



**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: After 9.15am mass on Wednesday & Friday

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 6TH APRIL 2025—FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT—YEAR C



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, please get in touch and 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.



**LENTEN RECONCILIATION
SERVICE**

**Sunday, 13th April—7.00pm
@ St Christopher's**

There will be several priests available to hear confessions that night.



HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES 2025

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday 12 April, 6.00pm

Sunday 13 April, 10.00am

HOLY THURSDAY

Celebration of Lord's Supper

17 April, 7.30pm

GOOD FRIDAY

Passion of the Lord

18 April, 3.00pm

EASTER VIGIL

19 April, 7.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY

20 April, 10.00am

(No morning mass on Tue, Thurs, Fri & Sat)



GOOD FRIDAY

18 APRIL, 10.00AM

Stations of the Cross

@ St Christopher's Church

Led by Youth Group—
outdoors

HOLY SAVIOUR PRAYER GROUP

Please join us for Aboriginal Stations of the Cross after 9.15am Mass next Friday.

SENIORS MASS

WEDNESDAY 9th APRIL @ Holy Saviour

12 noon in the Church, 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 Wednesday 9th April

LENTEN DISCUSSION 2025

Wednesday: April 9th

10.00am & 7.00pm

Holy Saviour foyer area of the church.

All are Welcome

PPC NEWS

SAVE THE DATES

- ♦ **JUNE 8TH:** Throne of Games after 10.00am Mass (Kings Birthday weekend)
- ♦ **SEPTEMBER 13TH** (evening): Family Trivia (all ages)
- ♦ **NOVEMBER 9TH:** Parish Picnic (rescheduled), Holy Saviour Day
- ♦ **NOVEMBER 28TH:** Volunteer Appreciation dinner

PPC MISSION 2025

In 2025, the PPC is committed to engaging families and young people of all ages in parish life, alongside our senior parishioners.

We will do this by:

- * Bridging the gap between the parish and school families
- * Making mass accessible to young people (while still meeting the needs of senior parishioners)
- * Creating opportunities for intergenerational fellowship

The PPC invites all parishioners to share in this mission, and to consider its application within the ministries you provide



**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

The life-changing work of Caritas Australia is only made possible by the unwavering generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our local partners on the ground.

Our partners are the true heroes, working tirelessly on the frontlines every day to transform lives and build brighter, more hopeful futures for their communities

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code below.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*



**UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY**
this Lent



Congratulations to **Edward Lemanski**, who was recognized last month for his contribution to Holy Saviour Parish, across many areas, especially in parish maintenance, seeing what needs to be done and helping out wherever possible.

FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT GROUP

The Friendship and Support group is a group of single, widowed, or divorced ladies who live alone and benefit from the comfort, company and support of others in similar situations. We meet for lunch on a regular basis and ongoing prayer and support is offered to anyone who needs our help in any way.

If you feel you would like to join this group, please contact Connie Facciolo 0402859749.

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Aquilina, Carmel Dawson, Robert Jerram, John McGloin, Maria D'Astoli,

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Rosemarie Gucciado, Judith Clancy, Maria Kaali Nagi, Heinz Wolf, Annette Byrne, John Baird, Graeme Potter

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

1ST COLLECTION (PRESBYTERY)

March: \$3760.60

This collection is used to support Fr Ralph but also supports the other priests in our Parish.

2ND COLLECTION (THANKSGIVING)

March: \$11509.35

This collection goes towards meeting the running costs of the Parish and paying off debt.

THANKSGIVING CONTRIBUTION TO HOLY SAVIOUR PARISH

Your kind donation helps support our community



Is there more to life than this?

Alpha is a safe space to explore life, purpose and the Christian faith, ask questions, and share your point of view. Alpha is free and everyone is welcome.

St Christopher's
23/4
7pm



To learn more about Alpha, visit
alpha.org.au



REFLECTION ...

Lent ends on a note of wonder. In the face of all the mighty works that God has already performed for the people, God promises something even more magnificent. Throughout this season we have reflected on the marvels that God accomplished in the lives of the people, cutting a covenant with Abraham, leading the people out of bondage, revealing God's own personal name, bring them into a land that is bursting with life. Now God says: You haven't seen anything yet.

The first reading proclaims that something new is about to appear. In the gospel, this new thing unfolds before our eyes. Here we see Jesus neither rejecting the law nor changing it. Instead, he shows that the law, as good as it might be, serves something higher. He shows that the mercy and compassion of God exceed the authority of the law. Once again we see that the readings of Lent are less concerned with mortification and penance than they are with divine graciousness and our response of joy and thanksgiving.

Paul is not satisfied with the blessings of the past. In fact, he considers them rubbish when compared with knowing and being united with Christ. Life with Christ transforms us from people who are caught in sin to women and men who have been forgiven. Life in Christ is the new thing that God has fashioned for us. God is the one who creates something new; we are the ones who are re-created.

CHRISM MASS

Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Melbourne will be held at **St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne**, on **Tuesday 15 April at 10.00am.**

The oils that are going to be used in the sacraments in the year ahead will be blessed.

All are welcome.

ROSTERS FOR 12/13 APRIL 2025

READINGS: Palm Sunday: Gospel: Lk 19.28-40; 1st Reading: Is 50.4-7; Resp 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: Lk 22.66-23.49

MINISTRIES:	6.00PM	10.00AM
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST:	Marie Tjio	Damien Aile
LECTORS:	Kenneth James David Wood	Kevin McDermott Ollie Armstrong
MASS CO-ORDINATORS:	Larry Dent	Felix Carroll
MUSIC:	Henry & Netty	HS Choir
HALL CLEANING:	Term Break	
COUNTERS:	Terry Eastwood, Peter McCluskey	
SACRISTANS:	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.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior,
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself,
so that they might declare my praise.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 126:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,
"The Lord has done great things for them."
The Lord has done great things for us;
and we rejoiced.

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the desert of the Negev.
May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

**R. The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

I regard everything as loss
because of the surpassing value of
knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things,
and I regard them as rubbish,
in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him,
not having a righteousness of my own
that comes from the law,
but one that comes through faith in Christ,
the righteousness from God based on faith.
I want to know Christ
and the power of his resurrection
and the sharing of his sufferings
by becoming like him in his death,
if somehow I may attain the resurrection
from the dead.
Not that I have already obtained this
or have already reached the goal,
but I press on to make it my own,
because Christ Jesus has made me his own.
Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my
own; but this one thing I do:
forgetting what lies behind
and straining forward to what lies ahead,
I press on toward the goal
for the prize of heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Joel 2.12-13

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
With all your heart turn to me, says the Lord,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: John 8:1-11

Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone.

