

Rosters for This Week 22nd & 23rd January

Counting Team No. 1	Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Mary Debenham 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Olga Reginato

Rosters for Next Week 29th & 30th January

Counting Team No. 2	Mary Forster, Marguerite Buckley, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat, John O'Keefe 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Mary Frisby 10.30am Mimma Cutroni
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Charles Hili 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, Assunta Delgrosso.



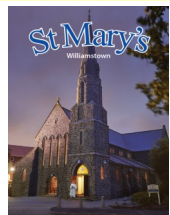
RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Fr. Noel Mackay, who died recently and for Milica Zuvela, Carla Pisano, Angela and Natalino Meilak, Franca Ficarra, Nunzio Ficarra, Sr. Ellen Holland sjc, Joseph Buckley, Josephine O'Toole, Maurice Clancy, Mary Clancy, Michael Sully, Tom Flood, Norma Hynes, John Neville, Giovanni Cutroni, Kevin Broadfoot, Aileen McKindley, Charlotte Berchy, Alfred Abela, Bree Barry, Ana Delija, Frank Walsh, Pina De Battista, Judy Welsh, Concetta Tevere, Louis Dorgan, Darren Splatt, Maria Vivina, Caterina Vitro, Judith Davies, Michael Frawley, Denis Robinson, Sr. Therese Ryan, Eileen Sullivan, Garry Rutherford, Dorothy Rycroft, Mons Attilio Delise, Mons Pietro Fonda, Eileen Mangan and Antonio Rigoni, whose anniversaries are at this time.



ATTENTION!!! Don't Forget to Save Your Seat At Mass

As there is a maximum 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



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23rd January, 2022

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Friday 9:15am - 4pm

Parish Secretary

Kylie Skinner
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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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C



FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Nehemiah. 8:2-6, 8-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Yours words, Lord, are spirit and life.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 12:12-30

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

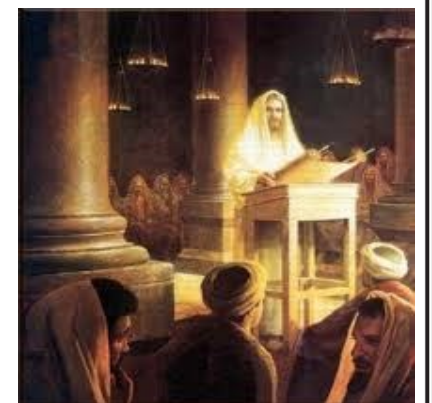
The Lord sent me to bring good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year
acceptable to the Lord."



Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."

Tuesday 25th January	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Wednesday 26th January— Australia Day	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church—Australia Day Liturgy.
Thursday 27th January	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 28th January	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors
From the latest news you will know and understand the **terrible disaster to the people and infrastructure of Tonga through the volcanic eruptions**. If you can help financially through our aid agency Catholic Caritas, an **online donation can be easily completed by connecting to the Catholic Caritas website**. Every \$50 donation makes a difference in the long run.



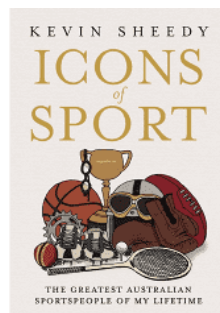
The following are some of the things we hopefully can address or be aware of at this time or in the coming weeks:

- ◆ **Parish Council Gathering** at Parish Centre: Saturday Feb 5th from 10:30am – 2:30pm. Lunch will be provided.
- ◆ **Memorial Garden Wall:** the possibility of putting up a plaque in remembrance of Fr. Noel Oliver.
- ◆ **First Seniors' Mass of the year** on Friday Feb 4th at 11:30am – all welcome. Luncheon to be served immediately afterwards in the Parish Centre.
- ◆ **Next 'Working Bee'** around Parish Grounds towards end of February.
- ◆ **New Altar Servers training** to take place at 4.00pm on Sunday January 30th – anyone interested from grade 3 onwards please inform Fr. Greg.

I offer the following as an extra homily I have made up for this weekend.

EXTRA HOMILY FOR SUNDAY 3C

A parishioner gave me this terrific book for Christmas: "Icons of Sport" – 'The Greatest Australian Sportspeople of My Lifetime' – by Kevin Sheedy. Whether it is to do with sports or otherwise, we probably take all books for granted. On the other hand, in the past, scrolls or parchments were used for centuries when important information was needed to be written down. Thus, in line with the past, today's readings show us two scenes in which the holy Scriptures inspired by the Holy Spirit are read publicly. **The first is in our first reading where Ezra the priest reads the Torah or early books of the Bible to the people.** The proclamation of the laws in it become an occasion of great sorrow as the people reflected on their failure to keep God's covenant, which was seen as leading to their long exile in Babylon. **The second scene takes place in the synagogue at Nazareth, when Jesus comes home to inaugurate his ministry by reading from the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah.** The famous passage Jesus finds and reads goes to the very heart of the covenant between God and Jesus' commitment to humankind: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor."



Now we are the third audience for this powerful challenge coming to us today from the Word of God. Jesus is now speaking to us in our assembly. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon you. You have been anointed to bring good news to the poor.....to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Why is the above reading about us? Well, in today's second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we are the body of Jesus now present in the world. We are the body of Christ: his ministry of preaching, healing, mercy and liberation is now taking place through us. *Continued....*



The people of Nazareth were at first moved by Jesus' eloquence, but their reaction turned quickly to scepticism and then to rejection when Jesus said that the words of Isaiah were being fulfilled at that very moment. His neighbours were stunned – **just who is this man, a simple carpenter, one of us, and yet he claims that God is fulfilling one of the great messianic promises through him!** Is their scepticism our own? **We too, are ordinary people, at times sinful and weak.** Can God empower us to bring the good news to the poor, freedom to captives, sight to the blind? Are we not simple carpenters, working people, teachers, nurses,

business men and women, childcare givers, parents and grandparents? Yet we are asked to believe that this word is fulfilled in our hearing. The kingdom of God is at hand, thus does not His compassion come from our hands, our feet, our voices – like so many other countless Christians and people of goodwill in our world today and in past centuries.

When we approach the Table of the Lord to receive Jesus in Communion, is this not a further commitment of ourselves to be Jesus, anointed by His Spirit to carry out his mission in our particular and sometimes peculiar ways. In this

New Year of 2022, we will see and hear Jesus again and again in the Sunday Gospels. If we dare to imitate Him, His Word will come true in our hearing. **God will not abandon us but will provide everything we need to carry out our own vocations as disciples of Jesus and like the ancient people of God who wept at the reading of the law, we too, are called to repent for our failures of service to**



His Good News. But this is also meant to be a time of rejoicing. The joy of the Gospel is always ours in Jesus. **If we live as missionaries of mercy, we will know God's mercy in our own lives. If we liberate one another with forgiveness, we ourselves will be set free. If we lift the burdens of the oppressed, we will know God's favour in our own difficulties.**

God is always blessing us. Let us make 2022 a Year of Favour from the Lord.

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr. Greg 19/1/2022

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)

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- **RECONCILIATION** 6.30 - 7.30 on the following Monday evenings:
28/2, 14/3, 21/3 with reconciliations 22nd–25th March.
- **FIRST COMMUNION** 6.30 -7.30 on the following Monday evenings:
2/5, 9/5, 16/5 with communion Masses on the weekend of 21st/22nd May.
- **CONFIRMATION** 6.30 -7.30 on the following Monday evenings:
11/7, 18/7, 25/7 with confirmation Masses scheduled for 26th -28th July.