

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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9:30am–1:30pm

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St. Mary's School

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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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR C

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes. 1:2, 2:21-23

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Colossians. 3:1-5, 9-11

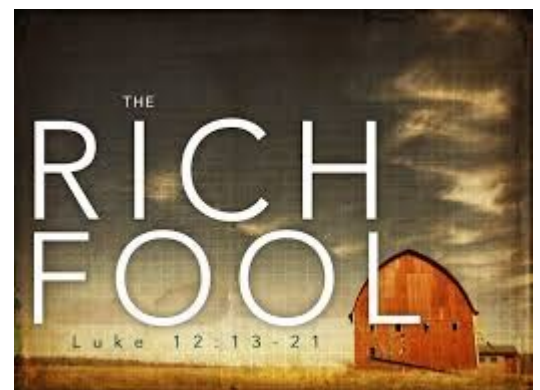
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

GOSPEL: LUKE 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.” He replied to him, “Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?” Then he said to the crowd, “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.”

Then he told them a parable. “There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, “What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?” And he said, “This is what I shall do; I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, “Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!” But God said to him, “You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?” Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God.”



Tuesday 5th August	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church
Wednesday 6th August	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 2:30pm – 3:30pm Silent Hour of Adoration in Church.
Thursday 7th August	9.15am Mass at St Mary's Church. 6.30pm Parish Council meeting at Presbytery.
Friday 8th August	9.15am Whole School Mass for Feast of Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

Dear Parishioners,

In regard to the number of pro-Palestinian protests or even pro-Israel protests in the city, it is a pity this particular situation has festered for so long, and seems never ending. Hamas can and should be blamed for many of our present problems in the Middle East, but for decades the Palestinian people have been given the raw end of the stick by either too far right Israel Governments and or the Israel Defence Force.

I lived on the Israel border for a month at the early part of this century. **I could not believe the trouble that some of the Israel Defence Forces went to in frustrating the average Palestinian citizen.** For instance, even though very many of the Palestinian population had work rights in Jerusalem, they were stopped often for hours at the normal check points into Jerusalem. This no doubt disrupted their normal working day and their families would have suffered from disruptions to wages and the possibility of a better lifestyle. For years other priests had informed me of the attitude of many of the Israel Defence Forces in giving the Palestinian people a hard time: it was only when I saw it myself that I then fully believed my confreres. Although not ideal, it is no wonder through years of frustration that some of the Palestinian people have turned to violence and Hamas as a movement emerged to be stronger than it should be as a result of those Palestinian frustrations. Given a more compassionate Israel Government to be successful in elections in the future and Hamas being sidelined by the average good Palestinian, then headway can emerge to peace. One day I hope there will be some sort of amicable two State solution as we don't want to go further decades with fighting and its terrible effects such as starvation of many of the young of the Middle East. **Christians, Jews and Muslims can live in peace in the Middle East. They have done so for many centuries before this and hopefully that day returns sooner than later.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

- A) **FIRST READING:** (Ecclesiastes) This reading casts a cold eye on the vanity of human life. One example of this vanity is all the toil that people put into acquiring wealth, only to have to leave it all to their heirs.
- B) **SECOND READING:** (St Paul to the Colossians) This reading sums up some of the conclusions that follow from the fact that through Baptism the Christian shares in the life of Christ. The believer must not model himself/herself on the behaviour of the world but on the behaviour of Christ whose life he/she shares.
- C) **GOSPEL:** (Luke) This is part of a longer section that deals with the difficulties that possessions can cause for the disciples of Jesus. Jesus stresses through a parable the foolishness of depending on material things for one's security rather than on God.

MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS:

In case you were away last week there will be a new Parish Priest for St Leo's North Altona in two months' time. His name is Fr Jude Johnson and at 37 years of age this will naturally be his first appointment as a Parish Priest. On the other hand Fr Paul Tru after 25 years in this area has been appointed Parish Priest of Avondale Heights.

