

**Rosters for this Week 27th and 28th May**

Counting Team No. 1	Tracey Gregg, Frank Jones, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones, Paul Francis
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Volunteer Needed 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Maryann Wenzel 10.30am Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Olga Reginato
Welcomers	6.00pm Volunteer Needed 8.30am Mary Frisby 10.30am Herb Zimmer
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Ros Jacklin, James McCutcheon

**Rosters for next Week 3rd and 4th June 2023**

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat, Mary Soppitt 8.30am Gerard Colla, Karen Colla 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	6.00pm Frank Schobben 8.30am Mary Debenham 10.30am Richard van der Merwe
Welcomers	6.00pm Michael Dillon 8.30am Maryann Wenzel 10.30am Di Collins
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Rachelle Pantalleresco


**IN OUR PRAYERS**

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



**RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES**

We pray for Audrey Doherty and Maria Messina who died recently and for Noreen Bagnell, Agnes Hogan, Peter Driscoll, Sr. Bernadette Heath rsj, Maria Kirkwood, Maurie Kirwan, Salvatrice Pecora, Leslie Cross, Joseph Cutajar, Malcolm McAuslan, Tess Mullens, Walter Small, Joseph Cantarella, Thomas Statton, Alice Giels, Neil Fitzpatrick, Russell Dixon, Arthur Leslie, David Wilson, Carmel Close, Patricia Dorgan, Kath Charles, Vera Anderson, Helena Nahas, Bernie Diamond, Anthony Herley, Baily Blake, John Steinthal, Elsie Winifred Martin whose anniversaries are at this time.




**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION ST. MARY'S PARISH 2023**

The sacramental preparation programs for 2023 at St Mary's Parish will be on the following dates:

**RECONCILIATION 6.00PM-7.00PM** in the Parish Centre on Monday evenings. **29/5, 5/6, 19/6.** With reconciliations from the 20th-24th June.

**CONFIRMATION 6.00pm-7.00pm** on the following Monday evenings: 31/7, 14/8, 21/8 with confirmation Masses scheduled for 22nd and 23rd August.

These classes are for Parish Children who **do not** attend St. Mary's School and who would like to be part of our Sacramental Program in 2023, please contact Monique Julian (Pastoral Associate) [Monique.julian@cam.org.au](mailto:Monique.julian@cam.org.au) to register.



# 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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28th May, 2023

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**Parish Office Manager**  
Heidi Zahra  
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**

## PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A



**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 2.1-11

Lord face  
your  
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**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

send out your Spirit, and renew the of the earth.

**SECOND READING:**

Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 12.3b-7, 12-13

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of faithful and kindle in them the fire of love.

**GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23**

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



Tuesday 30th May	9.15am Communion Service at St Mary's Church. (Fr Greg celebrating Mass at Port Phillip Prison.)
Wednesday 31st May	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 1st June	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 6.30pm Parish Council meeting at the Presbytery.
Friday 2nd June	11.30am Senior's Mass at St. Mary's Church. Followed by luncheon in the Parish Centre. ALL WELCOME

Dear Parishioners,

- We celebrate the real beginning of the Christian Church today – Pentecost Sunday. With the coming of the Holy Spirit on all those diverse people gathered in Jerusalem at Pentecost and the successful preaching of St Peter at Pentecost we see the whole history of the world completely being changed under the influence of God. On that day several hundred new converts came to realise the truth of the message of the apostles about Jesus Christ and came to be his followers. They came part of a new opportunity for our world. In our day and time we now also pray: “Come Holy Spirit.”
- A BIG WELCOME** to all those presenting their children for **1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist at the 10:30am Mass today** plus any families coming to our **last Sunday of the month ‘Family Mass’** at the same time. The children will be engaged in the most important sacrament of the Catholic Church – the Eucharist. It gets down to how do you communicate your love to someone! Jesus did this by leaving his special presence to us in the sacrament of the Eucharist. Jesus realised that as physical beings, we need physical signs to comprehend the incredible reality of his love. Thus, through the physical presence of bread, we receive after consecration by the priest the very presence of Jesus himself. What greater gift could we receive every week. Lest we not forget it or take it for granted.
- I hope parishioners found some of “The Swag” articles well worth the read from last week and also I hope you enjoyed ‘the eulogy’ by Archbishop Coleridge concerning ‘Fr Bob’. I thought it was an incredible eulogy to leave as a copy for those who wished to read it - it was simply brilliant.
- As it has been a while since we trained a new batch of altar servers please be in touch with me (0400 524 363) if your child (boy or girl) is interested in altar serving every second weekend at any of the particular masses of the weekend. It develops their confidence and leadership appearing in public. It helps to develop teamwork skills with other servers as well. A job so big only a kid can do it!
- Thank for those more than generous parishioners who have pledged money to settle a refugee family in our area this year. We had our ‘Way of the West’ meeting that Thursday and from our meeting we wished not only to convey our thanks, but that as initial training has to be finished amongst our main ‘CRISP’ team this should mean we will be allocated a family soon after these compulsory training sessions. Then we will probably receive a refugee family within the next 3 months. This is our chance to do a little bit to help those families who would often suffer poverty and or persecution in their own countries. It must be said that Australia is not without guilt in its treatment of both asylum seekers and refugees over the years. For instance, only this week the United Nations torture watchdog urged Australia to end its inhumane, indefinite detention of asylum seekers and immigrants and make reparations for historical human rights abuses. The UN rep on torture Alice Edwards said Australia and the United Kingdom were outliers in not setting time limits on immigration detention. Figures released in March showed the average stint in detention in this country is 780 days, more than two years! Ms Edwards said that when individuals spent more than three months in detention “without an end in sight, being held in legal limbo”, their treatment could begin to be classified as enduring degrading, inhumane or psychological torture.



