

Sunday 4th March, 2018

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

Assistant Priests: Fr. Dong Tran & Fr. Tao Pham

Pastoral Associate: Jacinta Bright

Pastoral Workers: Sr. Margaret Sapsford and Christina O' Connor

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<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>	<u>St. Thomas the Apostle</u>
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Website: www.pol.org.au/greensborough	Secretary: Pat Guatta	Secretaries: Mary Gargan & Lisa Leahy
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Communications Officer: Denise Chang-Faux	Monday: Communion Service 9.15am	Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am
Mass Times	Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am	Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Monday: Liturgy of the word 9.15am	1st Saturday of the month: Vigil Mass at St. Peters Hurstbridge 7.15pm	Sunday: Mass 10.30am
Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am	Sunday: Mass 9.00am	Reconciliation Times
Saturday: Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm	Reconciliation Times	Saturday: 9.30am to 10.30am
Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm	Parish School Principal	Parish School Principal
Reconciliation Times	Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am	Mr. David Delaney Ph: 9434 4565 or Email
Saturday: 9.00am & 5.45pm	Parish School Principal	Principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au
Baptisms	Mr. Jim O'Sullivan Ph: 9438 1590 or Email	
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.	principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au	
Parish School Principal		
Mrs. Helen Anderson Ph: 9433 4000 or Email		

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.

3rd Sunday of Lent



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Justice in our Church

Jesus is the new Temple – the new focus of God's presence in the world.

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"Be children of God: take pride in it!"

Pope St John Paul 11

What is it in my life that forms a barrier to living in right relationship with God in his Church?

Our Partner Parishes respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to the Elders past and present.

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.

ST MARY'S LIBRARY *With us Today* by John A Hardon, 2001 234.163 HAR Fr. Hardon examines the history of Eucharistic doctrine, and the heresies that began in the 10th century and expanded in the Reformation period. *Borrow from our library.* **Library catalogue available online at cloud.collectorz.com/247780**

Parish News Continued:

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE Well worth the read. Available from the Piety Store for only \$4.00.

PARKING FOR ALL MASS TIMES While there are several disabled parking positions, there are some members of our community who have special needs on a temporary or permanent basis and do not qualify for a disabled permit. With this in mind we are asking that at Mass times, **the 12 parking spaces closest to the Church be left free** for them to use. We thank you for your anticipated co-operation.

THE AGAPÈ PRAYER GROUP The Agapè Prayer Group will meet again on the 5th March, 2018. Enquiries: Sam Giudice 0412 401 572.

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER –if you are interested in joining a small group on Friday mornings 8am until 9am in the parish house using Ignatian style prayer, praying with scripture and using the Examen, please contact Jacinta Bright at the parish office on 9435 1543.

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.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS collect vouchers when you shop and put them in the box in the Gathering Space

WILLIAM STREET PEDESTRIAN GATE - will be locked other than between 8.00– 9.15am and 3.30- 4.30pm. If you wish to enter the property during the times it is locked, please use code **2100**. Please re-lock after you have entered.

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

Community News:

COME AND JOIN DIAMOND WORLD TRAVEL for a 24 day experience of a lifetime in Eastern Europe and Croatia! Tour departing mid September this year- spaces are limited so get in touch quickly to avoid disappointment. Information evening: **7th March at 7pm** St Mary's Gathering Space. Contact Rebecca (0401292534) or Jane (0403139314) for more information.

SEMINAR BY FR. FRANCIS J. MALONEY on Insight into the Gospel of Mark on **Saturday 10th March from 1 to 4pm** at St Margaret's Anglican Church Hall, 79-81 Pitt Street, Eltham.. Fr. Franck is one of Australia's greatest scripture theologians, bring the Gospel to life in this edition of the Friendly Guide series of books. RSVP to Parish Office 9439 9238 by **7th March**. See noticeboard.

THE YEAR OF YOUTH Saturday 17th March featuring special guests Bishop Mark Edwards, Pat Keady, Sam Clear, Genevieve Bryant and many more. Includes live music, high-impact talks, prayer experiences, creative spaces, Mission Expo, sport & entertainment and food. Ages year 9 –30 years from 10am –10pm at Mount St Josephs, 133 Maidstone Street, Altona. Free Entry registration essential www.risemelbourne.com. See noticeboard. Limited amount of reflection cards on the table in gathering space.

HOUSE FOR FREE! Later this year, the Parish Office at St Simon's Parish , Rowville will be replaced. Currently the office is housed in a large, portable building which could be a substantial family home of 5 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen etc. The building is available **at no cost** to anyone who is willing to remove it and transport it (probably during May) to a new location. For further information, please contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360) or Brian Dalton ((0419 349 382) .

What's Happening in our Parish?

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held in St Mary's church at **7.30 pm** each Friday evening during Lent.

ADULT FORMATION EVENING ON THE EUCHARIST presented by Rev. Dr. Kevin Lenehan on **Tuesday March 6, 7.00 – 8.15 p.m.** at St. Mary's in the church's Gathering Space for parents whose children are preparing for First Eucharist. **All parishioners are welcome.** Kevin is a lecturer in theology at Catholic Theological College and is experienced in Adult Faith formation. It is a great opportunity to gain deeper insight into the significance of the Eucharist in our lives.

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES - HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER VIGIL and EASTER SUNDAY 29 March-April. Ministers of the Word, Prayer Leaders, Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, Sacristans and Data Projectionists. If you are available to exercise your Liturgical Ministry during Holy Week ceremonies at St Mary's, we invite you to place your name on roster in Gathering Space.

