

**Rosters for This Week 23rd & 24th November**

Counting Team No. 8	Tracey Gregg, Leanne Spiteri, Rinna Sy
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.30pm Gail Tull, John O'Keefe 8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Mary Frisby 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.30pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Olga Reginato
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Mariza O'Keefe, Liz Sarkady 10.30am Ros Jacklin, Jenni Falzon

**Rosters for Next Week 30th November & 1st December**

Counting Team No. 1	Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones
Ministers of the Eucharist	5.30pm Larry Rigoni, John O'Keefe 8.30am Evol Farrelly, Peter Kirwan 10.30am Justine Brogna
Mass Readers	5.30pm Ashleigh Fulcher 8.30am Chris Maine 10.30am Jane McLaughlin
Children's Liturgy	8.30am No Children's Liturgy—Prep Mass and Parish BBQ 10.30am No Children's Liturgy—Prep Mass and Parish BBQ

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES**

We pray for Hugh and Barbara McCutcheon, Frances Andrews, Angelina and Natalino Meilak, Michael Meilak, Joan Spiteri, Blondina and Lawrence Sammut, Joseph Sammut and Richard Sammut, Ersilia Portelli, Anthony Sammut, Carmella Pisano, Nunzio Ficcaro, Jimmy Farrow, Mary Beha, Mollie Maine, Lourencinha and Agostinho Fernandes, Emanuele and Rosaria Raffaele, Fr. Bill Donegan, Michael Cafagna, Antonio Nardo, William Hanson, Joyce Sullivan, Janos Garai, Don Dosser, Maria Napoli, John Sedgeway, Bill Moss and Marianne Polzella; whose anniversaries are at this time.

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR A MANAGER AT JOSEPH'S CORNER**

Joseph's Corner is a charitable work of the Westgate Deanery providing free counselling to families of substance abusers. During 2020, Sr. Jeanne, rsj who founded Joseph's Corner in 2000, will transition out of her managerial position. If you have an interest in taking on part or all of the managerial workload required to run Joseph's Corner as an effective and viable charity, please contact us in confidence. We are interested in hearing from people who want to do volunteer work in a managerial role as well as people wanting a part-time paid managerial position. This is not a job advertisement as Sr. Jeanne and the Board of Joseph's Corner are still in the early stages of planning Sr. Jeanne's transition. Contact: Sr. Jeanne Dwyer: [jeanne@josephscorner.org](mailto:jeanne@josephscorner.org) or 9315 2680.

**2020 PREPARATION CLASSES FOR THE SACRAMENTS**

Enrolment due by 20th December for children who do not attend St. Mary's School. Please email: [patricia.stone@sosj.org.au](mailto:patricia.stone@sosj.org.au). Term 1: Reconciliation (Year 3+) Term 2: First Eucharist (Year 4+) Term 3: Confirmation (Year 6+ only—28th July, 3rd and 5th August 2020).

# St Mary's Parish

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



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24th November, 2019

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**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 6:30pm  
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

**THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
CHRIST THE KING**

**FIRST READING:**  
A reading from the second book of Samuel. 5:1-3

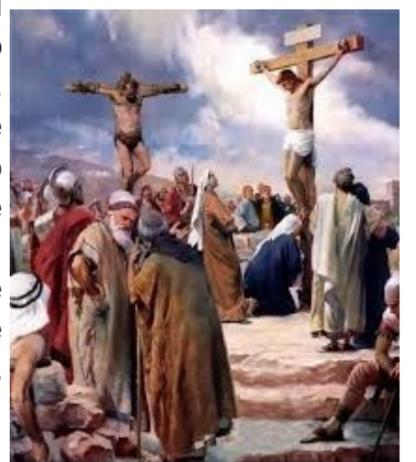
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**  
Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**SECOND READING:**  
A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians. 1:12-20

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**  
Blessed is the one who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**GOSPEL: LUKE 23:35-43**

The people stood by and watched; the rulers, meanwhile, sneered at him and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Messiah of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews." Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."



Sunday 24th November	8.30am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 10.30am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Tuesday 26th November	9.15am Communion Service at St. Mary's Church.
Wednesday 27th November	9.15am Communion Service at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 28th November	9.15am Communion Service at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 29th November	9.15am Communion Service at St. Mary's Church.
Saturday 30th November	<u>5.30pm</u> Mass at St. Mary's Church. <u>6.30pm</u> Pre-concert drinks at the Parish Centre. <u>7.15pm</u> Concert commences at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

Please be aware of the earlier Mass time just for next Saturday night due to the Opera Night in the Church. I will return from Sabbatical Leave for that Mass as well as an earlier wedding at 3.30pm in the Church. Our last 'Seniors' Mass'/Anointing of the Sick and Christmas function in the Parish Centre is to be held on Friday December 6th.

