

Rosters for This 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

Rosters for Next Week 5th & 6th May

Counting Team No. 7	Mary Ward, Jean McCutcheon, Greg Morgan
Ministers of the Eucharist	5.30pm John O'Keefe, Larry Rigoni 8.30am Jeanette Thompson, Peter Kirwan 10.30am Alison Silke
Mass Readers	5.30pm John Grieve 8.30am Mary Debenham 10.30am Richard van der Merwe
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Jacqui Pace, Doreen Mitchell 10.30am Jenny Furey, Hannah Furey

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 Richard Stone, (Fr.) Cyril Blake, Daniela Panzera, Antonio Pecora, Agnes Schobben, Bridget Fagan, Francis Xavier Borg, Jack O'Neill, John Fitzgerald, 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, Natalino and Angelina Meilak,

Blondina and Lawrence Sammut, Michael Meilak, Joan Spiteri, Ersilia Portelli, Sheila Easdon, Carmela Sammut, Rosaria Laudato; Emmanuelle and Annie Taliana, Luigi and Lorenza Micallef, Paulo and Elvira Taliana, Sergio and Lucia Gelicrisio and Charlie Tabone, whose anniversaries are at this time.



[What's on in May!](#)

[The Joy of the Gospel](#)

3rd May 7.30pm to 8.00pm

Praying with scripture contemplatively as living word for today. Donation welcome.

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St Mary's Parish

A community where we bring together our gifts and talents



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29th April, 2018

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Heidi Zahra

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING:

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. 9:26-31

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of John. 3:18-24

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does, he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him, will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."



Tuesday 1st May	9.15am Communion Service at St. Mary's Church. 10.30am Funeral Mass for Francesco (Frank) Costa. 7.30pm Commencement of new round of Christian Initiation of Adults at the Presbytery. All are welcome.
Wednesday 2nd May	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 3rd May	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 6.30pm Parish Council meeting at the Presbytery.
Friday 4th May	11.30am Seniors' Mass at St. Mary's Church 12.00pm Followed immediately by a luncheon at the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

A special welcome this weekend to all children (and their parents) who are being presented to our faith community here at St. Mary's for the future reception of Holy Communion in our parish. We not only welcome children from St Mary's school, but all schools around the area.

Parishioners and parents of First Eucharist children can be constantly challenged by Jesus as he says in today's Gospel: "I am the vine, you are the branches." We might kid ourselves by saying we can bear a lot of fruit without him. It is just not true. We need to be pruned like a grape vine as it can only bear much fruit if pruned correctly. Parents in particular, need to give their children a true example of being pruned and bearing much fruit by performing acts such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, etc – fruits of the Holy Spirit! Children are prone to take note of a good example such as sensitive actions for others and regular worship of a Sunday. Unless we stay close to the vine (Jesus) we will not bear much fruit. Don't take my word for it; take the word of Jesus as he is the one who said it!

A Mass Count is carried out by the Catholic Church during the whole month of May throughout Australia. Accordingly, certain people at collection time will note your presence in a numerical way.

Thanks to those who were able to respond to a special project of our Archdiocesan Vocations Office last Saturday and Sunday. Stephen Littleton was pleased with the result.

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 at least 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 it into the presbytery.

The Mary MacKillop Museum in East Melbourne tells the inspiring story of Australia's St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop. More info is on the board at the back of the church.

Yours "in Christ"

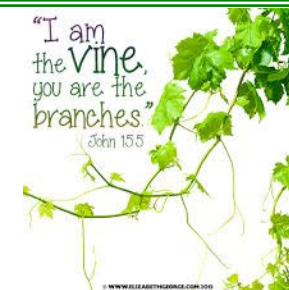
Fr. Greg 26/4/2018



BE STILL

Gospel Reflection Easter Week 5.

Thoughts to ponder:



Today's Gospel challenges the depth of our relationship with Jesus, who calls himself the vine and us the branches. Branches share the very life of the vine. What does this mean for us? We've been invited into something far deeper and more intimate than with our own family. How comfortable are we with this invitation? What is our response in our everyday life?

Prayer: Creator God, You have grafted me on to Jesus, the true vine. Nurture my growth with reverence that I may bring forth abundant fruits of faith and love. Amen.

Open Day

2018



We invite you to explore our College and see what makes us leaders in educating girls.

Sunday 20 May

10.00am–1.00pm

Principal's address

10.30am, 11.30am & 12.30pm

Register online at www.msj.vic.edu.au

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REMINDER CHANGE OF SATURDAY MASS TIMES

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

(continuing until September 22nd)

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.**

