

Rosters for weekend 31st July & 1st August, 2021

Counting Team No. 8	Tracey Gregg, Leanne Spiteri
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm John O'Keefe, Gail Tull 8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Peter Kirwan 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Kate Arnold
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Jacqueline Pace

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

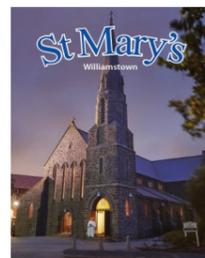
RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Sebastiana Succuzzo who passed away recently and Marianna Covelli, Meran Edwards, James Lynn, Gabriella Pazzi; Anthony Pace, Lino Lechich, Kevin Broadfoot, Charles Broadfoot, Mary Elaine Hyland, Elio DeCleva, Graeme Tweedly, Aurelia Jones, Elizabeth Kenwery, Denise O'Connell, June Durdin, Michael McClelland, Frank Mulholland, John Arnold, Raymond Russell, Grace Kritikides, Pauline Farley, Margaret Harris, Judy Travers, Joe Saidy, Agnes Bugden-Maguire, Julianna Emerson, Charles Buttigieg, Frank Jamieson, Norma Dooley, Javid Yilmaz, Santina Pecora, Iris McFarlane, Carmelo Farrugia, Joseph Mifsud and Albert Haddad, whose anniversaries are at this time.



Do you have a question or a suggestion?

ASK MARY

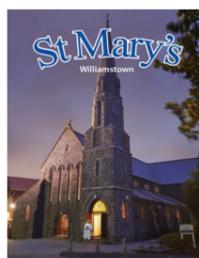


St. Mary's Parish Pastoral Council is committed to inspiring, encouraging and supporting the St. Mary's parish community. One way in which you can communicate with us is through our **'Ask Mary' box**. The **'Ask Mary' box** enables parishioners to ask questions, put forward suggestions and to provide feedback. You are welcome to include your contact details on your submissions, or if you prefer, you may remain anonymous. All submissions are reviewed on a monthly basis and we, the parish pastoral council will respond to your submissions accordingly.



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

As there is a maximum on the 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



St Mary's Parish



A community where we bring together our gifts and talents

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25th July, 2021

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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 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 12:30am Sunday

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B

FIRST READING:

A reading from the second book of Kings. 4:42 - 44.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

You open your hand to feed us, Lord; you answer all our needs.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians. 4:1-6.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

GOSPEL: JOHN 6:1-15

After this, Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him. "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little bit." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.



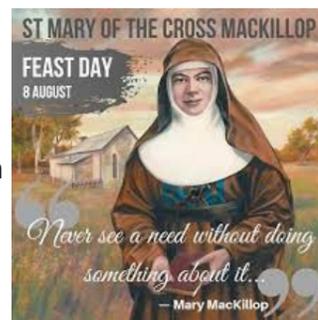
Tuesday 27th July	9.15am No Mass.
Wednesday 28th July	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 6.00pm Confirmation ceremony at St Mary's Church.
Thursday 29th July	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 6.00pm Confirmation ceremony at St Mary's Church.
Friday 30th July	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 6.00pm Confirmation ceremony at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

On this 17th Sunday of ordinary time, we are shown the generosity of Jesus and by inference God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) through the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Likewise, I pray at this tricky time that God will be extremely generous to your families. Those who are doing it particularly hard in business or whatever I am certainly praying for you.

I would like to draw your attention to a number of items:

