

Rosters for This Week 21st & 22nd of March

Counting Team No. 1

Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones

Rosters for Next Week 28th & 29th March

Counting Team No. 2

Mary Forster, Marguerite Buckley, Lauren Dittmar

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for, Leo O'Brien, Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Barrie Poulton, Bridget Walsh, Cathryn Walsh.



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Pearl Wells, Lynette McCann (Lily), Giovanni Raunik, Peter Wentworth, Brendan Rooney, Kevin Hynes, Zaren Bartolo, Francis Spira, John Bartolo, Marcelle Michaud, Sr. Mary Byrne, Brendan Rooney, Win Kelly, Czeslaw Pleban, Jim Houlahan, Terrence Mahoney, Bessie Wood, Isabella Belmonts, Antonio Fernandes, Kevin Creaney, Terrence Duffy, Carmel Johnson, Cynthia Frawley, Harry Orr, Norma Ranson, Des O'Driscoll, Noreen Hunter, Geoff Hopkins, Kevin Grace, Giuseppe Nardo, William Spurling, William Dorgan, Lou Hindle,

Charles Little, Fran Mannix, Michael McGrath, Kevin Walsh, Ted Literski, Margaret Mangion, Len Owens, Gordon Barnes, Edward Maguire, Mary Zahra, Baskal Farrugia, Gertrude Embach, Andrew Murphy, Robert Telfer, Win Hogan, Les Williams, Severina Ordinario, John Smith, Giovanni Radoicovic, Robert James Burke, Nancy McCrae, Marie Richardson, Domenico & Maria Ulcigrai, Giacomo, Caterina & Lino Lugnani and Shirley Barclay, whose anniversaries are at this time.

ASK MARY—SUGGESTION BOX

St. Mary's Parish Council would like to connect with, and be more in tune with the needs and thoughts of YOU the parishioners/members of our community.

We would like to introduce a comments box which will be situated at the back of the church.

We welcome you all, to communicate in a genuine and respectful way about anything that you would like "Mary" to assist with.

These comments can be made anonymously if you wish.

Here are a few suggestions we've already received.

- 1. I can't hear the Readers very clearly.
2. I have a neighbour who needs transport to Mass.
3. Can we have gluten-free shortbreads as well?

St. Mary's Parish Council

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.



St Mary's Parish



A community where we bring together our gifts and talents

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22nd March, 2020

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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 6:30pm
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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING:

Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING:

Letter of Paul to the Ephesians 5.8-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

GOSPEL: JOHN 9.1-41.



As he passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day.

Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam (which means Sent). So he went and washed, and came back able to see.continued

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshipped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."



Tuesday 24th March	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church (private Mass). 7.30pm Way of the West Meeting in the presbytery.
Wednesday 25th March	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church (private Mass). 7.00pm Parish School Advisory Board meeting at St. Mary's School Staff Room.
Thursday 26th March	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church (private Mass).
Friday 27th March	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church (private Mass).

Dear Parishioners

As there are to be no public celebrations of mass, we have set up a new website "fathergreg.online" to enable everyone to have at least some minimal contact with the liturgy of the following Sundays. Please ensure that you type <https://fathergreg.online> into your address bar (very top of page) and not through google or any other search engine).

Even though there are no public masses, the parish has to keep paying staff and general running costs. Accordingly, unless in some financial trouble at this time, could you please deposit your financial commitment through the slit next to the presbytery door unless you give through credit card etc. This is appreciated particularly at this difficult time.

St. Mary's school has had to take out a loan of approximately \$900,000 in a first stage project for the school. You will notice some activity around the premises as the builders restump both school hall and certain classrooms, plus refurbish other classrooms, underpinning wall and helping with drainage.

Even though it will be a private and not a public mass, if you as a reader are going to be around at Easter time, please put your name down for one of the ceremonies at the back table. Thanks...

On the back table is the Autumn edition of 'the Swag'. It keeps you up to date with some of the latest happenings or aspirations for the Australian Catholic Church. Although some of the articles are critical of the performance of the Catholic Church, like many thousands of Australian Catholics they are trying to help us engage in a better way with our society. There is no point in putting our head in the sand and saying everything is perfect- but all of us whether we be progressive, moderate or rather conservative by nature want the Catholic Church to have the best strategies in order that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be proclaimed appropriately to this particular generation.

All those involved as a leader with the Christmas Pageant and Children's Liturgy of the Word need to have read our 'Child Safety Policy Document' and understand your responsibility as a volunteer in order to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children are paramount at

St. Mary's Williamstown. Please collect a copy of the policy from our Parish Office if you have not already done so and then sign it and return - thanks.

If you are a new parishioner to our church (during the last twelve months), please fill in a Registration Form located on the table at the rear of the church.

Fr. Greg 19 /3 /2020

EASTER WEEK: (These will go ahead but they will be private Masses except for a few people that will be needed to help to complete these ceremonies).

9th April Holy Thursday : 7.00pm at St. Mary's Church Mass of the Lord's Supper

10th April Good Friday: 10.00am Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

11th April Easter Vigil: 7.00pm at St. Mary's Church

12th April Easter Sunday: 8.30am and 10.30am Masses at St. Mary's Church.

Wednesday 18 March 2020

Prayerful greetings to the people of God across Victoria,

The Bishops of the Province of Victoria have given this prayerful and considered reflection, and have determined the following actions:

- Immediate suspension of public liturgies, celebrations of the Mass, until further notice.**
- All other gatherings are suspended. For clarification of any concerns, please contact your local diocesan authority (or Fr. Greg on 0400 524 363).**

We are very aware that this restriction will be particularly difficult for families who are planning liturgies such as funerals, weddings and baptisms. At this time, so long as appropriate precautions are able to be put in place (such as distancing between participants), it may be possible for these liturgies to proceed with a carefully limited congregation. Deferring these liturgies may also be an option that is offered to families.

In light of this, all Catholics in Victoria are dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice (canon 1248). We encourage you to continue active participation in the life of the Church, through activities such as time in personal and family prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, making a spiritual communion, or participating in a Mass online (<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand> or <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> or www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass).

We encourage our priests to continue to celebrate Mass for the spiritual good of God's people, the intentions of the faithful and the alleviation of the present crisis. We assure our people that the Mass is being offered for you in our parishes and that while you are not physically present, you still participate spiritually and that you are close to the hearts of your pastors in the Eucharist.

Thank you for all your patience, prayers and resilience.



Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE



Most Rev Paul Bernard Bird CSsR MA, DD
BISHOP OF BALLARAT



Most Rev Shane Mackinlay
BISHOP OF SANDHURST



Most Rev Patrick Michael O'Regan
BISHOP OF SALE