

ROSTERS FOR MASS THIS WEEKEND 23rd & 24th January, 2021

Counting Team No. 5	John Richardson, Larry Rigoni, Susan Jamieson
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm John O'Keefe, Gail Tull 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Olga Reginato

Rosters for weekend 30th & 31st January, 2021

Counting Team No. 6	Jim Farrelly, Tim Kennedy, Evol Farrelly
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Peter Kirwan, Karen Colla 10.30am Mimma Cutroni
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Richard van der Merwe

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Leo O'Brien, Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni,
Kevin Murphy, Russell Guildford, Sarah Rodgers, Cathy Reid.



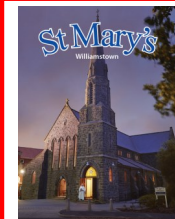
RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES



We pray for Milica Zuvella who died recently and for 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 and Eileen Mangan, whose anniversaries are at this time.

ATTENTION!!!

How to Save Your Seat At Mass



As there is a maximum on the number of Mass attendees of 150, 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
If anyone is unable to access a computer, please phone Monique Julian 0450 789 951 or Heidi Zahra 0418 456 266 to arrange your booking.

St Mary's Parish

A community where we bring together our gifts and talents



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24th January, 2021

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Heidi Zahra
Tuesday 8:30am – 4pm
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 6:00pm
Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am
Tuesday to Thursday 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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

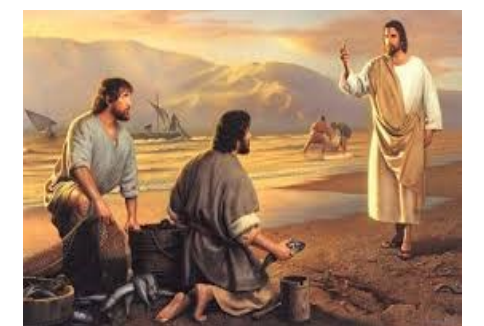
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

The kingdom of God is near:
repent and believe the good news!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.



Tuesday 26th January— Australia Day	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Wednesday 27th January	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 28th January	No Mass as Fr. Greg has Catholic Secondary Staff commitments.
Friday 29th January	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

I am aware that we as a Nation and we as a Parish are not out of the woods yet in relation to COVID-19 complications and no doubt all of us hope we will not regret at some stage in the future having the Australian Open Tennis Tournament staged in our State! Time will shortly tell on that one. Anyway, in my capacity as Parish Priest I bear a responsibility to you all and within that obligation, I am trying not to encourage too many visitors to our Parish Church during 2021! Thus, instead of having up to four baptisms at a time as per usual years, I am trying to curtail the baptisms to two at a time, encouraging some outside the parish area to have the baptisms in their own parish, and encouraging the parents of the baptised children to limit their numbers. Likewise, I am trying to ensure brides and grooms curtail their numbers to something that is acceptable to both them and I. Legally we can have 300 in our church because it is approximately 600 square metres, but this means putting people behind the actual altar area! However, I have put a cap of 150 for Sunday Mass services for most of this year as I think it allows some space for everyone and in the case of a positive COVID-19 carrier there is a greater chance that most will not be infected! Likewise, professional cleaning is being done between and after Sunday Masses. Indeed I need to satisfy the requirements of Government at this time, but also be sensible in trying to keep COVID-19 away as much as possible from you our parishioners. I hope you understand as we need to keep a reasonable balance between being too welcoming on one hand or on the other hand too rigid on numbers allowed.

With the COVID-19 pandemic in mind, I am well aware of many Catholic priests, religious sisters and laypeople who have gone out of their way over the centuries during a plague or a pandemic and served their people to often an extraordinary degree. Accordingly, I would like to note two of their stories among many of which could be told:

1/ Saint Roch:



According to tradition, Roch (or Rocco) was born in Montpellier, France. After his well-off parents died, Roch gave his inheritance to the poor and set off as a pilgrim to Rome. He visited a number of Italian cities, and in each place, he tended those who suffered from the plague. When he was in Piacenza, Roch caught the plague himself. He retired to a small hut in the woods, where he received great support, including the assistance of a friendly dog. After his death soon after, an early recorded instance of the veneration to Saint Roch was in 1414 in Constance, on the border of Switzerland and Italy, where the prayers and procession to honour him are said to have stopped a local epidemic in its tracks. Roch became very well known as a saint and I in my walking travels through France passed a few nice churches in his honour. At the time I did not realise how honoured he was in certain parts of Europe! Roch's intercession was so coveted that agents from Venice stole his relics in 1485 and brought them to the ailing citizens of the Venetian seaport city, where they were enshrined in the church in which they may be venerated even until today.



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2/ Saint Henry Morse:



(Remembering in the 1500's and 1600's there was a great persecution of anyone being or harbouring Catholic priests in England).

Born in post-Reformation England, Henry Morse became convinced of the truth of the Catholic faith while studying law in London. He went to study in Douai (France), and later

became a Catholic seminarian in Rome, but soon returned to England to serve his persecuted Catholic brethren and was eventually arrested. While in prison for three years, he was formed as a Jesuit novice under another prisoner, Father John Robinson. Upon Henry's release, Henry went to minister to English Catholics in Flanders, but later returned to England. He was in London in 1636 when the plague hit, and he worked tirelessly to bring physical and spiritual relief to four hundred families. One hundred families came back to the Catholic Church in a single year as a result of his witness. Although Henry caught the plague three times, he recovered each time. At last, a priest-hunter recognised him, and he was arrested and jailed. He was set free at the request of the Catholic Queen Consort, Henrietta Maria, who pointed out his service to the plague victims.

Henry was captured again in 1644 and sentenced to death. The Catholic ambassadors from France, Portugal, and Spain attended the execution in his honour, and the Spanish ambassador collected his relics. "The kingdom of England will never be truly blessed until it returns to the Catholic faith," Henry declared on the scaffold. "I pray my death may be some kind of atonement for the sins of this kingdom."

As I said there are many stories of Catholic priests, religious sisters and laypeople who helped during plagues or pandemics over the centuries. Maybe in future I will share a few more of these other than St. Henry Morse and St. Roch.

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr Greg 21/1/2021

Working Bee—Saturday 13th February

9.00am—11.00am



Due to COVID-19 we have been unable to hold a working bee for over six months. Therefore there is much weeding, trimming of plants and throwing of extra tan bark on gardens to be done. Please spread the word, not just the tan bark. Any time you have to spare would be greatly appreciated. It would also be helpful if you could bring your own tools.



SATURDAY NIGHT MASS IS NOW 6.00PM ALL YEAR ROUND

Just a reminder to you all as many parishioners have been away on holidays.