



Sunday 10th February, 2019

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

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Pastoral Associate: Jacinta Bright

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<u>Mass Times</u> Monday: Liturgy of the word 9.15am Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am Saturday: Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm	<u>Mass Times</u> Monday: Communion Service 9.15am Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am 1st Saturday of the month: Vigil Mass at St. Peters Hurstbridge 7.15pm Sunday: Mass 9.00am	<u>Mass Times</u> Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm Sunday: Mass 10.30am
<u>Reconciliation Times</u> Saturday: 9.00am & 5.45pm	<u>Reconciliation Times</u> Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am	<u>Reconciliation Times</u> Saturday: 9.30am to 10.30am
<u>Baptisms</u> 2nd & 3rd Sunday 11.30 am. Please see Fr. Steven or Fr. Dong to make the necessary arrangements after any Mass on Sunday or Saturday evening.	<u>Parish School Principal</u> Mr. Jim O'Sullivan Ph: 9438 1590 or Email principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au	<u>Parish School Principal</u> Mr. David Delaney Ph: 9434 4565 or Email Principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au
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Communion to the Sick:

Any parishioner who cannot attend Mass due to illness and would like to receive Communion is asked to contact the parish office.

Hearing the Call

Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least; unpopularity.

But that's no excuse!



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What's Happening in St Mary's Parish?

Vision Statement "To be a vibrant Christian community engaging with the world"

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE OF PARISH AGM to 11am on Sunday 31st March. More details soon.

PLENARY 2020 @ ST MARY'S – What is God asking of us in Australia at this time? Listening and Dialogue sessions are being offered to provide an opportunity for people to listen and share their experiences and to reflect on the questions they may have about the future of the Church in Australia. To express your interest in attending, please provide your name and contact details on a 'sign up' sheet in the Gathering Space or contact the Parish Office. The following session will be held in the Gathering Space:

◆ **Role of women in the Church – Monday 11 February, 7:30pm**

If you are not able to attend a session but would still like to have your say, individual responses can be made online at: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au or submission forms can be completed and returned to the Gathering Space and the PPC will submit them on your behalf.

We strongly encourage all to 'have your say' for Plenary 2020. Stay tuned for more details as they are available.

Thank you to those from our community who delivered the Plenary Flyers to homes in the Greensborough/Watsonia area.

SCRIPTURE STUDY - The Gospel of Mark will be the first topic of exploration for the new Parish Scripture Study groups. Groups will begin shortly on Tuesday mornings, Wednesday evenings and Friday afternoons. Sessions run over 10 weeks. There may still be room in the Tuesday and Wednesday groups if you are interested. Enquiries - Parish Office 9435 1543.

MUSIC MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN - 6.30pm Mass on the first Saturday evening Mass of the month and at 10.00am Mass on the second Sunday of the month (so this weekend). Children will be encouraged to come forward, near the choir area and they will choose an instrument and play along with the choir and musicians. It is clear that this initiative brings joy. Enquiries - parish office 9435 1543.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be starting on **March the 3rd at 10.00 Mass** and will continue at 10.00am Masses each week after that. More information will follow in next week's Bulletin.

LENTEN PROGRAM We have one person so far, who has expressed interest in the Lenten program "All I have is yours: Forty days to freedom" by Michael McGirr. Participants will reflect on a selection of readings, gospel, prayers and personal reflections, underpinned by commentary that questions and prompts the reader, nourishing and encouraging important conversation. If you are interested, please contact the parish office by February 15th.

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE is on sale again this year. 1st, Prize is a new Kia Rio, 2nd and 3rd Prizes are 2 new Kia Picantos, and 4th to 14th Prizes are Coles Myer Gift Cards. **Cost still only \$2 per ticket.** All proceeds go to our Parish Community. Tickets selling now. Raffle drawn 4th May, 2019.

