



## 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 [rralph1@gmail.com](mailto:rralph1@gmail.com)

### ASSISTANT 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 17TH MARCH 2024—FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT-YEAR B

### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Volunteers are needed to prepare for our Easter Liturgies.

Saturday, 23rd March, 10.00am

Thursday, 28th March, 10.00am

Friday, 29th March, 10.00am

Saturday, 30th March, 10.00am

*If you can assist in any way, please show up on the day!  
Thank You.*

### MERCY MELBOURNE PRAYER AND CONFESSION

On Tuesday 19 March, the feast of St Joseph, a host of churches across Melbourne will be open for an evening of prayer and the sacrament of Reconciliation as part of the inaugural 'Mercy Melbourne' event organized by the Archdiocese. More than 40 parishes are currently involved in this Archdiocese-wide event, with more joining the ranks.

We at St Christopher's will also join this initiative and have an evening of prayer and Adoration, with priests available for Confessions. We will start at 6.00pm and be available till 8.30pm. This will replace the usual Lenten Penance Service that we organize closer to Easter. Please take advantage of this opportunity.



### EASTER CEREMONIES TIMETABLE 2024

#### HOLY THURSDAY

Celebration of Lord's Supper  
28 March, 7.30pm

#### GOOD FRIDAY

Passion of the Lord  
29 March, 3.00pm

#### EASTER VIGIL

30 March, 7.30pm

#### EASTER SUNDAY

31 March, 10.00am

Stations of the Cross (outdoors)  
Friday, 29 March, 10.00am  
@ St Christopher's

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Gladys de Rozario, Robert Crawford, Eulalie Medina, William Berkelmans, John Leggio

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

## WELCOME

### 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 [holsaviourPPC@gmail.com](mailto:holsaviourPPC@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

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

#### 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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

### Please note

There will be **NO** 9.15am Mass next Wednesday 20 March.

A Communion Service will held instead.

### 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.

## RISEN CHRIST THANK YOU

A big "Thank You" to all our donors who helped transform the idea of a statue of the living Christ into a wonderful reality. May he, the Risen Christ, continue to bless and guide you. We owe you so much.

Thank you!

It's not too late to donate, if you want to help, see below:

Why hesitate,  
Or contemplate?  
It's not too late,  
You can donate.

Bank Account Details:

BSB: 083 347

Account No.: 665565508

Account Name: Holy Saviour Parish Church

Acc Reference: Risen Christ Statue

## ROSTERS FOR 23/24 MARCH 2024

**READINGS: Palm Sunday:** Gospel: Mk 11.1-10; 1st Reading: Is 50.4-7; Resp Psalm: Psalm 22.7-8, 16-17, 18-19, 22-23 (*R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*); 2nd Reading: Phil 2.6-11; Gospel: Mk 15.1-39

	Saturday, 6.00pm	Sunday, 10.00am
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST:</b>	Lumina Pinto	Carmel Adams
<b>LECTORS:</b>	Kenneth James, David Wood	Stephen Prowse, Peter Davine
<b>MASS CO-ORDINATORS:</b>	Barry Hay	Robert Hagan
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Henry & Netty	HS Choir
<b>HALL CLEANING TEAM 1:</b>	*Tony D'Souza, Karin Brazel, Erik Kusnadi	
<b>COUNTERS:</b>	Mike Delaney, Percy Mendis	
<b>SACRISTANS:</b>	Marie Tjio, Nancy Mazza	

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.*

### 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 4th April** 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

