



## 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  
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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 7TH MAY 2023—5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER—YEAR A

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary Vincent, Diana McFarlane, Alec Pope, Joseph Mallia, Antonio Smarelli

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

### NO 9.15AM MASS NEXT WEDNESDAY

Instead, there will be a Communion Service at 9.15am, Wednesday 10th May.

### ANointing MASS (OVER 39ERS/SENIORS GROUP)

The next gathering will be on  
Wednesday 10th May  
11.30pm @ **St Christopher's**  
All are welcome.

### LECTOR TRAINING

Shortly we will be scheduling training sessions for new Lectors.

Training comprises two sessions of about two hours each, plus some background reading in between.

Sessions can be flexibly scheduled to accommodate existing commitments.

If you are interested, please contact:  
Shirley Wood – Mob. 0450 129 768;

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David Wood – Mob 0404 859 685;

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### PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.

Do you have Project Compassion Boxes or envelopes?

Could you please return same by

**Sunday 14 May, 2023**

to allow funds to be forwarded to Caritas before end of May.

### 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 OFFERINGS

by your contribution, you help support your priests. Your kind consideration of this indispensable part of clergy support is much appreciated. Envelopes are available in the newsstand.

## AWAKEN-PENTECOST 2023

The Disciples of Jesus Community along with neighbouring parishes are hosting this special Pentecost event.

The vision for this event is to gather the Church again after a tough few years, and create an inspiring spiritual environment which opens us to the power of God's Spirit.

Please see below for further details.



**Awaken**  
**PENTECOST 2023**

AWAKE, AWAKE, PUT ON YOUR STRENGTH!  
(ISAIAH 52:1)

A REGIONAL GATHERING OF OUR CHURCH  
DRAWING CLOSE TO THE PRESENCE AND POWER OF GOD

**WORSHIP | PRAYER | TALKS | WORKSHOPS**

**27TH MAY, 1PM - 4:30PM**  
**AVILA COLLEGE, 35 CHARLES ST, MOUNT WAVERLEY**

**Schedule:**  
12:30pm: Doors open  
1pm: Rally  
2pm: Workshops & afternoon tea  
3:15pm: Closing Rally

**Four streams available:**  
Adults  
Youth (Year 7-12)  
Children (Year 3-6)  
Children (Prep-year 2)

**WITH SPECIAL GUEST ROB FALZON (MEN ALIVE, BRISBANE)**

Contact: [info@awakenmelbourne.com.au](mailto:info@awakenmelbourne.com.au)  
Free entry, but registration is essential: [www.trybooking.com/CIBCIN](http://www.trybooking.com/CIBCIN)

**REGISTER HERE:** 

**HOSTED BY:**  
St Benedict's Burwood | St Scholastica's Bennettswood  
Holy Family Mt Waverley | St Christopher's Syndal  
Holy Saviour Vermont Sth | St Francis Xavier & St Clare Box Hill  
Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community



## 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 1st June in the Parish 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



## HOLY SAVIOUR PLAY-GROUP

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.

## PARISH CONTACTS:

Thanksgiving Queries	Parish Secretary	9401 6340
Parish Finance Committee Chairperson	Shirley Wood	0450 129 768
Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson	Briony Greene	<a href="mailto:brgreene@deloitte.com.au">brgreene@deloitte.com.au</a>
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.

## CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

*Engaging Your Faith: Walking the tightrope between faith and reason* with Br Paul Creevey

**Wednesday 10 May, 2023, 7:30pm – 9:00pm**

This talk investigates how one can understand the mystery of faith and the mystery of science as mutual enhancement.

Cost: \$25 per session

\$40 per session for teachers seeking accreditation

Bookings for this session close: Monday 8 May at 5pm

Bookings

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?>

### ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

#### MOTHER'S DAY CONCERT:

#### MICHAEL PETRUCCELLI

**Sunday 14 May, 3.00pm-4.00pm**

Australian operatic tenor Michael Petrucci and internationally recognised pianist Coady Green will visit St Patrick's Cathedral on Mother's Day for a vocal recital guaranteed to warm the heart.