THANK YOU FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The Greensborough Conference thanks all parishioners at St Mary's and St Thomas' for your support of our 2018 Christmas Appeal. As of last Thursday, the total sum donated in the two parishes was \$13,238 – which is an increase on the 2017 Christmas Appeal. This figure might still increase over the next week or two. We also delivered 58 Christmas hampers and toys to families with young children, the majority of which were prepared by the school communities – children, staff, and families of our two primary schools. Thank you all, from Greensborough Vinnies.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY has a wonderful group of caring ladies who meet each Monday to knit/crochet for various needs of those around us. Our Prayer Shawl group resumes 10 -11.30am on **Mon 11 Feb** in the Gathering Space at St Mary's Church. All welcome.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS GROUP meets **2nd Tues of month -10am** in Parish House, St Mary's Greensborough. Anyone wanting to pray for children and youth warmly invited to pray and support one another, non-grandparents also welcome. Call Maria or John 94675173.

MATURE AGE GROUP—Our first meeting is this Wednesday 13th February—due to Brian O'Connell's funeral at 11 am on Wednesday, our meeting will commence after the funeral. We will hand out our Programme for the year and collect for our outing to the Blue Lotus Water Garden on 13 March 2019 - Members \$58.00 Non Members \$60.00. Included in the price is entry to Garden and 2 course lunch at Upper Yarra RSL. Bingo will be played if time allows. Please contact Geraldine 9435 4306, Angela 9444 6298 Kay 9435 5736

LADIES AUXILIARY Our first meeting for 2019 will be on **Wednesday 20th February at 10.15am** in the Parish House. New members most welcome. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990.

CHILDREN'S TAKE HOME GOSPEL ACTIVITY SHEETS are available in the Gathering Space each week. Children are invited to bring back their completed sheets and pin them on the Children's Wall in the church.

ST MARY'S DIGITAL CONTENT PRODUCER (VOLUNTEER ROLE) One of the key aspects of providing hospitality is offering a welcoming presence—be it in person or online. St Mary's is currently redeveloping its website to ensure that it reflects the mission and diversity of our parish community. As such, we are looking for someone who would be able to volunteer their time to perform the role of a Digital Content Producer. Under the direction of the St Mary's Website Development Team, this person would be responsible for: 1) **ongoing maintenance** of the website using the DotNetNuke (DNN) platform. This includes updating event-related information (on a weekly basis) and liaising with groups to ensure pages are kept up-to-date (on a quarterly basis) and; 2) In consultation with the Website Development Team, **curate online content** that would further the mission of St Mary's to be 'a vibrant Christian community engaging with the world'. This position requires a high degree of organisation, an understanding of website platforms and a keen interest in the wider life and work of the parish. Training will be provided in the DotNetNuke (DNN) platform and tasks can be done remotely. If this sounds of interest to you or you know someone who would fit this role, please contact the Parish Office on 9435 1543 for more information.

St Mary's Parish News Continued:

AID FOR TOWNSVILLE YOUTH All Saints Anglican Church together with Parade College are putting together donations for those affected by the devastating floods in Townsville and surrounds. They are seeking items for kids/ teenagers returning to school. So if you are in the position to assist we are seeking donations of: Stationary for primary and high school- Pens, pencils, exercise books, rulers etc.; Lunch boxes; School bags (not too bulky); School shoes (new only); Or simply vouchers that can be used to purchase (no cash please). New goods only- no second hand please. **There shall be a box in our Gathering Space for any donations** or you can contact Colleen Treacy. All Saints Anglican Church 0435 107 633. E: treacyc@optusnet.com.au

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE - Now available in the Piety shop at \$4.

SCAM ALERT If you receive a phone call purporting to be from Australian Broadbands about connecting the NBN and asking you to press 1 for a technician, hang up because this is a scam. Do not press 1. See <https://www.aussiebroadband.com.au/support/knowledge-base/general/scam-calls-how-to-identify-them/> for further information.

WELCOME Parishioners are invited and always welcome to come in and make a cuppa and have a biscuit in the gathering space kitchen. We ask that you please clean up after use. Thank you and welcome.

FRIDAY MORNING CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER -8am until 9am-parish house using Ignatian style prayer, contact Jacinta Bright - parish office on 9435 1543.

