



## HOLY SAVIOUR PARISH GLEN WAVERLEY NORTH

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**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**  
Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 10.00am

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**  
Wednesday & Friday: 9.15am  
**Reconciliation: By Appointment or after 9.15am mass on Wednesday & Friday**

### OUR VISION

Our Parish leads and supports all members on their journey of faith.

### OUR MISSION

We welcome and engage everyone in our faith community at  
Holy Saviour so that all may feel at home.  
We provide opportunities for people to encounter God  
through liturgy and community.  
We actively live God's message of love and justice in a way that is  
relevant for today.

### PARISH PRIEST

Fr Ralph Besterwitch SAC  
[fralph1@gmail.com](mailto:fralph1@gmail.com)

### SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Mr. Steve Evans  
[principal@hsvs.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@hsvs.catholic.edu.au)

### PARISH PRAYER

God of all creation, may your Spirit inspire us to do your will. Bless us in your service, strengthen us in our support of each other. Unite us as we grow in faith and love, to be a welcoming, caring community, enabling all to flourish, especially our children and the most vulnerable.

This we pray in the name of our Holy Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

## SUNDAY 12TH MARCH 2023—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT-YEAR A

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ugo Di Censo

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Monica Crawley, Bernie Gay,  
Moiria Stirton, Danilo Gianello, Gladys de Rozario,  
Robert Crawford, Eulalie Medina

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** John Graham, John  
Baird, Stephen Greene, Aidan Carroll, Graeme Potter

### SEASON OF LENT 2023

"God is on the Journey, Too"

#### Third Sunday of Lent

Consult not your fears  
but your hopes and your dreams.  
Think not about your frustrations,  
but about your unfulfilled potentials.  
Concern yourself not with what you tried  
and failed in, but with what it is  
still possible for you to do.

(Pope John XXIII)

#### Lenten Discussion continues on:

Wednesday 15th March, 7.30pm in the Foyer Café  
OR

Friday 17th March, 10.15am in the Chapel  
All are welcome!

We will also have Stations of the Cross every Friday  
during Lent after the 9.15am Mass

### BAPTISM:



We welcome into our Parish community:  
*Hailey Reese Bose*  
who will be baptised this weekend.  
Please keep the family in your prayers

### THE SYMBOLS OF LENT

How parishes honour the call to pray, fast and give alms  
may differ.

In our Church, a Project Compassion box is on display  
here as an emphasis on **Project Compassion**. This offers  
a visual reminder that we are  
called to be generous, to give  
alms.



A bowl of ashes from Ash  
Wednesday is placed in front  
as a reminder that we are in a  
time of repentance.

The holy water jar is placed on  
its side as a part of a Lent display  
reminding us that we are  
preparing to receive the  
water of life at the Easter Vigil  
ceremony.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Meets 1st Thursday of the month from 9.30am till 11.00am. Plain knitting skills  
is all that is required. The next gathering will be: **Thursday 6th April** in the  
Chapel

If you or someone you know are facing one of life's many challenges, having a  
prayer shawl might make a positive difference. Enquiries: Maree 0402 043 164

I am taking a short break until 27 March.  
The emails & voicemails will be regularly monitored.  
Or here are the contact details for  
St Christopher's Parish:  
Phone: 9802 8538,  
Email: [secretary@syndalcatholic.org.au](mailto:secretary@syndalcatholic.org.au)  
Thanks, Anne

### MORNING TEA & A CHAT

All parishioners are invited to stay for a cuppa & a chat  
after the Sunday 10.00am mass.  
Tea/coffee/biscuits will be provided.

### OVER 39ERS / SENIORS MONTHLY MASS

Next gathering will be on:

**Wednesday 12th April @ Holy Saviour**

12 noon in the Chapel, followed by lunch.  
Please bring a plate to share. Coffee/tea will be  
provided.  
All are welcome

### CONNECT WITH CARITAS AUSTRALIA

*This Lent, learn more about our impact in Africa*

To celebrate the Feast Day of St Oscar Romero,  
Caritas Australia invites you to connect with our staff  
and partners and discover how our work is making a  
difference now and for all future generations.

'Connect with Caritas Australia' is a unique  
opportunity to ask questions about our programs in  
Africa and to dig deeper into the work of our partner  
in Zimbabwe.

**Date:** Thursday, 23 March, 2023

**Time:** 7.00-8.00pm AEDT

**Register for this Zoom event:**

[www.caritas.org.au/connect](http://www.caritas.org.au/connect)

### HOLY SAVIOUR PLAYGROUP

Open to all Parents, Grand-parents & Carers of babies  
& Pre-schoolers

**Friday mornings 9.00am to 11.00am**

during school term in the Holy Saviour Wellbeing Hub.  
It's a great opportunity to come along, relax and have  
a cuppa with other parents while the children are  
playing.

BYO Child's snack, morning tea and coffee supplied  
Gold coin donation

All enquiries to Fran 0438 004 885

### 1ST COLLECTION (PRESBYTERY OFFERING)

to be taken up after the homily is for the  
Presbytery Account, which supports not only  
Fr Ralph, but also supports the other priests in our  
Parish.

