

Rosters for This Week 29th & 30th January

Counting Team No. 2	Mary Forster, Marguerite Buckley, Lauren Dittmar
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat, John O'Keefe 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Mary Frisby 10.30am Mimma Cutroni
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Richard van der Merwe

Rosters for Next Week 5th & 6th February

Counting Team No. 3	Ian Veal, Frances Maloney, Tony Cutroni
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm John O'Keefe 8.30am Gerard Colla, Karen Colla 10.30am Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.00pm Josie Penna 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Kate Arnold

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

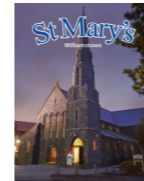
RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Mary Carton who died recently and for Illuminata Trentini, Leo Kerin, Jason Murchie, Peter Duane, Mary Zammit, Maryann Gerada, Paul Gerada, Joseph Buckley, Josephine O'Toole, Maurice Clancy, Mary Clancy, Michael Sully, Tom Flood, Norma Hynes, John Neville, Giovanni Cutroni, Kevin Broadfoot, Aileen McKindley, Charlotte Berchy, Alfred Abela, Bree Barry, Ana Delija, Frank Walsh, Pina De Battista, Judy Welsh, Concetta Tevere, Louis Dorgan, Darren Splatt, Maria Vivina, Caterina Vitro, Judith Davies, Michael Frawley, Denis Robinson, Sr. Therese Ryan, Eileen Sullivan, Garry Rutherford, Dorothy Rycroft, Mons. Attilio Delise, Mons. Pietro Fonda, Lisa Di Donato, Beatrice Duncan, Bozo Topic, and Eileen Mangan, whose anniversaries are at this time.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE - Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement. Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Website: www.mercyworks.org.au
Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895

ATTENTION!!! Don't Forget to Save Your Seat At Mass
 As there is a maximum 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



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<p>Parish Priest (Fr.) Greg Trythall PH: 9397 6066 MO: 0400 524 363 Email: greg.trythall@cam.org.au</p> <p>Pastoral Associate Monique Julian 0450 789 951 Monday, Tuesday</p> <p>Parish Office Manager Heidi Zahra Tuesday 8:30am - 4.00pm Thursday 8:30am - 4.00pm Friday 8:30am - 4.00pm</p> <p>Parish Secretary Kylie Skinner Wednesday 8.30am-3.30pm</p> <p>St. Mary's School Principal Anthony Hockey</p> <p>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</p> <p>Reconciliation Saturday 10:00am</p> <p>Silent Adoration in Church 2:30pm - 3:30pm Wednesday</p> <p>Baptism Preparation Night Third Thursday monthly 7.00pm at Parish Centre. Baptism must be booked prior to attending Preparation Night. Baptism 12:30am Sunday</p>	<p>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>FIRST READING: A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah. 1:4 - 5, 17 - 19</p> <p>RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will sing of your salvation.</p> <p>SECOND READING: A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 12:31 - 13:13</p> <p>GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: The Lord sent me to bring good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners.</p> <p>GOSPEL: LUKE 4:21 - 30</p> <p>He said to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" He said to them, "Surely you will quote me this proverb, 'Physician, cure yourself,' and say 'Do here in your native place the things that we heard were done in Capernaum.'" And he said, "Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place. Indeed I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah when the sky was closed for three and a half years and a severe famine spread over the entire land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent, but only to a widow in Zarephath in the land of Sidon. Again, there were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian."</p> <p>When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong. But he passed through the midst of them and went away.</p>
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Tuesday 1st February	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Wednesday 2nd February	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 12.30pm Funeral Mass for Mary Carton.
Thursday 3rd February	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 4th February	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 11.30am Seniors' Mass at St. Mary's Church followed immediately by a luncheon at the Parish Centre.
Saturday 5th February	10.30am—2.30pm Parish Council Meeting at the Parish Centre.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors

It is not always easy to respond to the Spirit of God. Often it means one has to go in a direction which is not entirely comfortable or where others may misunderstand our true motives. Indeed, **there will always be those who are over critical and if we worry too much about "the peanut gallery" or clowns of this world as some would call them, then we would all stay frozen in time.** In our ancient religious past, Jeremiah certainly knew that as we hear about him today. Yet as strong and determined as he was, he still needed to be encouraged to keep going on the right track as God had called him to be a beacon of light amongst a sinful people. He persists and persists even though more than rotten apples are thrown at him in his pursuit of his own inner voice. **In the Gospel, Jesus follows that same inner voice that even means his own townspeople turn against him! More than rotten tomatoes are thrown his way.**