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament first and third Friday of every month, from 10.00am to 9.00pm or starting at 11.00am when there is no Mass - every 2nd, 4th and 5th Friday 8.00-9.00am.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR TIME OUT from a busy lifestyle? Join silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament at the Irish Martyr's Chapel Loyola College Wednesdays 5.30-6.30pm. All welcome-queries Brian Rooney 0413 885 168.

FOUND IN THE CAR PARK - small brown scapular. If it is yours you can collect it from the parish office during the week, or call us on 9435 1543 and we can make an arrangement for you to collect it after a weekend Mass.

AVAILABLE FOR RENT—Self Contained Bungalow. Non-smokers only to enquire. Contact: 94446023 or 0425741992.

Community News

DIAMOND VALLEY OXFAM- meet the candidates meeting planned for **Friday April 12**. With the looming federal election this should be a good opportunity to let our local mps know what we want achieved. Other local groups who would like to assist with organising this meeting are welcome to join us. A planning meeting for this will be held on **Thur, Feb 14 7.30pm**. If interested please contact Marguerite Marshall on 0422 042 099 or 9439 3232.

LOYOLA COLLEGE—CLASSIC CAR SHOW Fri 15 Feb-325 Grimshaw Street, Watsonia. Enjoy a BBQ and look at cars from Metro Classic Cruisers Car Club & Independent Owners. Free event. Details: LCCAA@Loyola.vic.edu.au or Anthony-0438002758. See noticeboard

CATHOLIC LADIES COLLEGE First tour for 2019. Meet Principal, explore facilities and chat with students and staff. **Wednesday 20th February at 9.00am**. Limited tour spots available, book online at www.clc.vic.edu.au. See noticeboard.

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB for single Catholics in 25-60 year age group. Over 28's Party Night **Sat 23 Feb-8pm** -Benedict House, 301 Warrigal, Road Burwood. Cost \$13 with supper and door prizes. Enq Peter 9885 2167 or email sssc.starsc@gmail.com. See notice.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 1st March at 10.30am at Our Lady Help of Christians, 4 Henry Street, Eltham. This year's service focuses on Slovenia. See noticeboard.

Constructing Jesus: Memory, Imagination, and History by Dale C. Jr. Allison 232 ALL What did Jesus think of himself? How did he face death? What were his expectations of the future? Internationally renowned Jesus scholar Dale Allison Jr. addresses such perennially fascinating questions about Jesus. *Borrow from our library.* **Library catalogue available online at cloud.collectorz.com/247780**

Bookings for Hall , James Kierce Centre, Parish Club Rooms— via Parish Office: greensborough.bookings@cam.org.au/9435 1543.

Parish Office Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 10am –4pm. If office unattended, please leave a message via phone – 9435 1543 or on a note at the office window or email at greensborough@cam.org.au, and we will contact you as soon as we can.

First Reading Is 6:1-8

Here am I! Send me.

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the
Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our
messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-5. 7-8. R. v.1

*(R.) In the sight of the angels I will
sing your praises, Lord.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. All earth's kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Cor 15:1-11
or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11 (shorter form)**

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.'

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 5:1-11

They left everything and followed him.

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider the call to continue the mission of Jesus by engaging in some form of ministry. The first and the last readings are call narratives; the epistle contains a statement of the faith that undergirds our response to our call; the psalm response celebrates the gracious goodness of God that makes all of this possible.

Our call is more than a summons to faith; it is a call to ministry. Isaiah is called in order to be sent; the fishermen are called in order to gather others to Jesus. So it is with us. We are called to be sent out to the world. This call comes to us in the ordinariness of life. It will usually come to us as we wash our nets or our dishes, as we teach or raise children, as we prepare a brief for trial or examine a patient; as we repair cars or work at the computer. The call of God comes to us in the ordinariness of life.

We are called to proclaim the message of the resurrection by any and every means possible. Some, like Isaiah and the disciples of Jesus, will witness in open and dramatic ways. They will teach and preach; they will nurse the sick and care for the elderly. Others will witness in less conspicuous ways. They will insist on fair practices in their own workplaces; they will weed out expressions of prejudice and violence so that a new and just world can be fashioned for themselves and for their children. Called in the ordinariness of their lives, they will witness to the death and resurrection in that very ordinariness, thus transforming everything into extraordinariness.

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