

Rosters for This Week 28th May & 29th May

Counting Team No. 3	Ian Veal, Frances Maloney, Tony Cutroni
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm John O'Keefe, Larry Rigoni 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Anne Cooper

Rosters for Next Week 4th June & 5th June

Counting Team No. 4	David Jamieson, Bob Paz
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 Peter Kirwan 10.30am Richard van der Merwe



IN OUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Noreen Bagnell and Agnes Hogan who passed away recently and 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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

8.30AM CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We are seeking volunteers to help run our 8.30am Children's Liturgy sessions.

It would be a great help even if only once a term.

Please contact Heidi Zahra on 9397 6066 on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday for further details.



Masses at St Joseph's Parish

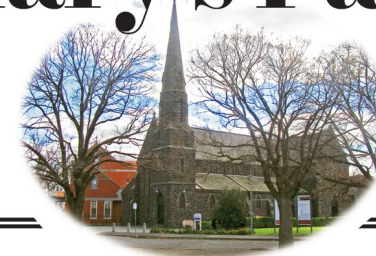
St Margaret Mary's Church—Corner of Reed & Arras Streets, Spotswood 5.30pm Saturday

Scared Heart Church—4 Newcastle Street, Newport 10.00am Sunday Morning

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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29th May, 2022

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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 6:00pm
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 12:30pm Sunday

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD—YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 1:1-11

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

God mounts the throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. 9:24-28, 10:19-23

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Go and teach all people my gospel:
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

GOSPEL: LUKE: 24:46-53

And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high" Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.



Tuesday 31st May	9.15am	Mass at St Mary's Church.
Wednesday 1st June	9.15am	Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 2nd June	9.15am	Mass at St. Mary's Church.
	6.30pm	Parish Council meeting at the Presbytery
Friday 3rd June	11.30am	Seniors Mass at St. Mary's Church. Followed by luncheon in the Parish Centre. ALL WELCOME

Dear Parishioners and Visitors

In case you have been away **Fr Binh Le**, Parish Priest of St Joseph's Parish, Newport and Spotswood will be celebrating the **Masses here in Williamstown this weekend**, while I celebrate the Masses at Newport and Spotswood. This is in line with our Archdiocesan plan to work closer with other parishes and hopefully our cooperation with Newport/Spotswood over an extended period will prove beneficial for both of us. I have no doubt Fr Binh will fit in well as we exchange pulpits every five or six weeks.

The Ascension of Jesus highlighted in our scriptural readings today marks the end of one era and the beginning of a new era of the Church's life. While the physical presence of Jesus on earth ends with the return of Jesus to the Father, it is now the presence of the Spirit which gives life to the Church.

Although we try to respond to many calls from parishioners in regards to quite a variety of needs and concerns, sometimes people fall between the cracks and we don't know their actual needs or pain unless someone else lets us know officially. Accordingly, if you know of someone you think would appreciate Holy Communion on a regular basis and a visit then please be in touch with me on 0400524363 by text or phone or let our Pastoral Associate Monique Julian know of the situation where we could help:
Monique.julian@cam.org.au

Last week I stated that **one of the biggest canonisation ceremonies ever seen in Rome** happened exactly 400 years ago in 1622. The saints of 1622 saw to it that reforms much needed at the time were radical, authentic, and missionary. It was from that bleak world of the Protestant Reformation times that Philip Neri, Francis Xavier, Ignatius of Loyola and Teresa of Avila were called and to that same world they were sent. Of the 5 canonised in St Peter's Square in 1622 those four were giants of the 16th century - champions of the Catholic Reformation. Yet let us not down play the 10 remarkable new canonised saints of the last month at St Peter's Square. For instance, Charles de Foucauld and Titus Brandsma were extraordinary human beings, but some of the others may not have been less successful in their endeavours for Christ. Charles and Titus were part of the proclaimed 10 new saints in what was the first canonisation Mass to take place in Rome after more than two years. Hopefully if space allows, I would like to give some background to the four new women saints also canonised on that day.

MARIE RIVIER:

Marie Rivier lived during the French Revolution, a period of deep hostility towards the Catholic Church on the part of a secular government. Monasteries and convents were forced into closure, nuns and priests were martyred. In the year 1796, when she was only 28 years old, the Frenchwoman Marie Rivier founded her own religious congregation. The Congregation of the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary was originally dedicated to the education and formation of young girls across France, and they expanded rapidly despite the pressure of the Reign of Terror. In the space of 42 years, they expanded to have 130 houses of religious sisters. Marie Rivier accomplished all this with God's help even though she needed crutches to walk most of her life as this was a physical condition she had to endure from 16 months old. Her congregation now ministers across 18 different countries, on five continents.



MARIA DOMENICA MANTOVANI

Maria was born in Castelletto di Brenzone, Italy in 1862, was the first general superior of the Institute of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family. This was a community she co-founded in order to serve the poor of Italy. The Spirituality of the Institute was inspired by the rule of the Third Order Regular of St Francis, and across the 40 years that she served as the general superior, she shaped the Constitution to reflect this. The Institute saw tremendous expansion throughout her life. In fact, by the time, she died in 1934, the Little Sisters had grown to 1,200 members, in 150 countries in Italy and internationally. She was a humble force of holiness for the Institute, constantly working to keep it from going lax in their founding principles.

It looks like I have run out of space and time to inform parishioners more about the other two canonised women: Maria Francesca of Jesus and Maria of Jesus Santocanale.

Not only the Pope through his encyclical letter "**Laudato Si**" has called **for action** on the environment but a wide cross of Catholic, Protestant, Muslim and other faiths have voiced a common concern for our planet Earth. Consequently, at the request of our St Mary's Parish Council we will mention some aspects of our Catholic approach to climate change priorities next weekend at Mass. Also, **next Saturday night there will be a small number of children who will receive their 1st Eucharist**. They are mainly in a small group whose families contracted covid in the past and could not be present at their normal grades 1st Eucharist Masses.

Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 26/5/2022



Seniors Mass, St Mary's Church

Friday 3rd June 11.30am

Followed by Luncheon in the Parish Centre

ALL WELCOME

Celebrating Laudato Si:

At next weekend's Masses we will be celebrating **Laudato Si week**, a global celebration remembering Pope Francis urging in his encyclical 'Laudato Si' to hear the cry of the earth, the cry of the poor and to humbly place ourselves in communion with our common home.

We will as a Parish celebrate our part in the progress the whole Church is making on its journey towards the seven Goals set before us by Pope Francis to achieve ecological conversion.

We ask that you all bring along a plant cutting (approx 20cm) – either a bloom or simply leaves and place in a basket at the back of the church as you arrive. This basket will then be carried up in the Entrance Procession.

ACRATH

Australian Catholic Religious against Trafficking in Humans

23rd June, 2022 7pm to 8 pm.

St Joseph's By The Sea, 16 Esplanade Williamstown

Presenter: Marguerite Buckley

Information and conversation evening about Human trafficking in Australia and ACRATH'S efforts to combat it. ACRATH advocates for and supports those who have experienced any form of modern slavery, be it in labour or sexual exploitation or forced marriage.

RSVP: 15th June. 9397 6012 admin.sjbtsw@sosj.org.au