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- Although I have thankfully noticed a big difference in the average Catholic worshipper, far too many Australians seem to look down on aboriginal people and for that matter refugees. To my mind they see for instance the results such as drinking or domestic violence from the trauma caused by almost the annihilation of their cultures yet they fail to understand the impact caused on their wellbeing and their culture generally by a huge variety of sad factors. I don't know what it is whether it is just an ability to comprehend the difference in a completely different culture/racial background or maybe bluntly at times it just seems even more sadly a lack of compassion! Anyway, thankfully there are many other Australians and organisations that are slowly bridging the gap. For example, last weekend the whole Australian Rules football weekend centered on the pride we should have in having such generally good and gifted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. It is probably obvious in the Hawthorn Football case (pending) and the hurt caused in the past to such players as Adam Goodes and Eddie Betts that these people are more traumatised than we think with the amount of racist remarks or actions inflicted on them. We can have tough skins but how tough would our skins be if we had a constancy of prejudice! We can do better as a nation and last weekends football matches and ceremonies beforehand do no harm in bringing more reconciliation within our shores. With that said I notice the Catholic bishops of Australia try their bit to bridge the gap and with a vote on an indigenous voice to parliament growing closer they have encouraged us to read and discuss ‘the Uluru Statement from the Heart – the document from which the Voice proposal emerged. Also, not incidentally the bishops argued that the fact First Nations Peoples have lived in Australia for many thousands of years yet their custodianship of the land not being mentioned in the Constitution is “an omission which needs to be rectified”. A Voice to Parliament isn't the only way to achieve that outcome, the bishops wrote, but it “is the way requested by those who gathered at the historic meeting at Uluru.”
- Maintenance works need to be done in the Church in the not too foreseeable future. In the meantime, before the end of June the somewhat dirty concrete paths at side of Church and Parish Centre will undergo cleaning as well as all the roof gutters cleaned of the Church, Parish Centre and Presbytery. With the latter work undertaken it should somewhat alleviate us from a catastrophe down the line.
- Last week we **celebrated ‘Laudato Si’ week**, marking eight years since the publication of Pope Francis landmark encyclical on care for creation. This year's theme in regards the encyclical is “**Hope for the Earth, Hope for Humanity.**” The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference ‘Justice, Peace and Ecology Office has also developed a series of reflection sheets based on the key findings of the ‘State of the Environment Report 2021’, exploring the human impacts on Australian ecosystems and the environment. This can be assessed from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference ‘Justice, Ecology and Peace’ site.
- In a few weeks' time we will have our annual Melbourne Clergy Conference which will take place at RACV Cape Schanck. It will be exploring this year mainly liturgy and worship. We will be having two international keynote speakers. Abbot Paul Gunter is a monk at Douai Abbey UK. Among other things he has been a consultor to the Pope on liturgical celebrations. The other keynote speaker is Elizabeth Scalia who is a Benedictine Oblate and author of several books. She has been editor in chief of a few worldwide religious magazines.
- I have been away most of this week on my annual prayer week that is stipulated for the Catholic clergy of every diocese. It helps one to not lose touch with the Lord but to deepen that trust and to gain the wisdom needed in such a friendship. During my retreat I have been also praying for the parish as well as the needs of its parishioners.



MAY 21 - 28, 2023

Yours ‘in Christ’ Fr Greg 25/5/2023