

Rosters for this Week 25th & 26th March 2023

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Gail Tull, Mary Soppitt 8.30am Karen Colla, Mary Frisby 10.30am Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Chris Maine 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Rachelle Pantalleresco, Ros Jacklin

Rosters for next Week 1st & 2nd April 2023

Counting Team No. 1	Tracey Gregg, Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones, Paul Francis
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicut 8.30am Ivonne Cram, John O'Keefe 10.30am Di Collins, Richard van der Merwe
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Joe Covelli
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Lisa Rodgers

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 Domenico & Maria Ulcigrai, Giacomo, Caterina & Lino Lugnani, Trish Charles, Dolores Farrugia, Dorothy Murphy, Frank Zahra, Margarita Renzi, Rosaria Laudato, Lachlan Sagona, Giovanni Raunik, Peter Wentworth, Brendan Rooney, Kevin Hynes, Francis Spira, John Bartolo, Marcelle Michaud, Sr. Mary Byrne, Win Kelly, Jim Houlahan, Antonio Fernandes, Kevin Creaney, Terrence Duffy, Carmel Johnson, Cynthia Frawley, Harry Orr, Norma Ranson, Des Driscoll, Noreen Hunter, Geoff Hopkins, Kevin Grace, Giuseppe Nardo, William Spurling, William Dorgan, Lou Hindle, Charles Little, Fran Mannix, Michael McGrath, Kevin Walsh, Ted Literski, Margaret Mangion, Len Owens, Gordon Barnes, Edward Maguire, Mary Zahra, Gertrude Embach, Andrew Murphy, Robert Telfer, Win Hogan, Les Williams, Severina Ordinario, John Smith, Giovanni Radoicovic, Robert James Burke, Chahady Yacoub, Samia Yacoub, Piore Soussan and Nancy McCrae; whose anniversaries are at this time.



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Thanks to Jedd Hengeveld (See John 11:1-45) 03-15-2002
YOU CAN KEEP YOUR DEATH AND RESURRECTION CERTIFICATES, MR LAZARUS
... WE ONLY NEED THE BIRTH ONE

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I'LL BE BACK

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 March, 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A



FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans 8:8-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

GOSPEL: JOHN 11:1-45.

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (...continued..) When Jesus arrived, he found Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.



Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. (...continued..)



Tuesday 28th March	9.15am Communion Service at St. Mary's Church. (Fr Greg celebrating Mass at Port Phillip Prison). 7.00pm Continuation of Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at Presbytery with Fr. Greg. All welcome especially those who desire deeper faith.
Wednesday 29th March	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm Meeting at the Presbytery to organise Mother's Day in May.
Thursday 30th March	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 6.30pm Parish Council Meeting at the Presbytery.
Friday 31st March	11.30am Senior's Mass at St. Mary's Church. Followed by luncheon in the Parish Centre. ALL WELCOME 6.30pm Stations of the Cross at St Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners,

We are quickly moving through the days of Lent and Easter is almost upon us! Before we actually celebrate Easter all are welcome to join fellow parishioners at our **Reconciliation Service next Saturday night at 5pm before the 6pm Mass**. Fr George Hogarty from the Columban Fathers has been here before and is willing to join me at the Reconciliation Rite 2 Service where we have some music, bible readings and then those present are welcome to come down the aisle and have their sins forgiven.

Those parishioners who want to join our ecumenical brothers and sisters are welcome to join a **Dawn Service on Easter Sunday April 9th at 6:30pm at the Timeball Tower in Williamstown**.

During Lent we try to raise money for the needy works of **Caritas Australia** through **‘Project Compassion’** as shown by the videos we show during Lent. Accordingly, if you could start bringing back individual cheques, envelopes or project compassion boxes so that we can send on to Caritas Australia that would be great and much appreciated. You know the importance of the work they do throughout the world.

On a similar matter Caritas Australia is in a group desiring a \$110 million increase in foreign aid. The group which includes Oxfam and Unicef, has asked the Albanese Government to invest in a \$110 million famine relief package for countries in Africa and the Middle East. “When children starve to death it is an unspeakable tragedy”, said Lulu Mitshabu, Caritas Australia program coordinator for Africa. The move would be supported by a growing majority of Australians, according to a poll conducted by YouGov. The group, called the **HELP FIGHT FAMINE COALITION**, called out Australia’s relatively low contribution to foreign aid. They said Australia contributes only 0.2 per cent of its gross national income to foreign aid, as opposed to the OECD average of 0.32 per cent.

