

**Rosters for This Week 22nd & 23rd June**

Counting Team No. 2	Mary Forster, Judy Corfield, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	5.30pm Maria Laudato, John O'Keefe 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Mimma Cutroni
Mass Readers	5.30pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Kate Arnold
Children's Liturgy	8.30am No children's liturgy. 10.30am Year 4 First Eucharist—no children's liturgy

**Rosters for Next Week 29th & 30th June**

Counting Team No. 3	Ian Veal, Frances Maloney, Tony Cutroni
Ministers of the Eucharist	5.30pm Gail Tull, Beato Ocampo 8.30am Mary Frisby, Peter Kirwan 10.30am Di Collins
Mass Readers	5.30pm Josie Penna 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Olga Reginato
Children's Liturgy	8.30am No children's liturgy, School Holidays. 10.30am No children's liturgy, School Holidays.



**IN OUR PRAYERS**  
We pray for Leo O'Brien, Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Barrie Poulton.



**RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES**

We pray for Kathleen Canavan, who died recently and for: Mateja Gashi, Gerry Miller, Silvatrice Pecora, Marie Pinzone, Brendan O'Grady, Maria Djopa, Fr. John Cunningham, Vittorio, Adele & Mario Rigoni, Dorrie O'Neill, Mary Bell, Stewart Fisher, John Morris, Lyn Trojkovic, Brian Deagan, Mary Allsopp, Bruce Calman, Vin Hogan, Peter Page, Lawrence Kennedy, Martin Mahy, Jessie Pace, Bernie Kelly, Ernie Jackson, Eric Hudson, Carlo Misley, John Thompson, Peter McDonald, Noel Bean, Lino Lechich, Herbert Richardson, Lino Tominovi, Marcel McKay, Josephine O'Driscoll, Gordon Alexander, Nicholas Cassar, Emilio Cini, Angelina & Natalino Meilak, Maria Falzon, Blondina and Lawrence Sammut, Michael Meilak, Joan Spiteri, Carmela Pisano, Vincent Mifsud, Rosalba Failla, , Antonio Basilone, Rosaria, Albert, Celestina, Ersilia, Guisepppe, Natalino, Margherita, Carmelo, George and Emanuele Mangion, Maria Meloni, Agostino, Margherita, Pasquale, Rita, Pietro, Francesca, Benedetto, Ignazio, Angeolina Saragozza, Mario Camilleri and Giuseppe Azzaro, whose anniversaries are at this time.

**Congratulations and Special Blessings**
  
**We pray for our young parishioners who will celebrate their First Eucharist this weekend.**

# St Mary's Parish



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

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23rd June, 2019

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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

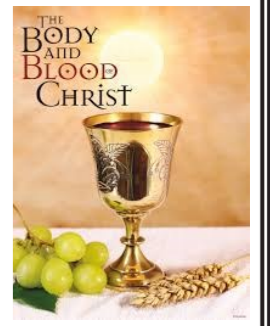
**Normal Mass Times**  
Consult bulletin inside for any changes.  
Saturday at 6:30pm  
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am  
Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

**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.  
**Baptism** 11:30am Sunday

**THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**



**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the book of Genesis. 14:18-20

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

You are a priest for ever; in the line of Melchizedek.

**SECOND READING:**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 11:23-26

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

**GOSPEL: LUKE 9:11-17**

The crowds, meanwhile, learned of this and followed him. He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached him and said, "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people." Now the men there numbered about five thousand. Then he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty." They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.



Tuesday 25th June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm—8.30pm RCIA Meeting –continuation in the Presbytery for those learning more about the Catholic faith.
Wednesday 26th June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm 'Way of the West' at presbytery.
Thursday 27th June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 28th June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Welcome 1st Communicant's and their families. However, like a marriage – the faithful continuation of the journey is the main thing. Yes, today is important for many children receiving their first Eucharist but the faith journey is a continuing journey fraught with many trials. Will one step up to the plate in that journey or be caught up by the cares and worries of life. Some of these children will follow the faith with some determination and others will drop off. We pray for the former rather than the latter as we wish their happiness and not their failure in the faith. Parental example will be the foundation stone needed otherwise who will guide them and give them example about prayer, Eucharist and the living out of the message of love!

