

Rosters for This Week 14th & 15th April

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| Counting Team No. 4 | Glenn McKinney, David Jamieson, Bob Paz |
| Ministers of the Eucharist | 5.30pm John O'Keefe, Beata Ocampo 8.30am Mary Frisby, Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Mimma Cutroni |
| Mass Readers | 5.30pm Elizabeth O'Keefe 8.30am Stephen Littleton 10.30am Jane McLaughlin |
| Children's Liturgy | 8.30am—No Children's Liturgy—School Holidays 10.30am—No Children's Liturgy—School Holidays |

Rosters for Next Week 21st & 22nd April

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| Counting Team No. 5 | John Richardson, Larry Rigoni, Susan Jamieson |
| Ministers of the Eucharist | 5.30pm Larry Rigoni, Maria Laudato 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Mary Debenham 10.30am Di Collins |
| Mass Readers | 5.30pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Jenny Furey |
| Children's Liturgy | 8.30am Karen Simoni, Leanne Spiteri 10.30am Lyndall Burgess, Michelle Dunn |

IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Clare Twomey, Leo O'Brien, Haizil Joseph, Eric Pinzone, Santhi Komatineni, Barrie Poulton.



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Marie Ann Richardson, John Clarke, Tony Falzon, Kurt Goetz, Rosaria Laudato, Jeff Cockerell, Emily McVeigh, Gordon O'Keefe, Frederick Hernan, Chris McKenzie, Thomas Mullens, Vera Newbury, Adrian Van Osta, John Galvin, Regis Hynes, Mary Sexton, Paul Vaisanen, Philip Hoban, Vincenzo Taliana, Benito Cilea, George Jones, Mary Bennett, Michael McGrath, Norah Maher, Hack Geoghegan, Calogero Durante, Giuseppina Petar, Maria Mesiti, Francesco Antonio Mesiti and Frank Hynes; whose anniversaries are at this time.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Next week is the Fourth Sunday of Easter. It offers us the figure of the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep—he calls them, he feeds them, he guides them. For over 50 years the Church has celebrated this Sunday as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is therefore appropriate that next weekend we will hear about a very special project of our Archdiocesan Vocations Office. St. Mary's parishioner, Stephen Littleton will speak on the project at all Masses in his capacity as Manager, Parish Development for the Archdiocese.



St Mary's Parish

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15th April, 2018

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Thursday 9:15am – 4pm
Friday 9:15am – 4pm

Wednesday Secretary

Kylie Skinner
8.30am—3.30pm

St. Mary's School

Principal — Jim Sheedy

Normal Mass Times

Consult bulletin inside for any changes.

Saturday at 5:30pm

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 3:13-15, 17-19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of John. 2:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:35-48

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. 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 with Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."



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| Tuesday 17th April | 9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. |
| Wednesday 18th April | 9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm Parish Finance Team meeting at the Presbytery. |
| Thursday 19th April | 9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. |
| Friday 20th April | 9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church |

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,
Although we are in the B cycle of readings, with the Gospel of Mark mainly being used throughout this year, there are times when **other Gospels such as Luke or John may be used to help bring home a central message**, such as the importance of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead at Easter time. Accordingly the most important detail in Luke's account today of the apostles meeting the risen Jesus may be the fact that **Jesus slowly opened their minds to understand what they had previously been unwilling or unable to grasp**. A part of this lack of understanding is explained by the speech of St. Peter in today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles that Christ at first had to suffer. Peter, in another of his great speeches after the Resurrection, demands that the people accept their responsibility for crucifying Jesus and then go on to repent and change their lives by accepting Jesus as their Lord and Master. Now for us along the track two thousand years later, **we are asked at Easter to accept God's invitation also and to become what we are meant to be** in and again through an encounter with the risen Christ, especially in the 'breaking of the bread' and our hospitality to each other.

Throughout Australia, approximately 2,000 adults have entered the Catholic Church during the Easter Ceremonies. It is always difficult to make the first step to a possible change of life. However, if you come to Church with your Catholic partner or are just one of those several people who like coming to the Catholic Church by yourself without necessarily being a Catholic, then there is always that possible next step. The step may not entail you actually becoming a Catholic at this time, but it helps you to understand the essentials of the Catholic faith. Accordingly, **we will be starting with another small group at the presbytery on Tuesday May 1st at 7:30pm. For an hour** only we cover such topics as: 'care of the planet, social justice, the moral life, marriage, sin and forgiveness, the structure of the Mass, the sacraments of the Church, the Church: God's People, the birth of the Church, the God of Revelation, the Bible, in search of God etc etc. Why don't you come and join us even if it is only for a few sessions. "Come and see" as Jesus always said. If you want any more information you are welcome to ring me on 0400 524 363 or email me on greg.trythall@cam.org.au.