Volunteers needed for Holy Week

Today you may notice that the **signed-up sheet headed EASTER READING VOLUNTEERS** has room for help for the **Holy Week Ceremonies** starting in a week’s time. For instance, if happy for ‘foot washing’ at the Holy Thursday night ceremony please put your name down or for other things such as special minister duties. Thanks.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference President Archbishop Tim Costelloe has been appointed as a member of the preparatory commission for the general assembly of the Synod of Bishops in October in Rome. Included in the seven preparatory commission is Mercedarian religious sister Sr. Shizue Hirota from Tokyo. Archbishop Tim is a very fine human being and I am sure he will do a great job in helping Pope Francis with this important gathering of Catholic Church leaders. The theme Pope Francis chose for the synod is: “For a Church that Journeys Together: Fellowship, Participation and Mission.” It will meet at the Vatican from October 4 -29. A second assembly has been scheduled for October 24. These have the capability of relaunching our Catholic Church into a proper and more serious interaction with our complex and modern world. We shall keep praying for those leaders over the next year as they need the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to read the signs of our times. We pray especially for our present Pope Francis as his job in this era is a most complex one. In retrospect let us not forget that in March 2013 the world’s cardinals went to the ends of the earth to elect a successor to St Peter who would become the first pope from outside Europe. From abandoning the papal palace to live in a hostel, washing the feet of prisoners on Holy Thursday, or building showers for the homeless in Rome, the Pope’s dynamism continues to surprise.

It might have snuck up on some people but please note that **Seniors Mass and Luncheon is on this Friday March 31st**. Also please don’t forget Daylight Saving ends next weekend – one hour more sleep!! Yippee.

Although over the last year after Mass we have had the surprise of an ice cream van, coffee van or biscuits for a special occasion, today as it is still Lent there is a different surprise for parishioners at the end of Mass today! We hope you like it and at least it puts a smile on your face.

Yours ‘in Christ’ Fr Greg 22/3/2023

ST MARY’S WELCOME MINISTRY

The ‘Weekend Experience’ refers to everything that happens when we come together at weekend Mass. We want it to remain the highpoint of our faith celebrations and we need to do everything possible to make it so. This is not just about our regulars and is particularly important for visitors and potential parishioners who we would like to become a part of our St Mary’s family.

The Welcome Ministry is an important part of this commitment prior to the commencement of each Mass. Members are charged with greeting attendees with a smile, distributing newsletters, introducing newcomers, assisting with finding spare seats at our major events at Easter, Christmas etc.

We have a number of parishioners already involved – but seek you support to grow this important Ministry. A new roster is about to be prepared – so it would be appreciated if you could confirm your intention to join the Welcome Ministry by contacting Fr Greg or the Parish Office no later than Wednesday 29th March.

St Joseph’s by the Sea

2023 Retreats

A CONTEMPLATE JOURNEY—WILLIAMSTOWN 27th March — 2nd April \$750

Oneness of Being. In this reflective, contemplative time, opening to the Spirit of Love, we embrace our oneness with Earth, Stars, Universe—our Cosmic Communication.

Katerie Duke rsj SA

VISITING THE WELL—WILLIAMSTOWN 17th April — 23rd April \$750

An opportunity to use the scripture of the Woman at the Well as well as our own lived experience. A story of encounter, having our eyes opened, being vulnerable, going deeper, times of dryness, transformation and new life and being asked to proclaim the good news. **Jenny Scally rsj NSW**

St Joseph’s by the sea, 16 Esplanade, Williamstown. Phone 9397 5012. email: admin.sjbtsw@sosj.org.au

Reconciliation, Easter and Holy Week

Saturday 1st April	5.00pm	Reconciliation Service Rite 2. Before 6pm Mass
Holy Thursday 6th April	7.00pm	Mass at St Mary’s Church
Good Friday 7th April	10.00am	Stations of the Cross at St Mary’s Church
	3.00pm	Good Friday main service at St Mary’s Church
Holy Saturday 8th April	7.00pm	Mass at St Mary’s Church
Easter Sunday 9th April	8.30am	Mass at St Mary’s Church
	10.30am	