



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

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SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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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 19TH MARCH 2023—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT-YEAR A

ANNIVERSARIES: William Berkelmans, Peter Field, Albert Davis, Victoria D'Mello

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

SEASON OF LENT 2023

"God is on the Journey, Too"

Fourth Sunday of Lent

It is a terrible thing to see and have no vision.

(Helen Keller)

Lenten Discussion continues on:

Wednesday 22nd March, 7.30pm in the Foyer Café
OR

Friday 24th 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

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

2nd April (Palm Sunday)

7.00pm @ St Christopher's

Including opportunity for individual confession



PROJECT COMPASSION

Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable

Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental well-being. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

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, or by calling 1800 024 413.





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

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.



EASTER CEREMONIES TIMETABLE 2023

Holy Thursday, 6 April
Celebration of Lord's Supper
7.30pm

Good Friday, 7 April
Stations of the Cross
10.00am @ St Christopher's

Passion of the Lord
5.00pm

Easter Vigil, Saturday 8 April
7.00pm

Easter Sunday, Sunday 9 April
10.00am

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

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.

PARISH CONTACTS:

Thanksgiving Queries	Parish Secretary	9401 6340
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Safeguarding Officers	Damien Aile Marlene Fernandes	0418 587 136 0400 290 371



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

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 genera-
tions.

'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 part-
ner in Zimbabwe.

Date: Thursday, 23 March, 2023

Time: 7.00-8.00pm AEDT

Register for this Zoom event:

www.caritas.org.au/connect

REFLECTION

The story of the man born blind is a perfect choice
for the Lenten season. During this season we are
invited once again to open our eyes to Jesus; to step
out of darkness and into the light; to look towards
the future with hope and not despair. When we
celebrate the resurrection of Jesus at the Easter vigil,
we celebrate the coming of the Light of the World
into our lives. This annual call to turn away from
darkness and walk in the light is a powerful and
poetic call to focus our lives on the way of Jesus.

There's a very old saying that has its roots in the
Bible but is not a direct quote from the Bible:
'There are none so blind as those who will not see.'
It would be a fitting summary of today's passage for
there are two movements between darkness and
light that are evident in the story. Firstly, there is
the blind man who can see. He can see physically
but can also see the truth of who Jesus is. Secondly,
there are the Jewish authorities who have physical
sight but are completely blind to the truth of Jesus.



ROSTERS FOR 25/26 MARCH 2023

READINGS: 5th Sunday of Lent: 1st Reading: Ezek 37.12-14; Resp Psalm: Ps 130.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7b-8
(*R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.*); 2nd Reading: Rom 8.8-11; Gospel: Jn 11.1-45

	6.00PM	10.00AM
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST:	Jose Mejias	Margaret Osborne
LECTORS:	Rob Quirk	Mike Delaney
MASS CO-ORDINATORS:	Barry Hay	Robert Hagan
MUSIC:	Henry & Netty	Joe & Bernadette
HALL CLEANING No 5:	*Bernie Flynn, Terry Egan, Rose Lawrenson	
COUNTERS:	Terry Eastwood, Peter Mccluskey	
SACRISTANS:	Nancy Mazza, Marie Tjio	

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility.

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

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

The Lord said to Samuel,
“Fill your horn with oil and set out;
I will send you to Jesse of Bethlehem,
for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”
When the sons of Jesse came,
Samuel looked on Eliab and thought,
“Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.”
But the Lord said to Samuel,
“Do not look on his appearance
or on the height of his stature,
because I have rejected him;
for the Lord does not see as mortals see;
they look on the outward appearance,
but the Lord looks on the heart.”
Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel,
and Samuel said to Jesse,
“The Lord has not chosen any of these.”
Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?”
And he said, “There remains yet the youngest,
but he is keeping the sheep.”
And Samuel said to Jesse,
“Send and bring him;
for we will not sit down until he comes here.”
Jesse sent and brought David in.
Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes,
and was handsome.
The Lord said,
“Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.”
Then Samuel took the horn of oil,
and anointed him in the presence of his brothers;
and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David
from that day forward.

The word of the Lord.

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

**R. *The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.***

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
My whole life long.

**R. *The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.***

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5.8-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Once you were darkness,
but now in the Lord you are light.
Live as children of light—
for the fruit of the light is found
in all that is good and right and true.
Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.
Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness,
but instead expose them.
For it is shameful even to mention
what such people do secretly;
but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,
for everything that becomes visible is light.
Therefore it is said,
“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 8.12

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: John 9.1-41

*The blind man went off and washed himself and came
away with his sight restored.*