

Rosters for This Week 23rd & 24th April

Counting Team No. 6	Jim Farrelly, Tim Kennedy, Evol Farrelly
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Mimma Cutroni
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Anne Cooper

Rosters for Next Week 30th April & 1st May

Counting Team No. 7	Mary Ward, Jean McCutcheon, Greg Morgan
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull, John O'Keefe 8.30am Mary Frisby, Stephen Littleton 10.30am Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Kate Arnold

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Simon Bush who died recently and for Bruno Rigoni, Harry Bunting, Richard Stone, (Fr.) Cyril Blake, Daniela Panzera, Antonio Pecora, Agnes Schobben, Bridget Fagan, Francis Xavier Borg, Jack O'Neill, John Fitzgerald, Nicola Nardo, Ann Brydon, Tessie Zahra, Cecilia Dalton, Maree Beaton, Hilda Lloyd, Josephine Dimeck, Marianne Gerada, Ernie Clare, Mary Sweet, Rene Hynes, May Sinclair, Lucia Scalia, Des Moore, Francis O'Loughlin, Matilda Luczyc, Annie Broadfoot, Jack Cronin,

Miles McGrath, Rita Consolandi, Giselda Darmanin, Tess Hannebery, Lyn Trojkovic, Stella Costa, Natalino and Angelina Meilak, Blondina and Lawrence Sammut, Michael Meilak, Joan Spiteri, Ersilia Portelli, Sheila Easdon, Carmela Sammut, Rosaria Laudato; Emmanuelle and Annie Taliana, Luigi and Lorenza Micallef, Paulo and Elvira Taliana, Sergio and Lucia Gelicrisio, Rita Mulak, Charlie Tabone and Leslie Bernardo; whose anniversaries are at this time.

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

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



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24th April, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR C

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Friday 8:30am – 4.00pm

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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

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 5:12-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Give thanks, for the Lord is good,
God's love is everlasting.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the book of Revelation. 1:9-13, 17-19

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

You believed in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



Tuesday 26th April	9.15am Communion Service at St. Mary's Church (Fr. Greg celebrating Masses at Port Phillip Prison).
Wednesday 27th April	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm Way of the West meeting at the Presbytery.
Thursday 28th April	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 29th April	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors

The readings from the Second Sunday of Easter feature a common theme: **together, gathered and connected to each other the followers of Jesus begin to experience the risen Christ**, and to also make Christ present to the world.

I will be offering some prayers at the Dawn Service tomorrow in Williamstown – hope to see some of you there for the 5:45am starting time, but if not able to get to the Dawn Service in this area, then I hope you are able to watch some aspects of Anzac Day on the television. I believe that Anzac Day is one of those few major traditions in this country that people cannot question in any general negative way; and thankfully it grows as a day even younger generations can and will continue to take pride in

as the years roll by. One tradition within Anzac Day is the laying of wreaths of poppies. In **Australia, single poppies are not usually worn on Anzac Day - the poppy belongs to Remembrance Day**: a memorial day on November 11th observed in Commonwealth member states since the end of the First World War to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty. Nevertheless, although not worn, **wreaths of poppies are still laid on Anzac Day**. The Flanders poppy grew profusely in the trenches and craters of the First World War zone up near Belgium and Northern France. The same poppy also flowers in Turkey in early Spring – as it did in April 1915 when the Anzacs landed in Gallipoli. The following may help the greater context behind wearing poppies!