I placed an item in the bulletin last week regarding our present primary school

Principal, Jim Sheedy, but in case you were away over Easter I repeat that same correspondence on the opposite page.

If you are relatively new to the Parish over the last few months or year and are happy for us to have some basic information as a new parishioner please fill in a form on one of the back tables near the front entrance door.

In connection with St Mary's School I **still have about 8 copies left of 'Story and Place' 175 Years of St. Mary's Primary School Williamstown.** Give me the \$50 after Mass today and I will give you a book! Otherwise they will be available at the school office this week.

It is the last opportunity this weekend to pick up a free copy of 'the Swag' magazine on one of the back tables.

Yours "in Christ"

Fr. Greg 12/4/2018

Last opportunity also to bring back project compassion boxes this week if not done so on Holy Thursday night. Thank you for your generosity to those in need.



THOUGHTS TO PONDER ON THIS THIRD SUNDAY OF THE EASTER SEASON

JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES

What do I mean when I Offer the "Gift of Peace!" to those around me at Mass?

How can I bring the peace of Jesus to my family?

How can I bring the peace of Jesus to my community and workplace?

How can I bring the peace of Jesus to my own life and those in it?



REMINDER CHANGE OF SATURDAY MASS TIMES

Commencing April 7th, 2018

Saturday night Mass will be held at **5.30pm** for the Winter Months
(continuing until September 22nd)

2018 PREPARATION CLASSES FOR 1ST EUCHARIST—ENROLMENT DUE NOW

Sacrament of First Eucharist: Pre-requisite: Baptism & Reconciliation

Parishioners whose children **do not** attend St. Mary's School please enrol **NOW**.

Classes commence on Monday 23rd April.

Online bookings for 1st Eucharist Masses 16/17th & 23rd/24th June open soon. All correspondence to be emailed to The Parish Office:

williamstown@cam.org.au, Attention Sr. Patricia. Please include: Parent and child details, address, phone contact, school & year level, name and address of church where child was baptised and parish where you attend Mass.



Dear Parents

I am sorry to inform you that our current Principal Mr. James Sheedy will be starting up a new position as Principal of one of the two Catholic primary schools in the Caroline Springs Parish.

Jim will continue here for most of our second term, but will take up the position at St. George Preca School at the start of the third term in July. The school is only in its tenth year of operation. It will be a new challenge for Jim, as the school is twice the size of our present St. Mary's School and takes in a wide north-western area of Carline Springs, including a new estate at Taylors Hill. It needs a good principal, a good educationalist and someone who will set up the school for many years to come.

Within a Parish, the position of Primary Catholic Principal is one of the more important appointments. The position is like a spider web in that it impacts on so many different areas such as parish, school staff, children, parents and the wider community. However, some Principals, due to various factors such as experience, giftedness, knowledge, personality, faith and so forth, are more successful than others over a long period of time. Fortunately, Mr. Sheedy has shown all of those qualities and has been an incredible help to our local primary school over the last ten years. Personally, as we share similar ideals, values and interests, it has been a pleasure and a privilege to have worked with him for the good of both St. Mary's Parish and School over the last eight of these ten years.

Although I am saddened and many of you will be saddened, there is a time to move on if one is to continue with the same enthusiasm. Many of you as parents change jobs every few years and will understand the need to move on after giving so much time and energy. I would have liked him to stay, but I know the time has come. I also know that the Catholic system needs people who want to take on a new challenge and while both I and many of you will miss Jim, I am sure there is someone out there to take on our lovely primary school with a full head of steam.

The position of Principal for St. Mary's will be advertised early next term within our Catholic circles and I will inform the parent body in the first week of next term in regards to a panel being formed to judge the suitable candidates. The panel is formed under certain guidelines from Catholic Education Melbourne and in the end I need to sign off on any successful candidate.

Fr. Greg Trythall Parish Priest