



HOLY SAVIOUR PARISH GLEN WAVERLEY NORTH

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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.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 10.00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Wednesday & Friday: 9.15am

Reconciliation:

After 9.15am mass on Wednesday & Friday

PARISH PRIEST

Fr Ralph Besterwitch SAC fralph1@gmail.com

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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 25TH FEBRUARY 2024—SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT-YEAR B

ANNIVERSARIES: Jack Howard, Eileen Lillis,
Kath Saunders

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

HOLY SAVIOUR PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The Annual Bereavement Group meeting is held on
Wednesday, 28th February 2024 at 2.00pm in the
Parish House.

New members are most welcome.

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



REFLECTION

Lenten Theme: "Challenge of Living in Harmony"

St Thomas Aquinas famously said: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' And yet many Christians do think that our ultimate goal is, by the grace of God, to end up as souls in Heaven.

No, I am a human being, bodysoul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthling, needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light.

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, especially as recounted in the other gospels, shows what happens when human nature is in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light. The amazing truth is that God ardently desires that each one of us should share in the transfigured life of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

For this to occur, we must play our part, accepting that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Beloved Son of God, listen to him, and put into practice what we hear.

We could take a moment to pray that after the "repose of the soul" after death, we may participate as bodysouls in the transfigured humanity of the Risen Lord.

May this Lent be a transformative journey, drawing us closer to God and fostering greater connection with one another.

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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.



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.

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

ROSTERS FOR 2/3 MARCH 2024

READINGS: 3rd Sunday of Lent: 1st Reading: Ex 20.1-17; Resp Psalm: Ps 19.7, 8, 9, 10 (*R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.*); 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1.18, 22-25; Gospel: Jn 2.13-25

	Saturday, 6.00pm	Sunday, 10.00am
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST:	John Battista	Connie Facciolo
LECTORS:	Deana Copley	Jim Lawrenson
MASS CO-ORDINATORS:	Barry Hay	Robert Hagan
MUSIC:	Wilfred D'Mello	HS Choir
HALL CLEANING TEAM 7:	*Robert Hagan, Lendl D'Lima, Mary Tan	
COUNTERS:	Joe Yardin, Brian Rice	
SACRISTANS:	Faye Parry, Margaret Osborne	

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.



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
 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.*



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

PROJECT COMPASSION 2024



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old *Ronita* was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

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

2024 FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

All families are invited to take part in our 2024 Holy Saviour Footy Tipping Competition. Anyone can enter, costing \$20 for each participant, paid to the **school office** by the end of Round 8.

The season commences Thursday March 8 with Sydney taking on Melbourne.

Follow the link below to get to the competition website: https://www.footytips.com.au/comps/HS_Footy_Tipsters&p=hsvs3133

Once you have filled in your details on the website, join the "HS Footy Tipsters" competition. The password to get in should be **hsvs3133**

There will be prizes for 1st - 3rd (if tippers finish on equal tips, the prize will be split, eg. 1st & 2nd prize combined & split between the two), the more people involved, the bigger the prize pool.

A couple of rules, or things to note:

- * if you don't tip, you will get the lowest score for the round -1
- * if you tip all games correctly, you will get a bonus point
- * there may be up to 5 "Joker" rounds where scores will be doubled
- * the last 5 rounds will be "Blind" rounds - no one will be able to see the ladder

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



GREAT WOMEN OF FAITH

Portrait exhibition by
Barbara Skorupa

Friday 1 March – Sunday 10
March 2024

St Patrick's Cathedral
1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

Cost: Free

This unique exhibition in St Patrick's Cathedral will feature 24 beautiful portraits of extraordinary women of faith by Cologne-based artist Barbara Skorupa. The portraits have been selected from the artist's collection of more than 100 paintings of extraordinary women from different cultures and eras, including Australians St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ and Eileen O'Connor.

For opening times, please visit:

<https://maryglowreymuseum.info/exhibition>

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 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis.

God tested Abraham.
God said to him, "Abraham!"
And Abraham said, "Here I am."
God said:
"Take your son, your only son Isaac,
whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah,
and offer him there as a burnt offering
on one of the mountains that I shall show you."
When Abraham and Isaac came to the place
that God had shown him,
Abraham built an altar there
and laid the wood in order.
He bound his son Isaac,
and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.
Then Abraham reached out his hand
and took the knife to kill his son.
But the angel of the Lord
called to Abraham from heaven,
and said, "Abraham, Abraham!"
And he replied, "Here I am."
The angel said,
"Do not lay your hand on the boy
or do anything to him;
for now I know that you fear God,
since you have not withheld your son,
your only son, from me."
Abraham looked up
and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns.
Abraham went and took the ram
and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his
son. The angel of the Lord called to Abraham
a second time from heaven, and said:
"By myself I have sworn, says the Lord:
Because you have done this,
and have not withheld your son, your only son,
I will indeed bless you,
and I will make your offspring as numerous as the
stars of heaven
and as the sand that is on the seashore.
And your offspring shall possess
the gate of their enemies,
and by your offspring
shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for
themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL 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.*

I kept my faith, even when I said,
"I am greatly afflicted."
Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.

O Lord, I am your servant;
You have loosed my bonds.
I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R. *I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

SECOND READING: Romans 8:21-25, 37

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

If God is for us, who is against us?
He who did not withhold his own Son,
but gave him up for all of us,
will he not with him also gave us everything else?
Who will bring any charge against God's elect?
It is God who justifies?
Who is to condemn?
Is it Christ Jesus,
who died, and indeed, who was raised,
who is at the right hand of God,
who intercedes for us?
Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him.