

**Rosters for this Week 20th and 21st May**

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt, Gail Tull 8.30am Evol Farrelly, Karen Colla 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Peter Mareena 10.30am Antoinette Acquaro
Welcomers	6.00pm Volunteer Needed 8.30am Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Tue Pham
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Eilin Taylor

**Rosters for next Week 27th and 28th May 2023**

Counting Team No. 1	Tracey Gregg, Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones, Paul Francis
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Volunteer Needed 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Maryann Wenzel 10.30am Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Olga Reginato
Welcomers	6.00pm Volunteer Needed 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Ros Jacklin, James McCutcheon

*LET US PRAY...*

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

We pray for Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Kevin Murphy, Sarah Rodgers, Cathy Reid, Assunta Delgrosso, Yemme Reddy, Joseph Falzon and Jean McCutcheon.

**RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES**

We pray for Susan Minton who passed away recently and Noreen Bagnell Mariese Kalka, Sebastian Gashi, Rosalia Bendistinto, Franca Cuomo, Ivanka Ostrugnaj, Ronald Gilmartin, Jacky Butler, Fr. Paddy Fitzpatrick, Brian O'Brien, Mark Thorn, Michael Hynes, Tom Johnson, Rowland Hassall, Ellen Williamson, Rodney Lloyd, Onorina Pomazan, Gladys Starr, Ken Elder, Lucia Gelcrisio, Stefania Jaslan, Eileen Haywood, Mary Lewer, Charlie Axelson, Dorrie O'Neill, Len Bevis, Shane Ryland, George Lewis, Michael Evans, Andrew Carrick, Tony Nuzzo, June Ellis, Frank Templeton, Rose De Battista, Eddy Berry, John Foord, Rodolfo Ruggieri, Charles Broadfoot, Alberto, Celestina, Ersilia, Giuseppe, Benedetto, Natalino, Margherita, Carmelo, George and Emmanuele Mangion, Maria Meloni, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Rita, Pietro, Francesa, Benedetto and Ignazio Saragozza, whose anniversaries are at this time.



# 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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21st May, 2023

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**Parish Office Manager**  
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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**

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD—YEAR A

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: 1.1-11

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

God mounts the throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

**SECOND READING:**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians 1.17-23

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

**GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:16-20**



The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him they worshipped but doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them. 'All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptizing them in the name of the Father and of

the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold that I am with you always; until the very end of the age.'



Tuesday 23rd May	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 24th May	9.15am Communion Service at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 25th May	9.15am Communion Service at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 26th May	9.15am Communion Service at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

**A BIG WELCOME to all those presenting their children for 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist in the near future.**

Jesus has ascended into Heaven and has not left us orphans as he has left us the Holy Spirit and has also promised to be with us always until the end of time. The Feast of the Ascension shows us the goal of our earthly journeys. It is a goal that defies our imagination, and that gives an eternal dimension to our lives. However, we know nothing of the mystery of the beyond. All we have are the words of Jesus: 'Where I am, you too will be.' We ask you Lord that the glitter of this world may not dim our hopes of eternal glory. And by your unceasing care may you guide our steps towards this life of glory.

Below is my own particular take on "The Swag" available at back table.

**SUMMARY "THE SWAG" MAGAZINE – WINTER EDITION**



- P 3 Chairman of National Council of Priests puts forward a valid point that at times over the centuries the Catholic Church needs to lament, especially in certain members who cause scandal or sin.
- P 4 Editor notes that not only do many members of our Church wish to make statements about the upcoming Synod of Synodality in Rome but also share views about the upcoming referendum on 'the Voice'. He finally states that within our wide Church there are many voices who share their views in this edition of "The Swag."
- P 5 A well-known Adelaide priest, Fr John Swann writes about the 10 years of Pope Francis and finishes nicely with: '...there are many things to be thankful for, due to the influence and pastoral leadership of Pope Francis.'
- P 6 The upcoming Synod on Synodality in Rome could be a watershed moment in the life of the Church this decade. Constant J Mews Professor Emeritus at Monash University throws out some nice pearls: 'Yet Synodality is simply another word for perhaps the oldest tradition in the Church, that of coming together to discern the voice of the Holy Spirit'. He ends with: 'Whatever word we use for synodality, we must learn to travel together on the road.'
- P 7 Josephite Sister, Carmel Pilcher opens our eyes a little wider on the need for great flexibility with our liturgies for and with our aboriginal brothers and sisters.
- P 8 Page 7 needs to be read before my own particular article on the help we need to give to ACCRAF – Australian Catholic Clergy Remuneration Fund. This is a fund that mainly relies on fellow priests or priest funds in dioceses to give some money towards any clergy in necessitous financial circumstances in outback dioceses where little money is on the plate.
- P 9 Good Samaritan Sister, Patty Fawkner makes a good case for those who may be considering voting against 'the Voice' and might consider changing their minds!
- P 11 The son of a former head of the High Court of Australia, lawyer priest Fr Frank Brennan adds ten steps for Catholics looking at the forthcoming referendum especially in light of Catholic social teaching.
- P 12 Sarah Bachelard, Anglican priest writes a rather serious article on such things as trying to grow in wisdom's way.

