



## 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  
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### 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 18TH FEBRUARY 2024—FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT-YEAR B

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Robert Armstrong  
(husband of Ollie)

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mark McDermott, Trish Daniels, Yvette Mascarenhas, Brenda Crespín, Nellie Ashley, Antonino Castellano

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Marian Van Grieken, Phil Cowan, Leonie Gallagher, Serge Nayna, Connor Hodge, John Baird, Aidan Carroll, Graeme Potter

### OVER 39ERS / SENIORS MONTHLY MASS

First gathering for 2024

**WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY**

12 noon in the Chapel, followed by lunch.

Please bring a plate to share.

Coffee/tea will be provided.

All are welcome

Please note there will be **NO 9.15am Mass** on 21st February



### WE'D LOVE TO MEET YOU

If you are new to Holy Saviour, or if you haven't yet had a chance to get to know any fellow parishioners, Let us know you're here via one of the following methods:

1. Email [holysaviourPPC@gmail.com](mailto:holysaviourPPC@gmail.com)
2. Call Helen Forer, Welcoming Committee Leader, on 0417 428 004
3. Write your details on the new parishioners sheet located in the church foyer and include contact details which will allow us to reach out to you.

We look forward to meeting you.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Commencing Friday, 23 February, 7.00pm  
@ St Christopher's



### 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 7th March** 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

### SEEKING THREE NEW PPC MEMBERS

The Parish Pastoral Council meets once per month (on a Thursday evening), with a jam-packed agenda ensuring action and purpose is achieved at every session. We need three new members, and invite you to nominate yourself or someone else to this important and rewarding position (refer to the role description below). Please complete a nomination form, and drop it in the box in the foyer, or reach out to Anne in the office.

*The purpose of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is to promote and support the evangelising mission of the Parish, working in collaboration with the Parish Priest, to foster the spiritual and pastoral life of all the Christian faithful. The Parish Pastoral Council enables the members of the Parish community to fulfil their baptismal calling to share in Christ's mission and to connect their needs and their strengths with the Parish's plans for the future.*

*No training or experience required; however, PPC members should be involved in parish life.*

*The expected commitment is 2 hours monthly (meeting attendance), plus any time required to organise various activities.*

**Requirements:** *A current Victorian Working with Children Check and should complete the Safeguarding Essentials Online training module annually.*

### NEW!

### YOUTH PROGRAM FOR GRADES 5, 6 AND 7

The PPC would like to initiate a series of events throughout the year (approximately one per term), designed for kids in grades 5, 6 and 7, with a focus on fun.

We are looking for volunteers for a sub-committee to design and plan activities to appeal to this age group. If you or someone you know is a good fit for this role, please contact Anne in the parish office, or email [HolySaviourYouth@gmail.com](mailto:HolySaviourYouth@gmail.com).

### NEW!

### HOLY SAVIOUR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

In 2023 the parish enjoyed the Throne of Games, and the Holy Saviour Day party where we danced to music by the amazing Joe Fernandes.

Wouldn't it be great to have a parish social event every few months?!

To make this possible, the PPC is seeking to establish a Holy Saviour Social Committee.

***If you have a knack for putting together fun activities, then we need you!***

Or perhaps you can offer complementary skills such as:

- Digital design
- Marketing
- Decorating
- Logistics
- Project management

To contribute to this rewarding mission, creating social events that inspire and engage our community, please reach out to Anne in the parish office, or email Kimberly D'Lima at [kimberlydlima@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlydlima@gmail.com)

### ROSTERS FOR 24/25 FEBRUARY 2024

**READINGS: 2nd Sunday of Lent:** 1st Reading: Gen 22.1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Resp Psalm: Ps 116.10+15, 16-17, 18-19 (*R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*); 2nd Reading: Rom 8.31b-25, 37; Gospel: Mk 9.2-10

	Saturday, 6.00pm	Sunday, 10.00am
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST:</b>	Barry Hay	Debbie Burt
<b>LECTORS:</b>	Agnes De Rosa	Pricillia & Audrey Tjandra
<b>MASS CO-ORDINATORS:</b>	Peter Tuncks	Chris Cameron
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Henry & Netty	Joe & Bernadette
<b>HALL CLEANING TEAM 6:</b>	*Damien Aile, Briony & Amy Greene	
<b>COUNTERS:</b>	Larry Dent, Carmel Grossek	
<b>SACRISTANS:</b>	Ruth Baird, Josie Carroll	

Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility.

