



Sunday 8th April, 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:**

**St. Mary's**

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**Mass Times**

**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

**Reconciliation Times**

**Saturday:** 9.00am & 5.45pm

**Baptisms**

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.

**Parish School Principal**

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**Secretary:** Pat Guatta

**Mass Times**

**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

**Reconciliation Times**

**Friday:** 9.45am to 10.15am

**Parish School Principal**

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**Mass Times**

**Tuesday & Thursday:** Mass 9.15am

**Saturday:** Vigil Mass 6.00pm

**Sunday:** Mass 10.30am

**Reconciliation Times**

**Saturday:** 9.30am to 10.30am

**Parish School Principal**

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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.

**Those who have not seen.**

Jesus says to Thomas, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' That's us! Jesus' words in the gospel are meant for people like us living today. We are not in the position of Thomas and the other disciples who were able to see the risen Lord face to face and so convince themselves of his rising. The gospel recognises that to believe in the resurrection without that physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more. Happy are we—Blessed are we—who have not seen and yet still believe.

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**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.

### **The Resurrection of Jesus: John Dominic Crossan and N. T. Wright in Dialogue 232.97 CRO**

Two of today's most important and popular New Testament scholars air their very different understandings of the historical reality and theological meaning of Jesus' resurrection. *Borrow from our library. Library catalogue available online at [cloud.collectorz.com/247780](http://cloud.collectorz.com/247780)*

### **St Mary's Parish News Continued:**

**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 these 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** . **26 April**-Tours 9.30am and 12.00pm. **8 May**- Information Night 7.00pm. **18 May**- Applications close

### **Community News**

**MILL PARK: MONTHLY HEALING MASS—Sat14 April, 6.30–9.30pm. St Francis of Assisi Church, 290 Childs Road, Mill Park.** Mass, presented by the Vincentian Retreat Centre, will be accompanied by healing prayers and will also include the Rosary, praise and worship, and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. It takes place on the second Saturday of each month throughout 2018. **Details:** Ramesh and Bernie on 0433 549 167 or [vincentianretreatmelbourne@gmail.com](mailto:vincentianretreatmelbourne@gmail.com). **Web:** [www.vrcm.org.au](http://www.vrcm.org.au)

**THE PALLOTINE CAMINO** is a 3 day, 65km walk from St Christopher's Parish Syndal to Pallotti College in Millgrove. This year it is from Saturday April 21st to Monday April 23rd. It includes daily Mass, times of silence and fellowship with other walkers. See noticeboard.

**MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS** The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 27 May at 11.00am**. Registrations can be made online at: [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily) or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5587 or emailing [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au). Registration closes **Friday 18 May**. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition. See notice.

**FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL - PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE.** Fr. Peter De Souza, would like to invite you for a 14-day pilgrimage that he is leading. The group departs on 28th of May, 2018, featuring Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Meteora for an all-inclusive price of \$5690. Avail a Closing Weekend exclusive offer of \$4,990 if you call now. HURRY... OFFER Valid only till 11th April 18 ONLY! This fare includes a 3 Night Cruise with all meals + Return Airfares + Local Transfers + Stay in 4 Star Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners. For inquiries & bookings call 0385 622 246 or email [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)



*Pope Francis @Pontifex 5 April 2018*

*Let us go forward with the joy of Jesus' Resurrection, knowing He is always by our side!*

# What's Happening in St Mary's Parish?

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

**SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP** will meet on **Monday the 9th April at 7.30pm** in the Parish House. We acknowledge the 50th Anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King and pray that his work of Justice for All will continue, especially for those who suffer discrimination because of their colour.

**PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Monday 16th April, 7.30pm** in the James Kierce Centre. 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. **REMINDER— please have your AGM reports submitted to the Parish Office by Monday 9th of April.**

**LADIES AUXILIARY**—next meeting will be on **Wednesday 18th April at 10.15am** in the Parish House. New Members are most welcome. Enquiries: Maureen—9435 5906; Lucy 9435 6990.

**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.

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS GROUP** will meet on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:00** in the Parish House, St Mary's Greensborough. Anyone wanting to pray for our children and youth are warmly invited to come along to pray and support one another, non-grandparents also welcome. For information call Maria or John 9467 5173.

**MATURE AGE GROUP** Please come and join us, on the **11th April 2018**, for a game of Bingo in the **Administration Building (School Staffroom) - PLEASE NOTE NEW VENUE for this function.** Meeting starting at **11.30am to 12.30pm with Bingo starting at 1.00pm.** We will also be collecting for our next outing to Woop Woop on the 9th May 2018, with 2 course lunch at Cumberland Hotel. \$47 Members, Non Members \$54 Bus will be leaving William Street entrance at 9.15am returning home 4.30pm. Please contact Geraldine 0438148896, Angela 9444 6298 Kay 9435 5736.

**MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE** now available in the Piety Shop. This month includes stories on Welcoming Refugees, The 2018 Year of Youth and monthly film and book reviews. At only \$4, it's well worth the read.

**THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE** is on sale again this year. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes are 3 all new Suzuki Balenos, and 4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Prizes are Coles Myer Gift Cards. **Cost still only \$2 per ticket.** All proceeds go to our Parish Community. Tickets selling now.



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
VICTORIA

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**A SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO KEVIN McMAHON** on his appointment as Victorian State President of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

*Kevin McMahon—Victorian State President Commissioning Mass*

You and your family are cordially invited to attend the Commissioning Mass of our new Victorian State President on **Sunday 29 April 2018, 2.00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Church** 251 Diamond Creek Rd, Greensborough North. Principal Celebrant: Rev Fr. Steven Rigo. Concelebrants: Rev Fr. Tony Kerin, Rev Fr. Tao Pham, Rev Fr. Dong Tran. *Refreshments will be served after Mass.* RSVP by Friday 20 April 2018 Email: [tracey.thomas@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:tracey.thomas@svdp-vic.org.au)



**ANOINTING MASS.** All are invited to attend our Parish Anointing Mass on **Thursday 3 May at 11am** followed by a light lunch in the Gathering Space. If you intend staying for the luncheon, could you please complete and return an RSVP slip available on the small table at the back of the Church. We request that those on the Communion to the Sick round, whether in home or care facilities would please extend the invitation when next visiting.

**ALPHA TEAM TRAINING WORKSHOP—Saturday 12 May, 9am–4pm. St Mary's Catholic Parish, 204 Grimshaw Street, Greensborough.** Would you like to learn how to run Alpha in your parish? Alpha is an easy-to-use tool for evangelisation which has been used by thousands of Catholic parishes around the world. Alpha presents the core of the Christian faith, the Kerygma, in a welcoming and friendly way which appeals to millennials, and seeks to address their questions and concerns. This training workshop will look at where Alpha fits in the faith formation process in a parish and how Alpha can become an integral part of a parish pastoral plan to evangelise and grow missionary disciples. **Details and bookings:** Lorraine McCarthy on 0402 217 123 or [lorraine.mccarthy@alpha.org.au](mailto:lorraine.mccarthy@alpha.org.au)

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**New to the Parish? We would love to meet you and make you feel at home.  
Please complete a Welcome Card located on the table in the Gathering Space.**

Mass Times	6.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.00pm
Data Projection	Volunteer	P. Goulding	J. Corcoran	T. D'souza
Reader	L. Kempen	T. Tunny	M. Malicse	T. Roxas
Prayer Leader	R. Joseph	J. O'Connell	J/L Hartigan	T. Roxas
Special Minister	Group A—5 Volunteers	Group D—7 Volunteers	Group G—4 Volunteers	Group J—5 Volunteers

**Counters Morning:**

**Altar Society** T. Spencer

**Sacrificial Giving:** \$4450.00

**Baptisms** G. Schokman – 8/4/18

*Thank you to contributors to the Parish Support Program*

**Second Sunday of Easter, Year B (Divine Mercy Sunday)**

**8 April 2018**

**First Reading Acts 4:32-35**

*The whole group was united, heart and soul.*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24. R. v. 1**

*(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting*

or

*(R.) Alleluia.*

- Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the  
Lord,  
but not doomed to die. (R.)
- The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Jn 5:1-6**

*Anyone begotten by God has already overcome the world.*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel Jn 20:19-31**

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'  
After saying this he breathed on them and said:  
'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



**Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

The true believers in the Risen Christ kept Thomas the Doubter within their circle, rather than expelling him. This gave him a further opportunity to experience the very Real Presence of the Risen Lord and his gift of peace. Companionable patience is our best response to those struggling with belief in even fundamental tenets of the faith.

Thomas saw that the wounds of Christ were still present, not obliterated. Does this suggest that our redeemed bodies will bear the marks of the wounds unjustly inflicted on us? However, they will not be disabling to our personality because they will be incorporated into the resurrection life of Christ. Incredibly, our self-inflicted wounds, i.e. our sins, will be obliterated in the mercy of God.

Pope Francis emphasises that it was in responding to the invitation to touch the wounds of Christ that Thomas understood Christ's true identity, exclaiming: 'My Lord and my God'. It is only by touching the wounds of Christ in many different people in many different situations that we can authentically make the same act of faith.

We could take a moment to pray for the strength to touch the wounds of Christ in others, 'the least'. And we could pray that, wounded as we may be by the vagaries and injustices of life, we may be liberated from their evil effects as the Risen Lord adopts our wounds as his own.

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