

Since we have **First Communion Masses (Grade 5)** on weekend of December 4/5th it would be ideal if parishioners who will have been fully vaccinated by November 20th deadline, start assessing the link: signupgenius.com/go/stmarys to put your names down from November 20th weekend onwards. If having difficulty with it, it can usually be reached through the top tool (address!) bar. Also, to make it safe for you and other parishioners of our parish community you will need to use the government QR Code which can prove you have been fully vaccinated. This way enables our Parish weekend Masses to have up to 150 people whereas if it was for unvaccinated people only 20 would be allowed. People doing the arithmetic would realise I cannot afford to have unvaccinated parishioners present at the Saturday night 6pm Mass or the 8:30am/10:30am Masses on a Sunday morning. Hopefully I will now come back refreshed from my annual holidays and see you on the November 20 or 21st weekend. I have written and left a sermon for each of the next 3 Sundays based on the readings – I hope you like the content.



Yours 'in Christ' Fr Greg 20/10/2021

ROSTERS FOR MASS THE WEEKEND OF 20th & 21st NOVEMBER, 2021

Counting Team No. 8	Tracey Gregg, Leanne Spiteri
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Larry Rigoni, John O'Keefe
	8.30am Evol Farrelly, Peter Kirwan
	10.30am Mimma Cutroni
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone
	8.30am Anthony Verhoef
	10.30am Jane McLaughlin

IN OUR PRAYERS

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

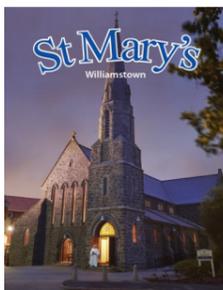
RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES



We pray for Tom Portelli, Matthew Bruno, Nellie McGrath, Lucy Kostraby William Black, Fr. Dutchy Guelen, Peter Brannick Nicky Colton, Rebecca Kenny, Paul Zahra, Bill Keogh, Sr. Winifred Murphy, Mario and Evelina Lugnani, John Flood, Maria Buongiovanni, Paula Bugeja, Linda Stroud, Bob Alexander, Gwen Cosgrove, Joy Gallagher, Liz Wilson, Ena Fewster, Peter Luckhurst, Marg Hamilton, Stephen West, Dylan Wheat, Joy Lewis, Norrie Gardiner, Albert Curtis, Edward Hinge, Maysie McAdie, Alice Sutton, Muriel Dooley, Charles Mula, Anthony Nuzzo, Filomena Paoline, Cirri Ippolyto, Gennaro Mastrogiovanni, Roberta Carlon, Anthony and Elena Banavage, Lucio and Maria Falzon, Thomas and Giuseppina Falzon, Peter Corva, Maria Corva, Joseph Sammut, Blondina and Lorenzo Sammut, David Mangion, Joseph and Teresa Xueref, Biagio Dante Cobis, Ilaria Salvatori, Rosaria Mangion whose anniversaries are at this time.

ATTENTION!!

Don't Forget to Save Your Seat At Mass



As there is a maximum on the 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/

The Seven Dwarves have been told that from Monday, they can meet in groups of six. One of them isn't Happy.

St Mary's Parish

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24th October, 2021

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Thursday 8:30am – 4pm
Friday 8:30am – 4pm

Wednesday Secretary

Kylie Skinner
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 12:30am Sunday

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah. 31:7-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord, has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. 5:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

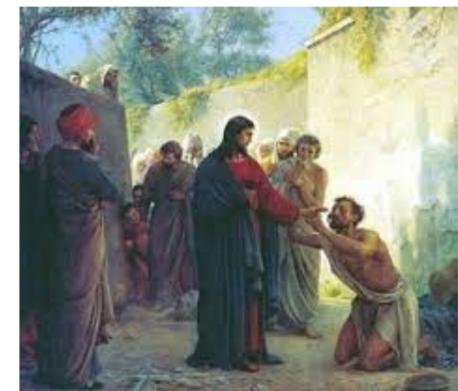
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel.

GOSPEL: MARK 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me."

And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, he is calling you."

He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.



MANDATORY VACCINES FOR PARISH WORKERS/VOLUNTEERS

We have been advised by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne as per Acting Chief Health Officer's latest official directions that changes relating to Parish employees, Parish volunteers and Clergy have been confirmed.



Full details of the COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination (Workers) Directions can be found here: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/202110/covid-19-mandatory-vaccination-%28workers%29-directions.pdf>

Mandatory vaccinations for Parish Employees and Volunteers

All religious workers, that is, people (paid and volunteers) who work at or in connection with a place of worship will be subject to Mandatory Vaccination (Workers) Directions.

Religious workers in our Parishes would typically perform (but not limited to) roles such as Parish Secretary, Bookkeeper, Livestreaming technicians and assistants, musicians and domestic support.

For these employees, the following key dates apply:

By **15 October** all workers need to be vaccinated or show that they have a booking for vaccination by:

- **22 October 2021** – latest booking for first dose
- **26 November 2021** – latest booking for second dose.

At this stage, we understood that Authorised Worker Permits are still required.

In order to continue working, workers must provide Vaccine information to the Parish engaging them.

The Parish must hold this information in confidence and not disclose it to any person except as required by law.

Vaccination information can be recorded in a variety of documents such as a letter from a medical practitioner, a certificate of immunisation or an immunisation history statement obtained from the Australian Immunisation Register.

We would therefore request that abovementioned documentation be provided to the Parish Office at your earliest convenience to enable all ministries to continue.

Employment Opportunities

With the Covid 19 pandemic, many may find themselves looking for work.