### FR. GREG'S TRAVEL DIARY

I did not continue my travel diary last week as I felt the message from the Archbishop about how to help the bush fire situation through the St. Vincent de Paul Society should be given a greater priority. Anyway here are my last two days of my walking experiences through France:

Sunday October 6th Although I had a fair bit of trouble with a river crossing to get to my accommodation the previous day at Barraute- Camu, I was at least able to obtain a small amount of red wine from a kind Frenchman the previous night. This enabled me on the Sunday morning to be able to celebrate Mass in a little secluded kitchen-type area. Then I was on my way again to walk to Saint Palais - not such a great distance away, where I had booked into a type of hotel. I am not a great believer in destiny, as in a predetermined plan, but it almost seemed destiny or rather meant to be that I looked back in the last five kilometres of my walking into Saint Palais and I saw a man in the distance who was walking strongly. I slowed up as I felt he was meant to catch me along the road. I then had the extraordinary pleasure of meeting Alexandre, a Portuguese man who lived near Rio de Janeiro. For the last 14 years he has taken two to three months off to walk most of the main French/Spanish pilgrimage routes. I had to up my act a bit as he was a strong 56 year old walker. We strode together into Saint Palais and for a change as we said for both of us, we had the opportunity for a long lunch. We both celebrated the fact that it was only a day to go to our destination at St. Jean Pied de Port on the French/Spanish border. Although his native tongue was Portuguese, I could tell that Alexandre could speak not only perfect English, but by his beautiful conversation with the waitress, his French was rather fantastic. He turned out to be a very qualified engineer and his family were obviously wealthy from many years of hard work. Yet Alexandre was a very spiritual man and he confided in me not only some aspects of his spiritual journey, but that he also spoke five languages fluently: Portuguese, English, French, Spanish and Dutch (due to his mother being of Dutch extraction). It was such a beautiful long lunch, with great ease of conversation. He insisted on buying a bottle of one of the more expensive French wines and then ordered another one! Normally I would have been tipsy, but we handled both bottles rather well. Our fitness probably helped in that regard. It helps when one is not driving and has no other urgent commitments (for a change).

The wine was really beautiful and it turned out to be a real blessing in every way to meet Alexandre- not only because of the wine but for us to enjoy telling the stories of our different adventures along the pilgrimage route. He had gone a longer route nearer the Atlantic Ocean from close to Paris - quite a distance. For him more 'the Tours way' - mine being 'the Vezelay way'. We had remarked how few fellow travellers we had met along the road during most days due to it being slightly out of season - so it was good to have that lovely lunch and later on that evening to meet up with another walker we both knew and enjoy a really successful and lovely second meal at the same hotel next door to my accommodation. I had hoped to include details of my last journey day in the above but maybe it will do for another day!

Warm regards,  
Fr. Greg



### St. Mary's OPERA NIGHT—Saturday 30th November

**Time:** 6.30pm Pre-concert drinks and nibbles at the Parish Centre  
7.15pm Concert commencement in the Church

**Price:** \$50.00 per person

**Enquiries:** Stephen Littleton 0458 358 116/stephen@parishfirst.com.au

**Please note:** Mass will be at the earlier time of 5.30pm on this night.

### ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE 2019

**WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER AT 7.30PM**

We come together to attend Mass, to remember and pray for those who have died, to pray and support each other and to share a cuppa in the Parish Centre.



#### Names of those who have died since 1st October 2018:-

- Complete a slip from the table at the back of the Church
- Email: [patricia.stone@sosj.org.au](mailto:patricia.stone@sosj.org.au)
- Phone: Parish Office 9397 6066 to leave a message
- Bring a photo or place on the Table of Remembrance on December 4th.

### CELEBRATING A SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY DURING 2019???



St. Mary's Parish Annual Mass & Renewal of Vows will be celebrated during Weekend Masses on 14th/15th December 2019. Complete a Registration slip from the table at the rear of the Church and post it in the box provided, speak to Sr. Patricia or Email: [patricia.stone@sosj.org.au](mailto:patricia.stone@sosj.org.au)  
You are invited to register, even if you are unable to attend.



### St. Mary's Church Williamstown

**Annual Parish BBQ - All Welcome**

**1st December, 11.30am in the Parish Centre.**

**Meat, bread and cordial will be provided.**

### 2019 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

#### Christmas Eve

**Tuesday 24th December** 6.30pm Family Mass & Children's Pageant

8.30pm Christmas Carols

9.00pm Christmas Eve Mass

#### Christmas Day

**Wednesday 25th December** 9.00am Christmas Carols

9.30am Christmas Day Mass (NB: One Mass only)