1. If you have a child from grade 3-5 with a possible interest in altar serving whether male or female, please look at the item enclosed.
2. Although hard to summarize, Catholic Devotions are the spoken and internal conversation people have with God or together in a group. Catholic devotions go along the lines of particular customs, rituals, and practices of worship of God or honour of the saints which are in addition to the Mass. In general devotions are not considered part of liturgical worship, even if they are performed in a church or led by a priest, but rather they are more termed "paraliturgical" and as such should never take away from the high point of our faith and worship, the Catholic Mass. With this in mind it has been requested by one anonymous individual in the 'Ask Mary' box at the back of the Church: "Is it possible to have the rosary said before each week day Mass and before each of the three weekend Masses"? I am sorry but this will not happen before the normal weekend Masses, partly because in general people want some quiet time before the Mass and secondly it can take away from the Mass as stated in our liturgical documents as "the source and summit of our faith". However, as discussed by myself and the Parish Council if anyone wants to take responsibility for leading the rosary after the Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning Masses they are welcome to do so. However, two things need to be kept in mind. That same person must be responsible for the locking of the Church after the rosary as it becomes a security issue otherwise, and as stated by a few people 'just the rosary' and not all the many possible added trimmings that are not essentially 'of the rosary'. These trimmings can verge on fanaticism or misguided piety.
3. Pope Francis has chosen this weekend as the **First World Day of Grandparents** which now will be celebrated annually on the **4th Sunday of July**. I was intending to base my sermon on that same 'grandparent theme' this Saturday and Sunday but because of lockdown I have only been able to include a prayer that was handed on to our office for the occasion.
4. The Propagation of the Faith through Catholic Mission had a certain lovely message for last weekend with its encouragement of assistance to certain marginalised mothers in Bangkok Thailand; and its help of those needy women associated with a Catholic run 'Babies Home'. Unfortunately, due to the lockdown we could not have that normal 'Catholic Mission' collection. Accordingly, as it is hard to take up this collection on other Sundays at this time, I have requested our Office Manager Heidi to send on \$500 of our Parish Funds to the 'Catholic Mission Office', as it is at least something we could do.
5. On **Sunday August 8th** we will be celebrating the **Feast of Mary of the Cross MacKillop**. Also, as 'St Joseph's by the Sea' has a presentation on Mary MacKillop by Annmaree Iaccarino on Thursday August 19th from 7:30pm to 9pm, it should also be worth your consideration. It is being called 'The Spirit of the West: Mary MacKillop and the sisters of St Joseph in the West of Melbourne.
6. New Parishioners Lunch: unfortunately, this has to be postponed from this weekend. After next Parish Council Meeting on August 5th, we will let our new parishioners know of the new date.



7. Grade 6 Confirmation Ceremony of this Tuesday night has been put back to the Friday night at 6pm. The Wednesday and Thursday night Confirmations will still hopefully take place. Unfortunately, due to present circumstances the numbers per family have to be further constricted to one adult, one adult sponsor and the candidate. If allowed more on the night we will communicate through St Mary's School or Monique Julian will communicate to everyone else from other schools if any changes can progress of that now new 3 maximum number.
8. We will soon start our August push for helping refugees and asylum seekers – both through the Parish and St Mary's School. The poster with details was supposed to be in this week's bulletin but I will save that until next weekend. Just please be reminded that on **August 7th/8th weekend to bring if you can Dried Food: healthy breakfast cereals, dried fruit, nuts, seeds, healthy snack food (for lunch boxes), spices, Tea(both black and green) and instant coffee**. Maybe next time you are in the supermarket you could put an extra one of the above in your trolley.

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 22/7/21

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

*I thank You, Lord, for the comfort of Your presence: even in times of loneliness,
You are my hope and my confidence,
You have been my rock and my fortress since my youth.*

*I thank You for having given me a family and for having
blessed me with a long life.*

*I thank You for moments of joy and difficulty, for the dreams that have
already come true in my life and for those that are still ahead of me.*

I thank You for this time of renewed fruitfulness to which You call me.

*Increase, O Lord, my faith, make me channel of your peace,
teach me to embrace those who suffer more than me,
to never stop dreaming and to tell of your wonders to new generations.*

*Protect and guide Pope Francis and the Church,
that the light of the Gospel might reach the ends of the earth.*

*Send Your Spirit, O Lord, to renew the world,
that the storm of the pandemic might be calmed, the poor consoled and wars ended.*

*Sustain me in weakness and help me to live life to the full in each moment that You give
me, in the certainty that you are with me every day, even until the end of the age.*

Amen.

An Invitation to serve your Parish! Come and be an Altar Server.

All students in Grades 3-5 are invited to join the St Mary's altar server's team. New and old faces are invited to attend one training session, which will be held in the Church under the direction of Michael McConville. This will be held on Sunday August 15th from 4pm-5pm. Do not hesitate to ring Fr. Greg on 0400 524 363 for any further clarification. Please complete the below information and return ASAP.

Name of Child: _____

Name of Parents: _____

Contact email and phone number of at least one parent:

