



Sunday 15th 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

Sacred Heart, St. Mary's & St. Thomas the Apostle are all members of the Diamond Valley Deanery. www.diamondvalleydeanery.org.au; Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne: www.cam.org.au

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

204 Grimshaw St., Greensborough, 3088

Parish: 9435 1543

Presbytery: 9432 2515

Email: Greensborough@cam.org.au

Website: www.pol.org.au/greensborough

Secretaries: Frances Olofsson & Sharon Prosser

Communications Officer: Denise Chang-Faux

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

Mrs. Helen Anderson **Ph:** 9433 4000 **or Email** principal@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au

Sacred Heart

25 Gipson Street,

Diamond Creek 3088

Parish: 9438 1159

Email: DiamondCreek@cam.org.au

Website: www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek

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

Mr. Jim O'Sullivan **Ph:** 9438 1590 **or Email** principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au

St. Thomas the Apostle

251 Diamond Creek Road,

Greensborough Nth 3088

Parish: 9434 7373

Email: greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au

Website: www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth

Secretaries: Mary Gargan & Lisa Leahy

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

Mr. David Delaney **Ph:** 9434 4565 **or Email** Principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au

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.

Peace be with you

When Jesus appears in the midst of the disciples, his first words to them are, "Peace be with you!" His appearance among them obviously agitated the disciples who were already hiding, in fear of their lives and devastated by the loss of their leader days earlier. Jesus' calming and reassuring words, "Peace be with you!" recognise the reality of what state the disciples are in. The words demonstrate that Jesus is meeting the Disciples 'where they are' - he recognises their distress and fear and responds with words that accept what they're feeling but reassure them of his love and care. They are words that Jesus speaks to us too.

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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.

The Lost Gospel of Mary: The Mother of Jesus in Three Ancient Texts by Frederica Mathewes-Green (2007) 232.91 MAT. This is a scholarly yet very readable book analysing 3 ancient texts describing Our Lady's life and her importance to the early Christians. The author shows a devout and prayerful understanding of these colourful times. *Borrow from our library.*

Library catalogue available online at cloud.collectorz.com/247780

St Mary's Parish News Continued:

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

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

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM AIRS 15 April 2018 This week on the Journey, our Gospel reflection is spoken to us by Fr Steven Varney. Sr Hilda Scott reminds us not to get caught up in the Blame Game with her Wisdom from the Abbey, The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes Calls us to Forgive and Sam Clear ponders Silence. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au

HEALING MASS -Thur **19 April**-Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham. Commences 7.30pm with Praise & Worship followed by Mass, which will include the Sacrament of Anointing. Prayer Ministry and supper available. Details: Emilia 9435 7475/Rose 9434 3962.

ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY VICTORIA-is hosting a screening of the movie "GURRUMUL" on **29 April 2pm** at Nova in Carlton which is the life of the late Indigenous musician Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, who died in Darwin last year, aged 46. See noticeboard

Be a volunteer OUT THERE Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don't do quick fixes, but immerse themselves in overseas communities for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, share them with our global family! Come to Palms Info Session: **Sat 5 May 10:30am Ross House**, Jenny Florence Room 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. www.palms.org.au/volunteer or **02 9560 5333**. See noticeboard.

TRANSITION TO A SAFE CLIMATE: CREATING A NEW STORY FOR BANYULE A Community conference **Friday 4th May at 7pm** - Ian Dunlop speaker on Emergency Action in the face of Climate Change and **Saturday 5th May – 9am-5.30pm** Act Local – a full day workshop to develop big ideas for community projects in Banyule. Bookings essential at <https://www.trybooking.com/TYIN> Full conference \$25 or Friday \$15 per person. Enquiries: info@transitionbanyule.org.au or Mary on 0431 026 723. See noticeboard.



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CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE 2018 Knox Public Lecture **Wed 16 May-7.30pm**. Dr Jeff Kildea What Price Loyalty? Australian Catholics in the First World War. Bookings and Information: Email jill.doncovio@ctc.edu.au or phone 9412 3304. R.S.V.P.: **Wednesday 9 May**. Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre, Corner Victoria Parade & Hoddle Street, East Melbourne



What's Happening in St Mary's Parish?

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

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Monday 16th April, 7.30pm in the James Kierce Centre. A good opportunity to hear from the leadership of the Parish about the great work that has been done in the past year and to learn what is to come in 2018

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORTS are available on our website.—www.cam.org.au/greensborough. If you would like a hard copy prior to the meeting, a small number will be available at the Parish Office .on Monday.

LADIES AUXILIARY—next meeting will be on **Wednesday 18th April at 10.00am** 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.

WE NEED HELP! The Funeral Ministry Team needs assistance from people who are familiar with computers, to help with the set up and running of slide and video presentations at funerals. You would be part of a great, committed team, who offer a practical and caring service to those who come for our help at the time of a funeral. Please contact the parish office on 9435 1543, if you have some spare time and would like to help.

MORNING TEA An invitation is extended to all Parishioners to join St Mary's Family Groups after the 10am mass on **Sunday 22nd April**.

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. 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 now.

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

TRANSITION OF PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL—The Parish Pastoral Council, the leadership group of the parish working collaboratively with our Priests and Pastoral Associate has a renewal of its members every two years. This renewal will take place on the Discernment Day, Saturday, 5th May. The renewal of PPC offers an opportunity for other parishioners to be involved in this leadership role. If you have vision, or if you are curious - if you have energy and commitment to the life of the church - then this is the place for you!

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

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.

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

The home is where children first learn about God. Parents hand on faith to their children not only by what they say but, more importantly, by what they do and how they treat others both inside and outside of the home.

Mass Times	6.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.00pm
Data Projection	Volunteer	J. McDonough	J. Corcoran	J. Ganter
Reader	C. De Costa	B./J. McDonough	J. Giudice	A.M. Bergin
Prayer Leader	M. Roberts	B./J. McDonough	P. Garrard	A.M. Bergin
Special Minister	Group B—5 Volunteers	Group E—7 Volunteers	Group H—3 Volunteers	Group K—5 Volunteers

Counters Morning: D. Marshall

Altar Society M. Lonsdale

Sacrificial Giving: \$4365.00

Baptisms G. Schokman – 15/4/18

Thank you to contributors to the Parish Support Program

Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

15 April 2018

First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

You have killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 4:2. 4. 7. 9. R. v.7

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

- When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)
- It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)
- 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)
- I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once,
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments.

Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

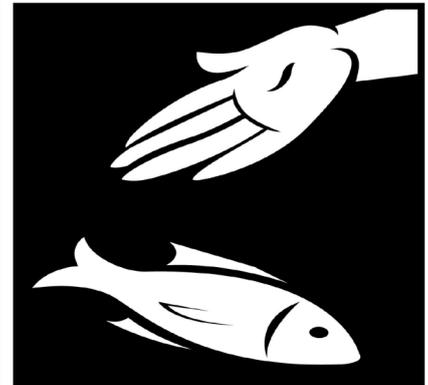
Gospel Lk 24:35-48

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

When Jesus appeared to them, the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost, a sort of projection of a human image on the screen of the world but with no human depth and vitality. In fact, ghosts seem to drain life and warmth from those they encounter.

The disciples became convinced that they were in the presence of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ when he assumed a characteristic way of acting – sharing a companionable meal (of fish).

His bodily presence of *that* sort is now withdrawn from us. But we are now encountered by him in the Mass which has many dimensions, one of which is that of a sacred meal. When we share in the sacramental signs of his Real Presence in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion, he brings us the life and warmth of the Risen Son.

In fact, he shares his very life with us, and because his life is gloriously fully human, we become less ghost-like as he heals those parts of our personality which drain goodness and vitality from the world.

We could take a moment to pray to take greater opportunities to share in the Real Presence of Our Risen Lord under the appearance of bread and wine. This will move us from the illusion of being alive to that vitality which is nourished by his glorified humanity.

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