



Sunday 25th 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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The Partnered Parishes of:

<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>	<u>St. Thomas the Apostle</u>
204 Grimshaw St., Greensborough, 3088	25 Gipson Street, Diamond Creek 3089	251 Diamond Creek Road, Greensborough Nth 3088
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Email: Greensborough@cam.org.au	Website: www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek	Website: www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth
Website: www.pol.org.au/greensborough	Secretary: Pat Guatta	Secretaries: Mary Gargan & Lisa Leahy
Secretaries: Frances Olofsson & Sharon Prosser	Mass Times	Mass Times
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		
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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.

Palm Sunday



Justice in our community

We celebrate this Palm Sunday as hope-filled people who have at some time in our lives felt the dark fearful place of abandonment. May we bring the memory of these times into our prayer, for in spite of appearances, in spite of the silence, God is always with us.

A Just Future is possible for all generations, backgrounds, cultures and communities, who are part of one human family

How can I be a channel of loving support and positive change in my local community?

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 Morton T. Kelsey, The Drama of the Resurrection: transforming Christianity 232.97
KEL Master storyteller Morton Kelsey retells the events surrounding the resurrection with candid insight and lucid understanding. Each of the characters comes alive at his telling. As the drama and reality unfold the reader is called to a deeper response to the love of God. *Borrow from our library. Library catalogue available online at cloud.collectorz.com/247780*

St Mary's Parish News Continued:

LADIES AUXILIARY Thank you to all who attended our St Patrick's Day morning tea. It was a great success and the entertainment was enjoyable. We hope to see you at our next function. Raffle winners 1st: Anne Mullenger; 2nd: Faith Gigliotti.

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE is on sale again this year. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes are 3 all new Suzuki Balenos, 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 soon.

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.

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER –8am until 9am-parish house using Ignatian style prayer, contact Jacinta Bright - 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.

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

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL . Open Days, **28 Mar:** Tours 9.30am and 12.00pm. Twilight Opening from 4.30-6.30pm; **26 April**-Tours 9.30am and 12.00pm. **8 May-** Information Night 7.00pm. **18 May-** Applications close

Stay in touch with the school news— pick up a copy of the Candela from the racks in the Gathering Space.

LENT / HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ST MARY'S—Stations Of The Cross - Friday nights during Lent - 7.30pm in the Church

Individual Reconciliation : **Tues 27/3.** 10.30–12.00pm. **Wed 28/3** 10.30 – 12pm; 6.30 - 8.00pm. No Reconciliation on Sat 31 March

HOLY THURSDAY - 29 March No morning Mass. **Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30 pm Prayer before Altar of Repose after Mass - concluding with Night Prayer at 10.00 pm**

GOOD FRIDAY - 30 March No morning Mass. **Stations of the Cross (Ecumenical) 11.15 am All Saints Anglican Church** 14 Church St Greensborough (Cnr Grimshaw street). **Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00 pm in the Church**

EASTER VIGIL - 31 March No morning Mass and No Individual Reconciliation Morning Prayer 10am Easter Vigil 6.30pm

Commencing with Service of Light

EASTER SUNDAY - 1 April Masses 8.00 am & 10.00 am only. Please note: No 5.00pm Mass on Easter Sunday

EASTER LITURGIES AT OUR PARTNER PARISHES

Mass of the Lord's Supper - Thursday 29th March 7.30pm Sacred Heart

Good Friday The Lord's Passion - Friday 30th 3pm Sacred Heart Friday 30th 3pm St. Thomas the Apostle

Easter Vigil - Sat 31st March 7.30pm St Thomas the Apostle (replaces 6pm Mass)

Easter Sunday 1st April 9am Sacred Heart 10.30am St Thomas the Apostle

What's Happening in St Mary's Parish?

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

WELCOME to staff and students of Chisholm House, Loyola College. Their presence at the 10am Mass is always warmly anticipated.

NOTICES FOR BULLETIN: Please note, due to a short week preceding Easter it would be appreciated if notices for the Easter Weekend Bulletin could please be submitted no later than **Tues 27th March**. Thanks

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Monday 16th April, 7.30pm. Please keep the date free and be part of this very informative session. This year we have invited our Parish Groups, via a letter to group leaders, to send through a report sharing with the Parish what their groups have been doing. We look forward to welcoming you all.

IT IS WITH SADNESS that we inform our Parish community that Bonnie Dickson passed away on Friday 23rd March after a short illness. Bonnie was a long time parishioner and a dedicated employee of St Mary's Parish School for 40 Years. She now rests peacefully.

SPECIAL COLLECTION—Good Friday Holy Places

THE EASTER TRIDUUM begins with the Vigil of Holy Thursday. It marks the end of the forty days of Lent and the beginning of the three-day celebration of the Last Supper (instituting the celebration of the Eucharist) and the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council reminded us of the extraordinary significance of the Triduum: "Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, # 18).

