

# St Mary's Parish



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

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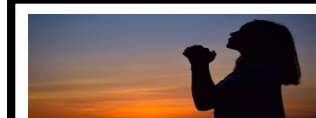
22nd May, 2022

## Rosters for This Week 21st May & 22nd May

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| Counting Team No. 2        | Mary Foster, Marguerite Buckley, Lauren Dittmar  |
| Ministers of the Eucharist | 6.00pm Mary Soppitt, Gail Tull<br>8.30am Evol Farrelly, Karen Colla<br>10.30am Richard van der Merwe |
| Mass Readers               | 6.00pm Marcia Schobben<br>8.30am Volunteer needed<br>10.30am Olga Reginato                           |

## Rosters for Next Week 28th May & 29th May

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| Counting Team No. 3        | Ian Veal, Frances Maloney, Tony Cutroni   |
| Ministers of the Eucharist | 6.00pm John O'Keefe, Larry Rigoni<br>8.30am Stephen Littleton<br>10.30am Di Collins |
| Mass Readers               | 6.00pm Josie Penna<br>8.30am Anthony Verhoef<br>10.30am Anne Cooper                 |



### IN OUR PRAYERS

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

### RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Noreen Bagnell who passed away recently and 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.



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### 8.30AM CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are seeking volunteers to help run our 8.30am Children's Liturgy sessions.

It would be a great help even if only once a term.

Please contact Heidi Zahra on 9397 6066 on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday for further details.

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR C

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 15:1-2, 22-29

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

### SECOND READING:

A reading from the book of Revelation. 21:10-14, 22-23

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

### GOSPEL: JOHN 14:23-29

Jesus answered and said to him, "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me."



"I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name -- he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe."

### Parish Priest

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### Pastoral Associate

Monique Julian  
0450 789 951  
Monday, Tuesday

### Parish Office Manager

Heidi Zahra  
Tuesday 8:30am - 4.00pm  
Thursday 8:30am - 4.00pm  
Friday 8:30am - 4.00pm

### Parish Secretary

Kylie Skinner  
Wednesday  
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 12:30pm Sunday



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| Tuesday 24th May   | 9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church.  |
| Wednesday 25th May | 9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.<br>10.30am Funeral Mass for Noreen Bagnell at St Mary's Church. |
| Thursday 26th May  | 9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.   |
| Friday 27th May    | 9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.   |

Dear Parishioners and Visitors

**Welcome to all children receiving Eucharist this weekend and their immediate families.** As parents you are the main educators of your children in the ways of faith. We want to help but we cannot hold the hands of faith for them like you. You as parents are the ones who are challenged by the Church and by God, I believe to direct the children to know in particular the son of God, Jesus Christ. He is the one who is **"the way, the truth and the life"**. No doubt, almost all children are open to faith, but the more you introduce them to prayer (talking to God as a friend), to reading the Scriptures especially the Gospels, and to Eucharist within the Christian Community then you go along way to help them be other Christs in this world. **"Go out to all the world and preach the Good News"**. It is 'Good News' and don't get disheartened or drop the ball yourself as children need you to hold their hand of faith, to point the finger in the right direction and know Christ will bring you his peace and peace to your family. He is **"the light of the world"** and darkness cannot overcome it.



Many of you will notice that I have dropped the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of this weekend's normal readings. It concerns a big fight in the early Church in which a minority wanted to force "circumcision" on all new believers. Ultimately St Paul, St Peter and the leader of the Christian Community in Jerusalem the apostle James won this fight to make sure "circumcision" was not a requirement of every new male Christian. There is a time and a place for me to explain every reading but this normal one of the Easter cycle of the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year C was not one which I deemed advisable at a 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist gathering nor for me to explain at such!! Hopefully it will not be a 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist weekend when this reading comes around again in 3 years' time!

**Next weekend I will be celebrating the Masses at the Parish of St Joseph's, Newport and Spotswood.** Their Parish Priest Fr Binh Le will be celebrating the three Masses here next weekend. Although this is part of the mission strategy of the Archdiocese to form stronger relationships with the Parishes around every area, it has also been agreed to by our Parish Council that I occasionally swap pulpits with Fr Binh. No doubt greater connections with Newport and Spotswood will evolve over the years, but we are taking it in small steps at this stage.