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

*We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respect to them and their cultures.*



### 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.

### SEASON OF LENT 2024

**Lenten Theme:** "Challenge of Living in Harmony"

#### First Sunday of Lent

The beginning of Lent coincides with the beginning of St Mark's Gospel. Both the Gospel and Lent take us on a journey in which Jesus is at the centre. We follow him through his time of teaching to his death on Good Friday and his rising on Easter Sunday from the dead. These weeks give us space to reflect on the journey of our own lives and the places where we have drifted far from Jesus' path. They also invite us to return to Jesus who remains close to us.

The opening to Mark's Gospel speaks to our celebration of Lent. It stresses the importance of our encounter with Jesus. Lent invites us to give this our full attention and to ask ourselves what matters most deeply to us. It takes us out of our daily lives where we take things for granted into the deeper reality for being pitched between life and death, hope, and disappointment. Jesus' story reminds us that God is with us in all the hard places and questioning of our lives. We can remember and treasure the times and places of God's presence. We shall have our own Galilee whose beauty and relationships keep us close to God. Lent lead us to find new life in the old stories both of Jesus and of our own lives.

**Lenten Discussion continues on:**

Wednesday 21 February, **7.30pm** in the Foyer Café.  
OR

Friday 23 February, **10.00m** in the Foyer Café.  
*All are welcome!*

### SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB

**OVER 28'S PARTY NIGHT FOR SINGLE CATHOLICS  
IN 28 TO 60 AGE GROUP**

Saturday, 24 February 2023

Starting time: 8.00pm

School Hall at St Scholastica's Parish  
Corner of Burwood Highway & Stirling Street,  
Burwood.

Cost: \$13.00 includes lucky door prizes and supper  
Enquiries: Peter 9885 2167



**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

### PROJECT COMPASSION 2024

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of



three resilient women from three different corners of the world. They are facing vastly different challenges, but are all united by one dream: to create a better tomorrow for all future generations.

Meet Ronita from the Philippines. Ronita is a mother of two young boys living in a slum in Quezon City. She went back to school to finish her education so that she could

earn income to support her children.

Meet Leaia from Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

Meet Memory from Malawi. Memory, the eldest daughter from a rural Malawian family, trained to become a carpenter and is now a trailblazer for future generations of women in her village.

Throughout Project Compassion, you will get to know the stories of Ronita, Leaia and Memory. Journey with them as they forge a path to a brighter future for all generations.

#### Please donate to Project Compassion.

Boxes and Envelope packs for your generous donations are available on the foyer tables. Please note weekly envelope contributions should be placed in the **TWIG** box inside the Church entrance. All boxes and envelopes should be returned by **27 April** to allow receipts to be prepared and the proceeds forwarded to CARITAS by the due date.



[caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

### MAZENOD COLLEGE OPEN DAY 2024

Wednesday 6th March  
2:00pm - 6:30pm

**Booking Essential**

<https://www.mazenod.vic.edu.au/>

Year 7/2026 Applications Close  
Friday 16th August 2024

### 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.

**FIRST READING: Genesis 9.8-15**

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him,  
As for me,  
I am establishing my covenant with you  
and your descendants after you,  
and with every living creature that is with you,  
the birds, the domestic animals,  
and every animal of the earth with you,  
as many as came out of the ark.  
I establish my covenant with you,  
that never again shall all flesh be cut  
by the waters of a flood,  
and never again shall there be a flood  
to destroy the earth.  
God said,  
This is the sign of the covenant that I make  
between me and you  
and every living creature that is with you,  
for all future generations;  
I have set my bow in the clouds,  
and it shall be a sign of the covenant  
between me and the earth.  
When I bring clouds over the earth  
and the bow is seen in the clouds,  
I will remember my covenant  
that is between me and you  
and every living creature of all flesh;  
and the waters shall never again become a flood  
to destroy all flesh.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 25.4-5a, 6+7b, 8-9**

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth  
to those who keep your covenant.**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;  
teach me your paths.  
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord,  
and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.  
According to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

**R. Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth  
to those who keep your covenant.**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3.18-22**

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Christ suffered for sins once for all,  
the righteous for the unrighteous,  
in order to bring you to God.  
He was put to death in the flesh,  
but made alive in the spirit,  
in which also he went  
and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison.  
In former times these did not obey,  
when God waited patiently in the days of Noah,  
during the building of the ark,  
in which a few, that is, eight persons,  
were saved through water.  
Baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—  
not as a removal of dirt from the body,  
but as an appeal to God for a good conscience  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
who has gone into heaven  
and is at the right hand of God,  
with angels, authorities,  
and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**GOSPEL: Mark 1.12-15**

*Jesus was tempted by Satan;  
and the angels waited on him.*