### 2ND COLLECTION (THANKSGIVING OFFERING)

will be taken up immediately after the Prayers of the  
**Faithful**. All monies from this collection go  
towards meeting the running costs of the Parish and  
paying off debt.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to

David Wood



### PROJECT COMPASSION

Priscilla lives in the Hwange district in Zimbabwe with her husband, Charles, and their two grandsons. Climate change continues to bring unprecedented challenges for people living in the most vulnerable and remote communities in Zimbabwe.

With the support of Caritas Hwange, Priscilla learnt conservation farming skills to grow drought-resistant crops to support her family during the current food crisis. Priscilla was able to produce a bumper harvest in her first year of

practising conservation farming. Priscilla used the funds from her harvest to start poultry farming, which enabled her to sell eggs to pay for her grandchildren's school fees, books and stationery. The poultry farming provides a safety net for Priscilla and her family during times of hardship, like the current drought.

With the work of Caritas Hwange means that Priscilla can learn the skills she needs to build resilience and support her family during this current food crisis

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2023**

Together, we can help  
vulnerable communities face their  
challenges today and build a better  
tomorrow.

You can donate through Project  
Compassion donation boxes and  
envelopes available in the Church foyer, or by visiting  
[caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800  
024 413.



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**BOOK  
& PLANT  
SALE**

**SATURDAY  
18 MARCH 2023  
9 AM-2 PM**



**ALL PROCEEDS FOR THE MISSIONS.**

For further information please telephone: 9817 3715

## REVIVING THE PARISH WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Do you love meeting new people?

Are you energised by social interactions and/or outreach?

The Holy Saviour Parish Pastoral Council is looking for 8-10 friendly and engaging individuals of all ages to form a new Parish Welcoming Committee. The role of the committee is to make new arrivals feel welcome and encourage a sense of belonging. The mechanisms for facilitating connections are open to the ideas and design of the committee, but may include such things as:

- hosting small gatherings so newcomers have some friendly faces from which to expand their network;
- arranging to meet them at mass and actively introducing them to other parishioners either before or after the service;
- introducing newcomers to the range of parish ministries available and inviting their participation;
- extending a special invitation to broader parish events and providing a 'host' to support their experience;

This very important ministry has the potential to be both impactful and personally rewarding. The reinstatement of a welcoming committee is a key component of efforts to revitalise our parish and breathe love and life into our community.

For more information or to register your interest, please reach out to Connie 0402 859 749 or Fr Ralph 0424 290 660

## ROSTERS FOR 18/19 MARCH 2023

**READINGS: 4th Sunday of Lent:** 1st Reading: 1 Sam 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13, Resp Psalm: Ps 23.1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (*R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*); 2nd Reading: Eph 5.8-14; Gospel: Jn 4.1-15, 19-26, 39, 40-42

	6.00PM	10.00AM
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST:</b>	Moira Streets	Carmel Adams
<b>LECTORS:</b>	Brenda Battista	Chris Cameron
<b>MASS CO-ORDINATORS:</b>	Barry Hay	Robert Hagan
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Recorded music	Choir
<b>HALL CLEANING No 4:</b>	*Russell Davis, Brian Fonseca, Ben & Jacintha Silva, Joe Yardin	
<b>COUNTERS:</b>	Joe Yardin, Carmel Grosseck	
<b>SACRISTANS:</b>	Margaret Dietrich, Maureen Gleeson	

## PARISH CONTACTS:

Thanksgiving Queries	Parish Secretary	9401 6340
Parish Finance Committee Chairperson	Shirley Wood	0450 129 768
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Parish Liturgy Group	Parish Secretary	9401 6340
Lector Co-ordinator	Shirley Wood	0450 129 768
Bereavement Group	Judy Clarke	9955 4600
Mass Co-ordinator	Kevin Burt	0497 819 838
St Vincent De Paul Group	Kevin McDermott	0422 296 819
Family Groups	Terry Eastwood	0417 112 731
Third World Interest Group	Gerald Burke	0408 315 471
<b>Safeguarding Officers</b>	Damien Aile Marlene Fernandes	0418 587 136 0400 290 371

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility.

Holy Saviour Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.



**FIRST READING: Exodus 17.3-7**

A reading from the book Exodus.

In the wilderness the people thirsted for water,  
and the people complained against Moses and said,  
“Why did you bring us out of Egypt,  
to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?”  
So Moses cried out to the Lord,  
“What shall I do with this people?  
They are almost ready to stone me.”  
The Lord said to Moses,  
“Go on ahead of the people,  
and take some of the elders of Israel with you,  
take in your hand the staff with  
which you struck the Nile, and go.  
I will be standing there in front of you  
on the rock at Horeb.  
Strike the rock, and water will come out of it,  
so that the people may drink.”  
Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.  
He called the place Massah and Meribah,  
because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord,  
saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 95.1-2, 6-7ab, 7c-9**

**R. If today you hear God's voice,  
harden not your hearts.**

O Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

O Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,  
when your ancestors tested me,  
and put me to the proof,  
though they had seen my work.

**R. If today you hear God's voice,  
harden not your hearts.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 5.1-2, 5-8**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have obtained access  
to this grace in which we stand,  
and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.  
And hope does not disappoint us,  
because God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.  
For while we were still weak,  
at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.  
Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person,  
though perhaps for a good person  
someone might actually dare to die.  
But God proves his love for us  
in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
give me living water, that I may never thirst again  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL: John 4.5-42**

*The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of  
eternal life.*