Holy Thursday 29 March—Washing of the Feet Twelve parishioners required for Washing of the Feet during Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper-Holy Thursday. If you would like to be involved in this action of service, please place your name on the roster in Gathering Space.

COME CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY On **Thursday, March 8th**, the Parish will celebrate International Women's Day, at morning Mass and followed by morning tea in the Gathering Space. All welcome!

MATURE AGE GROUP Please join us on our next outing to Begonia Festival in Ballarat -**14 March** seats on bus still available. Cost Members \$49.00 Non Members \$54.00 New Members Welcome. For inquiries call Geraldine on 0438148896, Angela 94446298 Kay 9435 5736

CHOCOLATE LAMBS FOR SALE in the Gathering Space after all masses on the weekend of **17/18 March** All proceeds from the sale assist the Polish Missionary Sisters in their care of orphans, and for priests and nuns working in various countries, and helping with setting up schools and children's education.

ST MARY'S PARISH LIBRARY A meeting of the Friends of the Library will be held at 10 am on **Saturday March 17** in the Library, All interested parishioners are very welcome to attend.

MORNING TEA Over the past 51 years the Ladies Auxiliary of the Parish have organised a function on or near St Patrick's Day. Many early parishioners were of Irish Heritage as well as our first Parish Priest who was Irish. We are having a morning tea on **Wednesday 21st March at 10.30am** in the Gathering space. Entry \$5.00 per person. An invitation is extended to all parishioners, ladies and gentlemen to join us for wonderful music and great home-made food. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990.

SLAVERY FREE CHOCOLATE THIS EASTER Children as young as 12 years old are picking cocoa in West Africa to make our Easter chocolates. Some of these children are trafficked. Most are forced to pick cocoa from an early age for minimal or no wages, for long hours, in dangerous working conditions, without any possibility of attending school. Most of these children have never tasted chocolate and they never will. Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) is campaigning to ensure that the chocolate we eat this Easter is slavery-free. *Social Justice Group*

FREE BABY FURNITURE - Cot (with mattress and linens), high chair, play pen, baby toilet seat. Contact Margaret: 94355231

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS— We are coming to the end of the term of our current PPC. More information about The discernment process will be forthcoming..

PARISH SURVEY UPDATE As our Parish Leadership endeavours to be widely consultative and collaborative, our recent Parish survey was spoken about at weekend Masses, asking you to also encourage others who are not with us at Sunday Mass, to participate. The survey was also circulated via all other parish communication systems, including to all school parents.

Work is continuing with the collation of survey responses. As you might imagine, there are a number of themes emerging, for example the sexual abuse crisis, leadership, liturgy, less at Mass, fewer volunteers. There are words of encouragement, criticism, despair and hope and some people are saying they are just hanging in. In considering how best to continue this process in a transparent and respectful way, we think it appropriate to provide you with the responses in a thematic way; grouping positive and negative responses under themed headings. It is our responsibility, as leaders, to encourage all to, together, stay the course in this process, so that we can be faithful as a parish community to where the Spirit is calling us. Interestingly, we are in Lent. Pope Francis urges us to remember that "Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy," salient words at this time.

The PPC would like to share extracts from the responses, word for word and gathered under thematic headings, with you. In providing the responses verbatim, the PPC avoids unintentionally misinterpreting or diminishing the content in any way. Identifying information such as the names and contact details of respondents would not be included. So that we can proceed as soon as possible, if you have contributed to the survey and would prefer any part of your response to not be revealed, please contact Jacinta Bright by Monday March 12, at the parish office. Jacinta would then locate your specific response and remove or adapt any words that you do not want shared. Some responses have been critical of particular individuals. Although Fr Steven is happy for such criticism of himself to be known, every step will be taken to have any pointed personal criticisms moderated, without losing the substance of the criticism.

**First Reading Ex 20:1-17
(or shorter form Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17)**

The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work on that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8-11. R. Jn 6:68

(R.) Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. *(R.)*
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. *(R.)*
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth all of them just. *(R.)*

4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,

that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

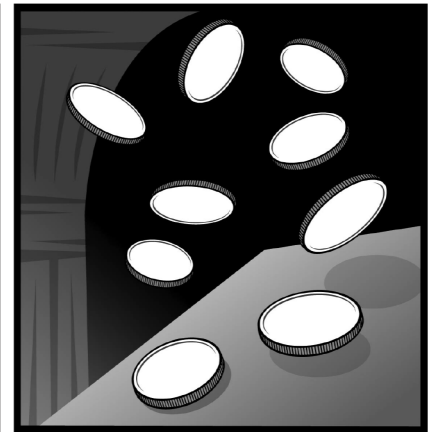
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Jn 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The Ten Commandments are badly named. Rather, they are the Ten Responses which should characterise a liberated people, freed from slavery by 'the Lord, your God'.

By the time Jesus came on the scene, the Temple in Jerusalem was no longer a fit dwelling place for a God who desires to free people from oppression and exploitation. To the contrary, Jesus saw the Temple ideology as placing undue burdens and shackles on people.

His anger at this erupted in dramatic street theatre. His overturning of the tables of the money-changers signalled the overturning of the Temple system.

What Our Lord revealed to uncomprehending authorities was that His body was the true sanctuary. The body of Jesus of Nazareth is the dwelling place of God, the habitation of the Lord God who liberates people. In short, God's sanctuary is not a place, but a person.

We could take a moment to pray, using the Ten Responses to review and guide our reflection and practice as we move towards Easter. This will help us to celebrate the enigmatic saying: 'Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it again.'

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