preferably with blank pages in case you would like to scribble art or paste in cuttings, pictures as well as words.....anything to express what surfaces for you. Any further enquiries please email [therese.quinn@sosj.org.au](mailto:therese.quinn@sosj.org.au) or phone her on 0419280841

# St Mary's Parish



*A community where we bring together our gifts and talents*

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21st February, 2021

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#### Pastoral Associate

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#### Parish Office Manager-Secretary

Heidi Zahra

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.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Genesis. 9:8-15

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

### SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Peter. 3:18-22

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

### GOSPEL: MARK 1:12-15

At once the Spirit drove him out into the desert and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

**“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”**





Tuesday 23rd February	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 24th February	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm Way of the West meeting in the presbytery.
Thursday 25th February	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 26th February	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 6.30pm Stations of the Cross at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

On this weekend 50 years ago (21<sup>st</sup> Feb precisely) 27 youngish men including myself went to the seminary at Werribee. 9 became priests, one became a permanent deacon. 7 have now reached a higher destination with God, and out of the 20 now still alive 14 of us have arranged to meet in a restaurant in Melbourne on Sunday evening. Realistically with a very poor academic record I gave myself a 50/50 chance of lasting two years before I was shown the door! However, I thought it worth taking the big risk if God was actually calling me to something I rated as very important for the ongoing life of the Church. It is only mainly by the grace of God, much support from parishioners in various parishes and the support of my initial year mates at the time that I am able to rejoice 50 years later. I could not have wished for a better group to join at the time. It tended to be a sportier group – so that suited me down to the ground. We played football, cricket, squennis, ran in athletic carnivals, and now some of us play golf together. We have shared so many good anniversaries, good memories, mostly happy times, good holidays together. I am extremely thankful to the Spirit for calling me to that particular group of people of which by chance I happen to be the oldest. We will celebrate this event in a big way as we have got on famously together. Then we will get back to Lent!! Like starting the 1<sup>st</sup> day in the seminary, Lent is not unlike it. One changes ones patterns and starts on a different path and by the grace of God one comes out a better person. All the best in your journey of Lent as you start that process this weekend.

The Lenten season has a twofold character:

- It recalls baptism or prepares for it;
- It stresses a penitential spirit.

It is a period where you pay more attention to the Word of God. I have a few spare bibles if one needs a more modern translation of the bible like the New Revised Standard Version. For some it might be an idea to take a new scripture passage to read from the New Testament – every day in Lent. It is something extremely worthwhile. I would suggest as the readings of year B are being used this year that you might read something like a page a day from Mark's Gospel and reflect on the words or be encouraged by the great success of the early Church in 'the Acts of the Apostles'. The 'Acts of the Apostles' follow the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. It is a book everyone should read and reflect on at least once during one's life time. You won't regret it. Another aspect in line with this during Lent is to take part in more ardent prayer. For example: Mass attendance during week, family prayer, a visit to a church, making the Stations of the Cross Friday evenings, praying the rosary, or in other ways.

During Lent, penance should not only be internal and individual but also external and social. One aspect of this to help others: for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened, or in other ways.

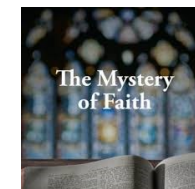
Lent is a period of self-denial: for example, not eating sweets or dessert, giving up some form of entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere – Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia. Don't try everything but do something!

Yours 'In Christ'

Fr Greg 19/2/2021

## Mystery of Faith to learn for Lent

*Save us, Saviour of the world,  
For by your cross and Resurrection  
You have set us free.*



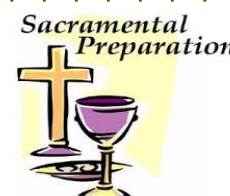
## First Sunday of Lent 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021



Jamila is a Rohingya refugee living in a camp in Bangladesh with her elderly mother and baby daughter. With the support of Caritas Australia, and through Caritas Bangladesh, Jamila has been able to have access to emergency food, shelter, counselling, and vocational training that will help to support her family.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help mothers like Jamila be more for her family and her community.**

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting:  
[www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



## RECONCILIATION PREPARATION ST MARY'S PARISH 2021

Parents of Parish Children who do not attend St. Mary's School and would like to be part of our Reconciliation Program in 2021 please contact Monique Julian (Pastoral Associate) [Monique.Julian@cam.org.au](mailto:Monique.Julian@cam.org.au)

The program will be held at the Parish Center from 6.30pm - 7.30pm on the following Monday evenings: 1/3, 15/3, 22/3 with reconciliations between 23 March and 26th March.

## LENTEN SMALL BOOKLET

This Lent we encourage Parishioners to take part in a personal Lenten Journey. We will have copies of a 76 page full colour booklet "Comfort Lenten Program 2021" containing short daily reflections from the first Sunday of Lent through to Easter Sunday written by 16 fantastic clergy, religious and lay contributors from around the world.

These are perfect for individual devotional reading at home in addition to additional Sunday Scripture readings and reflections, prayers and questions that traditionally form part of Lenten group gatherings and are available at the back of the Church for a \$10 donation.



## SENIORS' MASS AND LUNCHEON

The next senior's Mass will be held on **5th March at 11.30am**  
Followed by lunch in the Parish Centre **All Welcome.**



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—CAN YOU HELP?

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY—SUNDAY 8.30AM MASS

The Parish is in need of someone to co-ordinate and plan each week's children's liturgy sessions. Volunteers are also needed to join the roster for the children's liturgy at 8.30am Mass. Even if it is only once a term it would be a great help.