Sometimes Saints are God's answer to crisis in the Church. Therefore it is worth noting in retrospect that one of the biggest canonisation ceremonies ever seen in Rome happened exactly 400 years ago in 1622. The 16<sup>th</sup> century was a time of great crisis. The Church in western Europe was torn asunder by mainly the Protestant Reformation. When Luther began the Protestant Reformation in 1517, there was no doubt that the Catholic Church was in great need of reform. The pressing question was whether that reform would be orthodox or not, unified or not, Catholic or not. The saints of 1622 saw to it that reform was radical, authentic, and missionary. History gives us perspective. While the challenges the Church faces today are significant, it is not 1517. For the 16<sup>th</sup> century was an astonishingly dire time for the faith; the Church was divided. It was from that bleak world that Philip Neri, Francis Xavier, Ignatius of Loyola and Teresa of Avila were called and to that same world they were sent. Of the 5 canonised in St Peter's Square in 1622 those four were giants of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, champions of the Catholic Reformation. Reading or googling any of their stories will surely leave an impression of great admiration. Just this week Pope Francis canonised 10 new saints in St Peter's Square. I doubt whether they will have the same profile for the centuries to come but some of them like Charles de Foucauld or Titus Brandsma were extraordinary human beings. Let us never forget they are constantly an example of how to live a better life but they are also people we can turn to in our hours of need.

For several years I have known an Ethiopian family in Williamstown. They are a family with 3 children who have been most of the time in a Housing Commission high rise. Unfortunately, the father has serious health issues. As I have known the family, he appealed to me for help to sponsor 'a special care visa' in order to bring out another Ethiopian family from Ethiopia: like Australian family with husband/wife and similarly 3 children. We discussed this at the 'Way of the West' and through our Parish Finance Committee and have agreed to give the \$2,740 needed for the assisted passage of this Ethiopian family who will now permanently support their invalid relation when they come to Australia in the near future. This has been agreed to by our Immigration Department. As this has only happened very recently, I was interested to hear from Kevin Meese, Diocesan Director of Catholic Mission that Cardinal Souraphiel, Archbishop of Addis Ababa is coming in June to seek support for his ministry and outreach to the people of Ethiopia: his work is the main feature of this year's Propagation to the Faith Appeal in this important year of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Society. After initial contact, Kevin emailed me back on Tuesday: " Hello Greg, Thanks for the news, and congrats on your parish's involvement in the sponsorship of the Ethiopian relatives. I hope there may be some people able to get to Werribee to meet the Cardinal - I'm sure he'll be very happy to know of your involvement.....Kevin Meese Diocesan Director.

I am not sure whether I will be able to get to Werribee myself on June 1<sup>st</sup> or not as I have 9:15 am Mass but there is a 9:00 am Mass at St Andrew's Werribee Greaves Street North Werribee followed by a talk in the Penola Hub across the road (at back of St Andrew's school). I am informed that the Hall gathering will be around 9:45am. It would be nice for some parishioners to head down there to hear and meet the Cardinal.

Did you know that the Josephite order operates St Joseph by the Sea at 16 Esplanade Williamstown?

Did you know that St Joseph's by the Sea has a LENDING LIBRARY?

Eco-Spirituality, Scripture, Aboriginal Spirituality, Theology, Art and Magazines like Earth Son, Madonna, NGV Magazines and spirituality in daily life. These are all available for borrowing - A Librarian, Margaret Brown will be in attendance on Thursdays from 10am to 2:00pm.

Next Seniors Mass will be Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 am followed by usual luncheon in the Parish Centre -all are welcome

Yours 'in Christ'  
Fr Greg 19/5/2022



## ACRAH

Australian Catholic Religious against Trafficking in Humans

23rd June, 2022 7pm to 8 pm.

St Joseph's By The Sea, 16 Esplanade Williamstown

Presenter: Marguerite Buckley

Information and conversation evening about Human trafficking in Australia and ACRAH'S efforts to combat it. ACRAH advocates for and supports those who have experienced any form of modern slavery, be it in labour or sexual exploitation or forced marriage.

RSVP: 15th June. 9397 6012 admin.sjbtsw@sosj.org.au



## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION ST. MARY'S PARISH 2022

Parents of Parish Children who do not attend St. Mary's School and would like to be part of our Sacramental Program in 2022, please contact Monique Julian (Pastoral Associate) [Monique.julian@cam.org.au](mailto:Monique.julian@cam.org.au)

♦ **CONFIRMATION** 6.30pm-7.30pm on the following Monday evenings: 11/7, 18/7, 25/7 with confirmation Masses scheduled for 26th-28th July.