Tickets: \$30 (adults) | \$25 (concession) at door or

[trybooking.com/BRYBS](https://www.trybooking.com/BRYBS)

Children aged 15 years and under admitted free

For all enquiries, email [music@cam.org.au](mailto:music@cam.org.au)

### HEART OF LIFE

#### 'PONDERING GRIEF' (in-person event),

**Saturday 20 May 2023**

**10 am – 3.30 pm (AEST)**

This day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Facilitated by Linda Espie a counsellor of loss, grief and bereavement for over 35 years. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost: \$80 including 'Pondering Grief' book (BYO lunch). Book and pay via web-site

[www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 9890 1101.

## REFLECTION

The gospel readings for this week and next week shift the focus away from the resurrection and begin to set us up for the departure of Jesus from the earth – the Ascension – and the sending of the Holy Spirit – the Pentecost event.

Today's gospel passage comes from the very long Last Supper discourse in the gospel of John. When Jesus speaks about 'going away' for a time it could be interpreted as the period of his death and rising that are about to occur in the chronology of the story. However, the gospel of John is written a very long time after the death of Jesus; perhaps as much as 70 years after Jesus. Given this period of time between the events and the writing, we know that the writer was also referring to this longer time of Jesus 'going away'. By the time of the writing of this gospel the early Christians were starting to come to terms with the fact that Jesus probably wasn't going to return in their lifetime. They had seen the devastating destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple by the Romans in 70CE which they thought had signalled the end of all time. However, here they were, still alive and still no sign of Jesus' return.

The theme of being present and being absent is very strong in this gospel. The discussion about Jesus and the Father being one is part of this theme. Jesus is God present in the world. God has come to dwell among the people.

When Jesus speaks of preparing rooms in the Father's house, it is a reference to preparing the disciples to 'live' in God; to dwell in God just as God has dwelt in the people.



## ROSTERS FOR 13/14 MAY 2023

**READINGS: Sixth Sunday of Easter:** 1st Reading: Acts 8.5-8, 14-17; Resp Psalm: Ps 66.1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, 16+20 (*R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*); 2nd Reading: 1 Pt 3.15-18, Gospel: Jn 14.15-21

	Saturday, 6.00pm	Sunday, 10.00am
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST:</b>	Carmel Grossek	Jill McKernan
<b>LECTORS:</b>	Agnes De Roza	Russell Davis
<b>MASS CO-ORDINATORS:</b>	Barry Hay	Terry Eastwood
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Henry & Netty	Choir
<b>HALL CLEANING TEAM 1:</b>	*Peter Flinn, Karin Brazel, Tony D'Souza, Carmel Grossek, Jane Karantonis	
<b>COUNTERS:</b>	Kevin Quigley, Dennis Cavagna	
<b>SACRISTANS:</b>	Dianne Mitchell, Loretta Delaney	

**FIRST READING:** Acts 6.1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now during those days,  
when the disciples were increasing in number,  
the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews  
because their widows were being neglected  
in the daily distribution of food.  
And the twelve called together  
the whole community of the disciples and said,  
It is not right that we should neglect the word of God  
in order to wait on tables.  
Therefore, friends,  
select from among yourselves seven men  
of good standing,  
full of the Spirit and of wisdom,  
whom we may appoint to this task,  
while we, for our part,  
will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.  
What they said pleased the whole community,  
and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith  
and the Holy Spirit,  
together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor,  
Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a convert of Antioch.  
They had these men stand before the apostles,  
who prayed and laid their hands on them.  
The word of God continued to spread;  
the number of the disciples increased  
greatly in Jerusalem,  
and a great many of the priests  
became obedient to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 33.1-2, 4-5, 18-19

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous.  
Praise befits the upright.  
Praise the Lord with the lyre;  
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

For the word of the Lord is upright,  
and all his work is done in faithfulness.  
He loves righteousness and justice;  
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his steadfast love,  
to deliver their soul from death,  
and to keep them alive in famine.

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.**

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 2.4-9

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Come to the Lord, a living stone,  
though rejected by mortals  
yet chosen and precious in God's sight.  
Like living stones,  
let yourselves be built into a spiritual house,  
to be a holy priesthood,  
to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God  
through Jesus Christ.  
For it stands in scripture:  
See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.  
To you then who believe, he is precious;  
but for those who do not believe,  
The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner, and  
A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.  
They stumble because they disobey the word,  
as they were destined to do.  
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation, God's own people,  
in order that you may proclaim  
the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness  
into his marvellous light.

The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, Alleluia  
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.  
Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** John 14.1-12

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life.*