

Rosters for this Week 25th & 26th February 2023

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beta Sicat 8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Mary Frisby 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Sam Cutajar 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Antoinette Acquaro
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Joe Covelli

Rosters for next Week 4th & 5th March 2023

Counting Team No. 3	Ian Veal, Frances Moloney, Toni Cutroni, Larry Rigoni, Susan Jamieson
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Olga Reinato
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Ros Jacklin

IN OUR PRAYERS

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



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Mark Torjussen who passed away recently and Theresa Mifsud, Antonio Acquaro, Philip Webb, Lisa Di Donato, Stephen Kelly, John Paul Camilleri, Luigina Frlan, Mario Frlan, Ignazio Kucich, Elaine Jones, June Dibbs, Marie Anderson, John Brennock, Rosario Guastalegname, Rita Sargasso, Robert Morton, Kate Dawes, Marie Farrelly, Joso Djuric, Steven Drozdek, Frank Galli, Veronica Knight, Peter Black, Robert Barry, Rita Holdworth, Brian Williams, Joseph Maguire, John O'Grady, Ivy Shields, Alan Urban, Lena Cassar, Frank Woodruff, Mary McLinden, Mary Dyson, Michael Frawley, Agnes McDonagh, Joyce Zammit, Kay Green, Peggy Price, Laura Palumbo, Brian Begley, Sheila Easdon, Barry Dixon, Fr. Noel Oliver, Angelina Meilak and Natalino Meilak whose anniversaries are at this time.



The Williamstown Vinnies need new members



"The Williamstown Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society are looking for new members. We provide financial and personal support to the poor and dispossessed in the local community and within our parish. The work is very rewarding, and we are a close knit and supportive group who meet every first Tuesday of the month to discuss their needs and how to best administer to them. We would be delighted if you have an interest in joining us, so if you do, please call John Brooks (Conference President) on 0466 824 044."

St Mary's Parish

We proudly acknowledge the Boonwurrung People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land.

A community where we bring together our gifts and talents



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26th February, 2023

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Tuesday 8:30am – 4.00pm
Thursday 8:30am – 4.00pm

Parish Secretary

Kylie Skinner-Wednesday
8.30am–3.30pm
Sheridan McCutcheon-Friday
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.

Baptisms 12:30pm Sunday

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — YEAR A

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Genesis. 2:7-9, 3:1-7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Be Merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. 5:12-19.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW: 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights and afterwards was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written:



**'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.'**

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

**'He will command his angels concerning you
and with their hands they will support you,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.'**

Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.'" Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written:

**'The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve.'**

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

Tuesday 28th February	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 7.00pm Continuation of Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at Presbytery with Fr. Greg. All welcome especially those who desire deeper faith. This weeks topic: 'The Christian Community'.
Wednesday 1st March	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 2nd March	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 6.30pm Parish Council meeting at the Presbytery.
Friday 3rd March	11.30am Senior's Mass at St. Mary's Church. Followed by a luncheon in the Parish Centre. ALL WELCOME 2.00pm Funeral Prayers for Kenneth Kirby.

Dear Parishioners,

The **First Sunday of Lent** is already upon us! The Liturgy puts before us the tempting of Jesus. Because Jesus shared our humanity, he was tempted in every way that we are, yet was without sin. In the famous Adam and Eve story given in the first reading 'the source of all evil', the writer suggests, is mankind's foolish striving to be independent of God. Many of this new generation in Australia need to learn that lesson and hopefully for some it will not be too late as only by accepting our status as favoured creatures of a loving, caring creator, can man and woman find fulfillment.

For those who took the **Triumph Lenten Program** last week I think you will find the **"Spiritual Direction" page by Mother Hilda Scott on page 15** particularly helpful during this First Sunday of Lent. For instance, a few excerpts from her: "As Jesus begins his journey, he encounters the same demons you and I encounter...We hear toxic voices all the time in the newspapers and media outlets. They are forever talking about the bad things involving other people....We hear these voices in our workplaces and on the streets. We hear slandering, detraction, and it like breathing in carbon monoxide – it kills the soul.....What is the antidote? Love is the antidote.....Angels ministered to Jesus, and they minister to you every day. Angels of one kind or another put love and truth before you....."

The is more at a head level, but still well worth the read. I can't but admire the retired priest Mgr Graham Schmitzer as his expertise seems enormous concerning painters across the centuries. He wanted to highlight the painting called "The Temptation of Christ (c1582). He could not say everything about the Italian 16th century painter Paolo Veronese but somehow in my searching I discovered Veronese painted the biggest painting of all the paintings now located in the very famous 'Louvre' in Paris. That painting as Mgr Schmitzer alluded to was stolen by Napoleon in 1797. Napoleon obviously had a good eye for art. In speaking about the painting "The Temptation of Christ' I liked much of his earlier comments on page 11 of the Triumph Lenten Program but liked the way he in the end put Lent in its proper focus as it cannot be divorced from Easter: **"Lent is given to us by the Church to remind us of our Baptism and its consequences."** In fact, the next six weeks is a preparation time – do I want to renew my commitment to God at Easter when I will be invited in the liturgy to proclaim my baptismal vows again?Lent is like the engagement time before a wedding. In 40 days, God and I will exchange vows. Anyway I think all those three articles are worth the reflection and as all copies went off last week I have a few spare pages as above that I have printed off for anyone who desires them.

Most of us here today were baptised under the Latin Rite. Although the Latin or Roman Rite is by far the largest and most widely diffused in the world, the Catholic Church is composed of 24 distinct Churches or Rites. All these Churches accept the Pope as the Head of the Church in line with what Jesus stated: **"You are Peter and upon this rock (Petros) I will build my Church"**. The Latin Rite is the only Western Church, the other 23 Catholic Churches are all referred to as Eastern Catholics. The Eastern Catholic Church needs our financial help through this serious Syrian and Turkish earthquake period. I will put a request from the nearest Eastern Catholic Church, the Melkite Catholic Church on the page opposite.

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 22/2/2023



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