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P 13 - Terry Fewtrell is an active member in Concerned Catholics Canberra. I wish it was not true what he has written about our Australian Church needing to wake up to look at the signs of the times! However, many of his points are very valid. Unfortunately one of his most valid points about us not responding (as we should have) to the thrust given by the Vatican Council and the emergence of too many bishops incompetent for the job at hand seems not too far from the truth. My own view is that even if only half dozen of more wisely chosen bishops for the job were chosen then we would have an entirely different Australian Church responding far more to the needs of our time, and having far bigger congregations. There were many parish priests out there who would have been capable of being a very good bishop. Unfortunately, in the last 30 years some very strong-minded conservative bishops stymied the efforts of some very more moderate or progressive bishops within Australia. I am glad the writer could state the following towards the end of his article: 'I hear there is hope in some of the newer episcopal appointments....' I would agree since Pope Francis became Pope, we have had some greater discernment of bishops fit to lead. May this continue otherwise we can fall back into clericalism and inflexibility.

P 15 Teacher Frank O'Shea makes the valid statement: 'A modern society needs educated women'.

P 16 I think Kevin Liston was probably not in the priesthood very long and probably came straight from school into it as he makes what I believe are some very naïve statements and I wonder if he has been given the bad end of the straw with the particular priests he has met in parishes. It is true what he says though that clericalism is a problem but fortunately it is not the majority of priests yet I still factor it as a major concern for the Church throughout the world. Those who are too clerical minded tend to be the more conservative among us and inflexible in their treatment of parishioners in regards liturgies for example to do with marriages or funerals. Only certain confined music will do at their liturgies!!!

P 17 Paul Collins makes the valid assumption that the minority group within the Catholic Church recognised as Opus Dei can be a concern: 'they are certainly very conservative Catholics'. They operate only one parish in our Archdiocese – St Mary's West Melbourne.

P 18-19 If author is correct then it appears English Benedictine John Bede Polding was the wrong choice of first bishop for the needs of a new land – 'the great South Land of the Holy Spirit!'

P 20-21 I commend the efforts of this priest in a difficult area pastorally.

P 22 Writer Fr Denis O'Bryan writes a very commendable article about the loss of the Josephite sisters in Sale diocese after 120 years plus details some of their great works of achievement.

P 23-24 Hopefully the writer is not correct about anti-Jewish feeling coming from the pulpits but worth all priests consideration including myself just in case it is true.

P 25 Sad but lovely story.

P 26 Nice article about thankfulness for others in supporting Catholic Mission in this land.

P 27-30 A wide range of views in these pages.

P 31 'The Pope's Exorcist' - Not a film I am desiring to see!

P 32 Book worth reading by Croatian background people.

P 33-35 Obituaries of priests show a wide experience of life within some many different parishes or communities.

As it has been a while since we trained a new batch of altar servers **please be in touch with me (0400 524 363) if your child (boy or girl) is interested in altar serving every second weekend** at any of the particular masses of the weekend. It also develops their confidence and leadership appearing in public as it did for me at St John's West Footscray as a young boy.

**Next weekend is our last Sunday of the month "Family Mass"** where else half of the children of grade 4 of our parish will receive their 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist as well – your family will be very welcome to come.

For those interested in statistics here are the numbers at Mass last weekend:

Saturday night 78 Sunday 8:30am 88 Sunday 10:30am 78

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 18/5/2023