On November 7th, 1920, in strictest secrecy, four unidentified British bodies were exhumed from temporary battlefield cemeteries at Ypres, Arras, the Asine and the Somme. None of the soldiers who did the digging were told why. The bodies were taken by field ambulance to General Head Quarters at St -Pol-Sur-Ter Noise. Once there, the bodies were draped with the union flag. Sentries were posted and Brigadier General Wyatt and a Colonel Gel selected one body at random. The other three were reburied. A French Honour Guard was selected and stood by the coffin overnight of the chosen soldier. **On the morning of the 8th November, a specially designed coffin made of oak from the grounds of Hampton Court arrived and the Unknown Warrior was placed inside.** On top was placed a crusaders sword and a shield on which was inscribed:

“A British Warrior who fell in the GREAT WAR 1914-1918 for King and Country.” And so, on the 9th November 1920, the Unknown Warrior was taken by horse-drawn carriage through Guards of Honour and the sound of tolling bells and bugle calls to the quayside. There, he was saluted by Marshal Foch and loaded onto the ship HMS Vernon bound for Dover in England. The coffin stood on the deck covered in wreaths, surrounded by the French Honour Guard. Upon arrival at Dover, **the Unknown Warrior was met with a 19-gun salute – something that was normally only reserved for Field Marshalls.** A special train had been arranged and he was then conveyed to Victoria Station, London. He remained there overnight, and **on the morning of the 11th of November, he was finally taken to Westminster Abbey.**

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The idea of the unknown warrior was thought of by an Anglican Chaplain called David Railton who earlier, while serving as a chaplain, had distinguished himself with a Military Cross for saving an army Officer and two other soldiers under heavy fire in 1916. The union flag that he had used as an altar cloth whilst at the war front was the one he draped over the coffin of the Unknown Warrior. **It was his intention that of all the relatives of the 517,773 combatants whose bodies had not been identified could believe that the Unknown Warrior could very well be their lost husband, father, brother or son...This is the reason we wear poppies.**



We remember with humility the great and the ultimate sacrifices where our service personnel have fought – to ensure the liberty and freedoms that we now take for granted. **At the going down of the sun, and in the morning , we will remember them.**

Although I received the Autumn Swag magazine around six weeks ago, I deliberately did not put them on the back table as I thought it could have interrupted the reflections during Lent given through the “Remember” booklets. I hope you found the latter handy for your spiritual journey but now for your reflection there are the free copies of the Swag on the back table. I did not consider some of the articles up to the same normal standard. Accordingly, I would suggest the following:

- Page 4: Editor makes some good points as Pope heads towards the 2023 Conference on ‘Synodality.’
- Page 5: Interestingly I met Bill Burt just recently and he was saying when he was doing work for the Divine Word Missionaries on the island of Flores in Indonesia only a few years back, all the native people would refer to him not as ‘Father’ but their word for ‘Grandfather.’ He said the word sounded very nice.
- Page 9: – another not easy article to read but a good general point of our Church’s needs to evolve more with the signs of the times.
- Page 10: – an article beyond my intellectual capacity!
- Page 12: – not sure what he is on about at first – it’s a bit deep but an article worth reflecting on if one has plenty of reflective time.
- Page 14: – another good reflective article from a person with experience.
- Page 16: – worth continuing to read although slow to get the main points across.
- Page 18: – writer points to the crying shame of the dismissal of Third Rite (Communal Rite of Forgiveness) when it was so successful for our Australian scene. Fr. Patrick brings forth his own creativity!
- Page 19: – another lovely initiative. I would not object to it being tried here in our parish, but as I do not have the time to implement it, it would need someone with time, expertise and solid commitment.
- Page 20: – it is a beautiful sermon by Pope Francis.
- Page 21: – for those interested in the “Synod” it is a wonderful article.
- Page 22: – I would leave this to the theologians as it is not as simple as it sounds. I am sure there would be varying and complicated opinions in this tricky arena.
- Page 31: – whether to continue with Australia Day on January 26th is a conundrum – I don’t know the answer – therefore I will probably go with the continuation of Australia Day on January 26th but if Australian general population felt otherwise, I wouldn’t object personally.
- Page 32: – less so when I started as a young priest but unfortunately a fair bit of truth in the article.
- Page 33: – worth reading from a very good person.
- Page 42: – I would imagine book called ‘A Goldminer’s Fortune’ would be fascinating.

Could you please make sure your project compassion boxes or envelopes are returned to the parish by next weekend at the latest. Yours ‘in Christ’ Fr. Greg 21/4/2022