I always find there is something inside you, whether you want to label it as an inner voice, conscience, God or the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and some may label it is as love of neighbour - it is still something we all hear in our own prayer or reflective time in one form or another. This means **we will go down tracks that are different to other people but still hopefully define us as a follower of Jesus Christ as that is the tradition we, who come to St. Mary's Church follow or believe in.** We have come to understand that Jesus is our friend and the "Holy Spirit" will lead us in truth. **My own track would be quite different to other people as I at this time feel that call in various directions.** On one hand I feel the call to try with many others such as our St. Mary's Parish Council to run a vibrant parish but on the other hand I **also am not confined by that as the Spirit also calls me (and you) to walk down other roads with a variety of different people and organisations.** Outside of some easier irons of my irons in the fire, my non-parish challenge is as Chairperson for the last four years of the Australian Catholic Clergy Remuneration Assistance Fund (ACCRAF). This smallish committee tries to raise money from priests or priests' funds in other dioceses to help priests in a diocese like Broome have an adequate stipend to live on. This has proven a very difficult challenge with covid as priests' funds have far less surplus money, especially our New South Wales dioceses which have taken a battering, and usually have been our best supporters.

Anyway, **we all plug away within our own challenging circumstances with the help of the Spirit and can always be mindful of our recent second scriptural reading two weeks ago: "There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.....all these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses."** (1st Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians ch. 12). *Continued.....*



Outside the Catholic or Christian Churches, the same Spirit of God cannot be confined and works in others for a good purpose. A brilliant example of this and a true example of our 2nd reading (" ..and the greatest of these is love") is the work of Dr. Daniel Nour as "2022 Young Australian of the Year." What a mature young man of 28 years of age and such incredible compassion. At just 26 years of age, and despite working full time as a young doctor at Royal North Shore Hospital, he launched a medical service for the homeless called "Street Side Medics." Now with 145 volunteers and four mobile clinics across NSW, the service provides medical assistance to those experiencing homelessness. The service is completely free and doesn't require a Medicare card. Dr. Nour remains founding director of "Street Side Medics," and volunteers his afternoons to make sure everything continues to run smoothly. "One state (NSW) is simply not enough. To anyone that can help, I urge you to reach out and together let's change healthcare for those most vulnerable, our brothers and sisters experiencing homelessness." Dr. Nour's calling is not my calling and probably not your calling but the Spirit keeps moving in so many different people in so many different ways, so that others are loved. St. Paul states all of this in perspective in our 2nd reading when he states: "In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love." I hope as I write this that the Ukraine situation has not turned pear shaped. I know the Pope dedicated "Australia Day" or known just as January 26th to our wider world audience as "a day of peace praying for Ukraine." Likewise, the Tonga situation is very catastrophic. Accordingly, I remind everyone that if you can help financially through our aid agency Catholic Caritas, an online donation can be easily completed by connecting to the Catholic Caritas website. Every \$50 donation makes a difference!



The following are some of the things we hopefully can address, pray for, be aware of or work towards at this time or in the coming weeks:

- ◆ Parish Council Gathering at Parish Centre: Saturday Feb 5th from 10:30am – 2:30pm. Lunch will be provided.
- ◆ Memorial Garden Wall: the possibility of putting up a plaque in remembrance of Fr. Noel Oliver.
- ◆ First Seniors' Mass of the year on Friday Feb 4th at 11:30am – all welcome at Mass with a luncheon immediately afterwards in the Parish Centre.
- ◆ Next Working Bee around Parish Grounds on Saturday 26th February between 9.00am and 11:00 am. We need your help.
- ◆ New Altar Servers training to take place at 4.00pm this Sunday afternoon January 30th.

Yours 'in Christ'

Fr. Greg 26/1/2022



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION ST. MARY'S PARISH 2022

Parents of Parish Children who do not attend St. Mary's School and would like to be part of our Sacramental Program in 2022, please contact Monique Julian (Pastoral Associate) Monique.Julian@cam.org.au

- RECONCILIATION 6.30 - 7.30 on the following Monday evenings: 28/2, 14/3, 21/3 with reconciliations 22nd–25th March.
- FIRST COMMUNION 6.30 - 7.30 on the following Monday evenings: 2/5, 9/5, 16/5 with communion Masses on the weekend of 21st/22nd May.
- CONFIRMATION 6.30 - 7.30 on the following Monday evenings: 11/7, 18/7, 25/7 with confirmation Masses scheduled for 26th -28th July.