HDF are currently looking to fill 240 entry level jobs in traffic management (at the level crossing works) and as Covid Marshalls.



HDF was established to help indigenous people find employment opportunities, but now has more jobs to fill than people to fill them, and there are opportunities for all that want entry level jobs – indigenous and non-indigenous. The D and the F in HDF are St Mary's parishioners.

With these positions training is provided, and some of the requirements include:

- Entry level jobs, good pay
- Working on construction sites – opportunities for both men and women
- For Traffic Management you have to do an aptitude test so need to read and write English to a reasonable standard, however, there are other positions where the ability to read and write English is not such an important requirement
- Employment is casual for the first three months then permanent employment
- Looking for people who have been or are willing to get vaccinated
- Own transport – usually needed to get to train stations being worked on
- For those who have been unemployed for some time there is the capacity to ease them in with a couple of days a week
- Ideal worker is someone available 7 days a week, 12 hours per day. However, there is some flexibility to accommodate those who don't have that availability
- Drug and alcohol and police checks will be administered, but a prior conviction won't necessarily exclude anyone

For people that are interested you can either call Felix on 0467 485 931 or go direct to the link below, and fill out your details

<https://hdf.staffd.me/applicants/apply-now>

Way of the West – St Mary's Williamstown

Dear Parishioners

Unfortunately, there could not be a packed church for Fr Noel (Parish Priest here 2000- 2010) last week, unlike when many of you would still remember the great numbers at "Smithy's" (Fr Kevin Smith) funeral in 1995! I have been down the cemetery 3 times this week for funerals and I love the last words on Fr Kevin Smith's tombstone: "Loved by All" in a prominent place at Williamstown cemetery. As a fellow priest I love to see that – a successful ministry for and with the people. Many of you were able to watch **Fr Noel's Requiem Mass** - at least by livestream last week. It was great that it was led by the new local western suburb's bishop, Martin Ashe. A truly beautiful homily was given by Fr Noel's friend, Fr Peter Bickley - also an orphanage boy at St Augustine's Geelong. I would like to quote just a part of Fr Peter's sermon last Wednesday: "Noel's story about his steps to ordination inspired and gave hope to so many who knew what it was to struggle. Noel's ordination gave great joy, to all of us at St Augustine's Geelong there was a smile on every boy's and every teachers face, for us boys especially the smile was wider on our faces for – after all – we were granted a day off from school! Noel's courage and faith in the Lord, brought so much affirmation to the work of all concerned in the care of young boys without a home. Over many years Noel in his kindness, attended and led the Mass at the Annual Reunion every August 28th – St Augustine's Feast Day. Ollie (Oliver by surname) to his colleagues he sat proudly at the dinner table, spoke inspiringly in his sermon at the annual Mass because together we never forgot our humble beginnings, because whilst we were without a Mother and a Father, we shared a humble understanding and compassion for those in need. God was good to him for later he would meet his Mother (for the first time), she was aged 92, and living in Tasmania with his sister – and when the time came he conducted his Mother's funeral – God is Good, God is so Good – all the time!"

Due to only 10 being a maximum allowed by the government at Fr Noel's funeral on October 13th I have arranged a Mass to be celebrated for the repose of his soul on **Friday December 10th at 7pm**. It will also be a Mass for all who have lost a love one over the last year and a bit during this particular pandemic time. Fortunately, I was able to obtain an extra 40 copies of the funeral Mass celebrated for Fr Noel. I will leave them on the front veranda of the presbytery for this weekend of October 23rd/24th – hopefully my band of bulletin deliverers have put the bulletins in your letter boxes by Friday night or Saturday night at latest.

I don't know how to express the following as "**Synodality**" is a very hard concept to convey!! Anyway, here I go: Pope Francis has initiated a process of a more synodal church. In keeping with the mission, the Church has received from Jesus, at this particular time in its history the Church needs to initiate better processes of listening, dialogue and community discernment, in which each and every person can participate and contribute. Within this more open dialogue of the Church with the world around it and within the Church itself '**synodality**' as seen by Pope Francis represents the main road for the **Church in the coming years**. This attempt by our great leader, Pope Francis is a call-in fact for the Church to renew itself under the action of the Spirit and by listening to the Word of God. It is an attempt to imagine a better Church – a different future of the Church and its many various institutions responding to the people and needs of our times. This 2-year process of discernment started with the official opening of the XV1 (16th) Ordinary General Synod of Bishops on 10th October 2021 and will conclude with a wide synod of bishops in 2 years time. As our present Archbishop Peter Commonsoli states: "It is now our opportunity to begin engagement in this important two-year convocation that seeks to hear and consider how we are walking together as a synodal Church in our announcing of the Gospel! And what steps the Spirit invites us to take in order to grow in our "walking together". I am informed by the archbishop that we will hearing more in the coming weeks. I gather there will be within this next year of the two-year process varying mechanisms for individual and group submissions.

I have had the **Spring edition of the "Swag"** journal in my possession for the last 6 weeks hoping I could give them to you sooner than later. As time is against us, and I have only had enough copies for every 5th parishioner I will put 55 copies at random in parishioners' bulletins and like Fr Noel's funeral Mass booklet I will leave 20 copies of the "Swag" of my veranda in case you wish to make sure you get a copy. Only quick reading advice I can give is to read page 3-4, 7 (from Fr Brendan Byrne) 8-10, 20- 23, 28, 33 (just the Fr Peter Kooloos comments) 37, 40- 41. Many of the other articles are a bit deep or a bit abstract etc – so if time poor I am just suggesting the above pages.



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