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES - HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER VIGIL and EASTER SUNDAY 29 March-April 1. 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.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK A blessing service will be held on **Holy Thursday at 9.30am** for ministers who are taking Communion to the sick and housebound of our parish. Communion will not be available on Good Friday.

GOOD FRIDAY – Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm. The front row on both sides of the centre aisle will be reserved for **parishioners who have mobility difficulties** and Communion and the Veneration crucifix will be brought to them.

FORMATION EVENING for MINISTERS of the WORD and EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of COMMUNION for our partnered parishes, Sacred Heart, St Thomas' and St Mary's to be held at **St Mary's Church Greensborough, Wed 18 April, 7.30pm (please note change of venue.)**. If interested in proclaiming the Word of God or assisting with distribution of Communion (or both) we would love you to come along to the Formation Session which includes theological and historical background to both ministries and opportunity for practical input and feedback. Please contact Frances/Sharon-St Mary's Parish - 9435 1543 so we have an idea of numbers. Current Ministers who have not attended a formation session in recent years are also invited to attend to fulfil the Archdiocesan requirement of ongoing formation.

SLAVERY FREE CHOCOLATE THIS EASTER Children as young as 12 are picking cocoa in West Africa to make Easter chocolates. Some of these children are trafficked. Most are forced to pick cocoa from an early age for little or no wages, for long hours, in dangerous working conditions, with no possibility of attending school. Most have never tasted chocolate and never will. Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) is campaigning to ensure the chocolate we eat this Easter is slavery-free. *Social Justice Group*

PARISH SURVEY UPDATE The Parish Pastoral Council will have attached to next weekend's Easter newsletter, one aspect of collated responses from our Parish Survey. Several themes have emerged, as you might imagine, as those most concerning our parish. The theme to be attached next week covers the responses to the *Sexual Abuse of Children by Representatives of the Church, the Church's response to reports of abuse, reactions to the Royal Commission's findings and recommendations, and how our people feel about this issue*. We will then release parishioners' responses, over time, collating them under various thematic headings. Sometimes, these will be attached to the newsletter and at other times, because of the size of the document, we will make responses available in folders in the Gathering Space and will have a copy in the library. These folders will contain every theme we release, and will be added to over time. When we release these more bulky documents, a summary will be provided in the newsletter that weekend and you will be invited to email Jacinta Bright (Pastoral Associate) if you would like a copy of that document emailed to you. We decided not to place the responses on our website, in case they are misused by people wishing to cause trouble. These documents are our documents. They are for our parish community. However, we also know that we will have many visitors for Easter and PPC sees this as an opportunity for people to see our Parish as working to be a listening Church, transparent and accountable. Once all the work of collation is complete, PPC will distil, from all the responses, the major themes of foci for the coming years. Many of the responses affirm work already undertaken and so we will be strengthened in our focus on those themes. There are also challenges to and for our leadership and to individuals and groups. These will be seriously considered. We treat all responses with respect. Any further feedback will be treated with similar respect, as we wish to respond in a way that reflects the Church we are called to become. Times are different now. Pope Francis calls for us to be a listening and healing Church.

Quote: In and around families, the Gospel message should always resound. (Pope Francis – Amoris Laetitia 58)

Mass Times	6.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.00pm
Data Projection	Volunteer	Roster	Volunteer	Roster
Reader	Volunteer	Roster	Volunteer	Roster
Prayer Leader	Volunteer	Roster	Volunteer	Roster
Special Minister	Volunteer	Roster	Volunteer	Roster

Counters Morning: K. Haberman	L. Bainbridge
Altar Society	Baptisms G. Schokman – 25/3/18 and 8/4/18
Sacrificial Giving: \$3,681.50	Thank you to contributors to the Parish Support Program

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year B

25 March 2018

Gospel Mk 11:1-10

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, and said to them, 'Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately"'. And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door out in the open street; and they untied it. And those who stood there said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' And they told them what Jesus had said; and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments on it; and he sat upon it. And many spread their garments on the road, and others spread leafy branches which they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed cried out, 'Hosanna Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!'

First Reading Is 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.
 The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.
 So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.
 Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.
 The Lord has opened my ear.
 For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.
 I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.
 The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.
 So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2
(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?
 1. All who see me deride me.
 They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
 2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.
 They tear holes in my hands and my feet.

I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
 3. They divide my clothing among them.
 They cast lots for my robe.
 O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
 4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled.
 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.
 His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel shorter form Mk 15:1-39

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.
 Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.
 At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowds to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. The Pilate spoke

again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.' Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this they said, 'Listen, he is calling on Elijah'. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink saying, 'Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.' But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause a moment.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said, 'In truth this man was a son of God.'

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