SITUATION IN GAZA:

'Caritas Internationalis' is one of 111 humanitarian organisations that signed a statement denouncing the Israel governments "siege" of Gaza and demanding an immediate and permanent ceasefire and the lifting of all restrictions on the flow of humanitarian aid. The statement called for governments to act to open all land crossings; restore the flow of food, water, medicine, shelter items, and fuel into Gaza "through a principled, United Nations- led mechanism."

JUBILEE OF YOUTH:

More than half a million young people from 146 countries arrived in Rome last Monday for the start of the weeklong Jubilee of Youth. Pro-prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelisation, Archbishop Fisichella stated: "Essentially this moment of celebration and joy also aims to embrace all young people around the world, indicating that it will be a genuine moment of peace and peace-building in the world." The future new Parish Priest of North Altona, Fr Jude Johnson is leading a group of 12 to this Jubilee celebration and to Assisi as well.

WAY OF THE WEST:

Unless you drop items at the school this week, the following is requested for next Sunday drop off at the Church – thanks in anticipation.

Tinned Food: Tuna in oil, sardines or salmon, vegetables such as tomatoes, carrots, corn. Dried or tinned legumes – yellow split peas, split red lentils, chickpeas, red kidney beans (not baked beans). Tomato paste, honey, long life full cream milk, coconut cream or milk, peanut butter jam or tahini, and vegetable or olive oil.

PORTRAIT OF NEW POPE:

The portrait of Pope Francis has been just inside the Church as you step inside the main entrance for many years now. However, you will find a nice portrait photo of Pope Leo there now. Our secretary Monique was able use to the old frame of Pope Francis in both Church and presbytery to save costs and still have something I believe to look classy.

Yours 'in Christ'

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SAFEGUARDING - 'Volunteer Overview' & 'Activity Statement'

The 'Volunteer Overview' and 'Activity Statement' have now been emailed to all parish volunteers, requesting the signed **Volunteer Description Acknowledgment** (page 3) be returned to the parish office ASAP. Copies are also available in the church next to the parish bulletins on the rear table for volunteers to sign and place in the returns basket. Thank you for your cooperation.

LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

The St Mary's Parish has been present at most of the important milestones in your life: your Baptism, your 1st Eucharist, at times of great celebration and at times of great sadness. By leaving a gift to your parish in your Will, you will leave a legacy of faith, a legacy to help ensure that the mission and pastoral outreach that has been important to you will continue both for today's needs and for those of our children, our grandchildren and beyond.

JUBILEE PRAYER:

*Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us
In your son, Jesus, our brother,
And the flame of charity enkindled
In our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
Reawaken in us the blessed hope
For the coming of your Kingdom.
May the grace of the Jubilee
Reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
A Yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer
Throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed.
Be glory and praise for ever.*



Rosters for this Week 2nd & 3rd August 2025

Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Beata Sicat 8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Eugene Yi, Maria Laudato
Mass Readers	6.00pm Emma Pinzone 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Kevin Perera
Welcomers	6.00pm Simon Pinzone 8.30am Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Herb Zimmer

Rosters for next Week 9th and 10th of August 2025

Counting Team 3	Ian Veal, Frances Moloney, Toni Cutroni, Larry Rigoni, Susan Jamieson
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Maryanne Wenzel 10.30am Eugene Yi
Mass Readers	6.00pm Marcia Schobben 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Antoinetta Acquaro
Welcomers	6.00pm Imma Marguglio 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Joe Covelli

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Yeme Reddy, Sarah Rodgers, Assunta Delgrosso,
Anne-Marie Pelikinakis, Danuta Kurkowski

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Agnes Harney, Denise Stewart, Eddie Gauci, Brigitta Johnson, Kevin Mahoney, Paul Cassar, Cliff Gibson, Tanya Travers, Val Hall, Fay Barlow, Peter Hoare, Margaret Flood, Les Elias, Keith Tyrrell, Claire Hindle, Nora Shepherd, Charles Axelson, Jack Dowling, Sandra Guilford, Arthur Mangan, Alma Hynes, Eliza Raponi, David Templeton, Mary Blenheim, Jim Railton, John Cassar and Concetta Gerovich whose anniversaries are at this time.