**Politicians are not usually the best listeners or the wisest people on this planet!** Some people, such as Herald Sun columnist Susan O'Brien and Premier Daniel Andrews have had some poor end of life experiences with close relatives. Unfortunately, they have taken those limited life experiences and become so called experts in stressing the importance of the comfort of a dignified death with the wrong conclusions. Thus, they have not listened to the majority of palliative care agents and medical professionals. They usually want to enact something that brings them more votes and seemingly more adulation from strong minority groups as they try to pull the wool over the general public eyes by saying things for instance are done 'due to compassion reasons'! Rubbish! Accordingly, they have brought legislation in from last Wednesday to bring about 'Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation (VAD)'. This is despite the fact that there are ever increasing palliative care opportunities ('Mercy Palliative Care') as well as improving pain management opportunities also. They can talk about all the safety standards with new legislation but as you and I know with 'abortion legislation' these so called safety standards get gradually eroded after a while. Consequently, the bishops of Victoria have brought out a pastoral letter that was available from last weekend. I will leave it on both tables at back. I quote just a few important sentences from that pastoral letter:

- 'What is being referred to as 'VAD' is a combination of what in plain speaking is more commonly known as physician assisted suicide and euthanasia.
- Pope Francis has encouraged ordinary Catholics everywhere to resist euthanasia and to protect the old, the young, and the vulnerable from being cast aside in a 'throw-away culture'.
- Catholic hospitals and Catholic residential care organisations have shown great courage. They have united to find ways to model excellent care for their patients, and are committed to resisting calls to involve themselves in VAD.
- We object to the diminishment of the love that can be given and received in the last days of our loved ones.
- We will not abandon those we love, and we believe they have a right to be loved from the beginning to the end of their life.

**"The Swag" has arrived once again.** This is the Winter edition. I tend to read different articles over a month or two periods. There are always a few outstanding articles, but some may be in the front of the magazine and some in the back. This time on page 4 the editor gives a summary of several of the articles. Our new Chairman on page 3 of the National Council of Priests of Australia gives some lovely analogies. I have found it usually a privilege to look at the column on those priests and deacons who have returned to God within the last few months. It is often humbling to read their stories at the very back of 'the Swag' and although we have had priestly troubles these other men have been shining lights to their parishioners and others.

Fr Greg 21/6/2019



## WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

We are disappointed to announce the **cancellation** of the June session of our regular Prayer and Spirituality Program.

**Expressions of Spirituality through the performing arts WILL NOT** be offered on Thursday 27th June

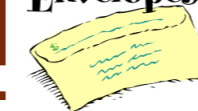
Our next session in the program will be **Art Women and Modern Day Spirituality** with Josephine Cafagna hosting a panel with Giovanni Farquer rsj. and Anmaree Iaccarino. The afternoon and evening (a repeat session) will be held on **Thursday 22nd August**.

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**NEXT SENIORS' MASS—EVERYONE WELCOME!**  
**FRIDAY 5TH JULY AT 11.30AM FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY A LUNCHEON**  
**NEXT DOOR IN THE PARISH CENTRE.**  
**PLEASE BRING A PLATE AS THIS LUNCHEON WILL OCCUR DURING THE**  
**SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.**

### Offering Envelopes



### STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Please collect your envelopes from the rear of the Church.  
All are filed in alphabetical order.  
Thanking you.

### DADS OF ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Keep the date free:*  
*Friday August 16th from 7.00pm at the Presbytery.*



## The St. Mary's School Williamstown Midwinter Ball

St Mary's School P & F invite all parishioners, ex-students and friends to the St Mary's School Midwinter Ball. Ticket includes a 3 course meal, drinks at bar prices and a live band. This will be a great school and community event. The P & F look forward to welcoming you all there.



**Where:** Williamstown Town Hall  
**Date:** Saturday 3rd August  
**Time:** 7pm—Midnight  
**Dress:** Formal  
**Price:** Tickets start at \$100.



Bookings are now open at <https://www.trybooking.com/BDBJU>

Please contact Victoria Crowe on 0416 360 193 should you have any questions.