This week's first reading from Jeremiah is a very powerful image and a foreshadowing of the message and ministry of Jesus. In the Jeremiah reading, the Lord announces that (yet again) a new covenant will be made between the people and their God. This time, however, the covenant will not be a collection of rules written in stone as was the case with the covenant of the Ten Commandments after the people had been led out of slavery in Egypt. The people have demonstrated that they are not able to uphold that covenant. This time, God declares that the covenant will be 'planted deep within them' and 'written on their hearts'. This is a wonderful image: I will write my covenant on your heart! It is the message that Jesus tried to convey over and over again – the Law of God is not to be found in a multitude of rules and regulations but it is a Law of the heart, calling for compassion and love. This message is no better demonstrated than in this week's gospel passage. Jesus declares that, 'unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.' He is speaking of course about his own life, but he is speaking also to those around him and those of us who read the words today. Unless we are prepared to let go of our ego, our status, our 'reputation', for the sake of others and respond to them from the heart then we can never experience the breadth and depth of what it means to belong to a community. When we are prepared to let go of our hang-ups and reservations to make a difference in the lives of others then the 'harvest' that will be gathered from those actions will be great indeed!



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Celebrating 170 years of SVPD in Australia (1854-2024)

Fr Gerald Ward arrived in Melbourne in 1850 from England where he was familiar with the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. After serving a number of parishes, he was appointed parish priest of St Francis's in the city.

Fr Gerald Ward established the first conference in Australia at St Francis Church in Melbourne on 5 March 1854. He became our first official 'conference president' and set about addressing problems, such as the devastatingly high numbers of homeless and deserted children roaming the streets—direct result of parents leaving for the Gold Rush fields, such as Ballarat and Bendigo.

In 1855, Fr Ward became responsible for 5 orphaned children and, after discussions with the government, he witnessed the laying of the foundation stone for the St Vincent de Paul Orphanage in South Melbourne, where the first children were accepted in 1857. This was considered the first 'Special Work' of the Society in Australia.

Fr Ward told the Victorian Government (in the language of the day) that "the new conference aims to provide relief for the destitute, in a manner as much as possible permanently beneficial and the visitation of poor families". Tragically, he died in 1858 (less than 10 years of arriving in Australia) and was widely known as "one in whom many a widow and orphan had found a good friend".

Fr Ward's enduring legacy is the continuation of his early work through the Society's 242 conferences, 3,632 members, 6,434 volunteers and 113 Vinnies Shops across Victoria.

While the works of our Society have evolved over the past 170 years to cater for ongoing changes in our communities, our Mission, Vision and Purpose remain the same. The continuing story of the Society in Victoria and, more broadly, Australia relies on the Vincentian community which gathers in conferences across Victoria and our vast nation.

On 5 March 2024, the Society celebrated their milestone birthday—the 170th anniversary of the establishment of the St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia.

### DANCE LUMIERE

Bring dance to your Wednesday nights! Our Intro to dance class will start you on your dance journey, in a fun supportive environment, teaching you the basics of Ballroom and Latin styles. No previous experience or partner required.

Intro to dance class: Wednesdays @7:45PM

Our Lady's Hall

14 Bedford Rd, Ringwood

First class for \$5 when booking online (use code FIRSTFOR5).

To Book: [www.dancelumiere.com.au](http://www.dancelumiere.com.au)

0452 072 092, [Info@dancelumiere.com.au](mailto:Info@dancelumiere.com.au)

### 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when I will make a new covenant  
with the House of Israel and the House of Judah.  
It will not be like the covenant  
that I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand  
to bring them out of the land of Egypt—  
a covenant that they broke,  
though I was their husband,  
says the Lord.  
But this is the covenant  
that I will make with the House of Israel  
after those days,  
says the Lord:  
I will put my law within them,  
and I will write it on their hearts;  
and I will be their God and they shall be my people.  
No longer shall they teach one another,  
or say to each other, 'Know the Lord,'  
for they shall all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord;  
for I will forgive their iniquity,  
and remember their sin no more.

The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 51:1-2, 10-11, 12-13**

**R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.  
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.

**R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:7-9**

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

In the days of his flesh,  
Jesus offered up prayers and supplications,  
with loud cries and tears,  
to the one who was able to save him from death,  
and he was heard  
because of his reverent submission.  
Although he was a Son,  
he learned obedience through what he suffered;  
and having been made perfect,  
he became the source of eternal salvation  
for all who obey him.

The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 12.26**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;  
and where I am, my servant will also be.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL: John 12:20-33**

*If a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,  
it bears much fruit.*

