

Rosters for This Week 21st & 22nd April

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

Rosters for Next Week 28th & 29th April

Counting Team No. 6	Jim Farrelly, Tim Kennedy, Evol Farrelly
Ministers of the Eucharist	5.30pm Mary Soppitt, Gail Tull 8.30am Stephen Littleton, Doreen Mitchell 10.30am Justine Brogna
Mass Readers	5.30pm Monique Marcina 8.30am Shannon Pedrotti 10.30am Olga Reginato
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Josie Camilleri, Mariza O'Keefe 10.30am No Children's Liturgy, Year 4 Family Mass

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 Stefania Drandi and Eugene Buckley who died recently; and Agnes Schobben, Gary Vaessen, Fred Goldsmith, Angelina Pace, Ljubo Lisica, Valerie Short, Franceso Sujevic, Maria Sujevic, (Fr.) Lou Heriot, Marga Mardesic, Ljubica and Ive Vuksevic, Benarda Milin, Mara Peros, Petar Mardesic Snr, Nicola Nardo, Ann Brydon, Tessie Zahra, Cecilia Dalton, Maree Beaton, Hilda Lloyd, Josephine Dimeck, Marianne Gerada, Ernie Clare, Mary Sweet, Rene Hynes, May Sinclair, Lucia Scalia, Des Moore, Francis O'Loughlin, Matilda Luczyc, Annie Broadfoot, Jack Cronin, Miles McGrath, Rita Consolandi, Giselda Darmanin, Tess Hannebery, Lyn Trojkovic, Stella Costa, Carmela Pisano, Ersilia Portelli, Joan Spiteri, Arthur Jones, Christine House and Alberto Mangion, whose anniversaries are at this time.

What's on in April

Live-Out Retreat

24th, 25th and 26th April, 10.00am-3.00pm daily
(BYO Lunch each day) Cost \$175

The Song of Songs Therese Quinn

Time to enjoy God's Love through the lyric poetry and extravagant imagery of the Song of Songs. These days will begin with a reflective session, after which there will be quiet time and writing our own Song of Songs.

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St Mary's Parish

A community where we bring together our gifts and talents



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22nd April, 2018

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Tuesday 9:15am – 4pm

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 4:8-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of John. 3:1-2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd.



This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

Tuesday 24th April	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 7.00pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting in the Parish Centre.
Wednesday 25th April	9.15am ANZAC Day Mass at St. Mary's Church. 7.30pm 'Way of the West' committee meeting at the Presbytery.
Thursday 26th April	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 27th April	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,
For over 50 years the Church has celebrated this Sunday – **Good Shepherd Sunday** - as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Accordingly, one of our well known parishioners, **Stephen Littleton will speak on a special project of our Archdiocesan Vocations Office.** This Sunday is often called Good Shepherd Sunday because the Gospels in all three cycles of the Lectionary speak of Christ as a shepherd. In the Gospels, Jesus makes seven famous statements beginning with the words "I am." Each of them reflects something said about God from the Scriptures. Yet, of them all, Jesus' statement "I am the good shepherd" is the only one in which he describes himself with a human role. When it comes to the crunch, it is not easy being a good shepherd! It is a very difficult job and many people baulk at it, even my great grandfather! I noticed he performed many varying jobs from the 1860's onwards in South Australia, but when an old shepherd herder died in his shepherd's hut, my 21 year old great grandfather took on the part-time job of looking after a certain group of sheep for a month. As an old man in his very extensive 1909 diary of reminiscences, he wrote the following: 'I was installed shepherd 'til some traveller came along which did not happen for nearly a month, and during that time the overseer came out every few days and brought me books. I did not mind the day so much but the nights were awful. The hut was in a ravine with high hills at the back and in front a belt of scrub ran away right up to a distant range of hills called the "Bunkers". Between the hut and the scrub was a rocky creek, then dry, and the brush sheep yard was on the rising ground a few yards away from the end of the hut. Some nights were fine, only the howling of the wild dogs in the scrub, the flop, flop of the calico over the window and the sudden rushes of the sheep in the yard disturbing the stillness of the night - in the first week there were three nights of heavy dry thunderstorms when the wind blew down the gully with mournful sound and the thunder bellowed in the ravine. The old shepherd's young dog cowered down just outside the door trembling so I called him and I cannot tell which of the two was best pleased with the others company!'



We will be starting with another small group at the presbytery on Tuesday May 1st at 7:30pm for **those who are interested in looking more at the Catholic faith** and possibly joining the Catholic Church. 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
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 front entrance door and either put it on the plate or drop into the presbytery.
Yours "in Christ"
Fr. Greg 19/4/2018

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



BE STILL

Gospel Reflection Easter Week 4.

Thoughts to ponder:



'I am the Good Shepherd.' 'I know mine and mine know me.' In those words we hear everything we need to know. Jesus loves us. He guides us. He cares for us.

Jesus' mission was not only to care for his flock, but to bring them to a relationship with his Father.

Do I recognise the Voice of Jesus? Do I faithfully take my place in the flock of Jesus??

Prayer: Loving God, Forgive me when I violate unity in my home, parish, workplace or wherever I happen to be. Lord, make me a means of your Peace. Amen.

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.



REMINDER CHANGE OF SATURDAY MASS TIMES

Commencing April 7th, 2018

Saturday night Mass will be held at **5.30pm** for the Winter Months



PARISH GARDEN WORKING BEE

Saturday 5th May, 2018

9.00am—11.00am



Come along and help the other workers (even if only for an hour) to help tidy up the Parish grounds. It would be much appreciated if you are able to bring your own tools/equipment, **especially shovels to shift tan bark.**

