



Sunday 27th May, 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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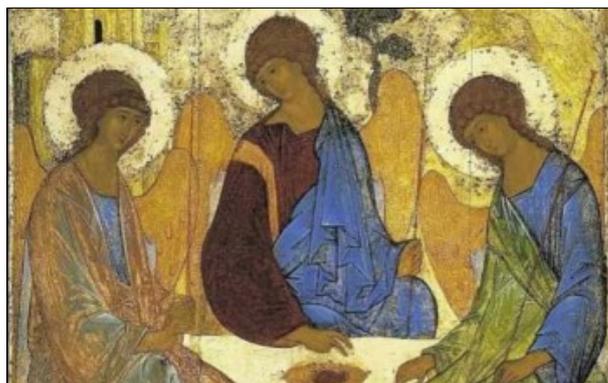
<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>	<u>St. Thomas the Apostle</u>
204 Grimshaw St., Greensborough, 3088	25 Gipson Street, Diamond Creek 3089	251 Diamond Creek Road, Greensborough Nth 3088
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Website: www.pol.org.au/greensborough	Secretary: Pat Guatta	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	Mr. Jim O'Sullivan Ph: 9438 1590 or Email principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au	Mr. David Delaney Ph: 9434 4565 or Email Principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au
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		

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.

The Sign of the Cross

Jesus' instruction that the disciples go out to all the nations and baptize them 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' is an instruction that is still being carried on today. Those precise words are used by the priest at every baptism. They are also words used in the sign of the cross—whether that is a personal, private blessing of oneself or a blessing of a group as in the introductory and dismissal rites as part of a Eucharistic celebration. When we make the sign of the cross we use the words of Jesus.



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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.

Stepping Stones Margriet Ruurs [J FIC RUU] This unique picture book was inspired by the stone artwork of Syrian artist Nizar Ali Badr. It is the story of Rama and her family, who are forced to flee their once-peaceful village in Syria to escape the civil war raging close to their home. With only what they can carry on their backs, the family sets out to walk to freedom in Europe. *Borrow from our library.* **Library catalogue available online at 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.

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

Community News

WEEKEND RETREAT to make space for your heart. Live-in 'Winter Wisdom Weekend Retreat in the Company of the Mystics' from **4pm Fri 8 June to 4pm Sun 10 June 2018** at Community of the Holy Name Retreat & Spirituality Centre in Cheltenham. Includes guided reflection, opportunities for spiritual companioning, sharing and input. Facilitated by Carole Carmody rsm and Marlene McGrath. Cost \$195 including accommodation and catering. More information and bookings: holsc@bigpond.com or tel 9890 1101. See noticeboard.

HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE to Holy Land and Holy Places in Italy (**3rd-20th Sept, 2018**) plus Optional Extension to Egypt & Jordan (**20th-27th Sept, 2018**); or Only Holy Places in Italy (**3rd-13th Sept, 2018**); or Only Holy Land (**12th-13th Sept, 2018**). Spiritual Directors: Fr Emmanuel-tv and Fr Jude C SSP. For more info/itinerary, Contact: fremmanueltv@hotmail.com, 0417999553, (08)93413131; (08) 93413079, or jude.agorchukwu@cam.org.au; 0400759391, (03) 97899672

CATHOLIC WALKING CLUB WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS The Catholic Walking Club is a bushwalking club founded in 1951 which has for its objectives the encouragement of bushwalking and allied activities in a Catholic atmosphere, and the fostering of a greater love of the outdoors. The club is seeking new members to enjoy its active program of day, weekend and extended bushwalking, ski touring and cycling trips. Membership is open to all age groups, 16 years and over. **Details and enquiries:** Peter on 9889 2751 or pswilson@bigpond.net.au or Margaret on 9439 8205 **Website:** www.catholicwalkingclubvic.org.au See noticeboard.

DON BOSCO CAMP, SAFETY BEACH – A Catholic winter holiday program for young people, 9-13yo (Junior) and 13-16yo (Senior), during upcoming school holidays. A fun, exciting holiday for all, regardless of financial circumstances, in a safe and supportive environment. For more information visit www.donboscocamp.org.au or call 03 5987 2692. See noticeboard.



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What's Happening in St Mary's Parish?

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

RECONCILIATION WEEK begins this weekend. Reconciliation Australia invites all Australians to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and histories, to share that knowledge and help us to grow as a nation. The theme is **"Don't Keep History A Mystery: Learn. Share. Grow"** explores the history hidden just beneath the surface, ready and waiting to be uncovered. This coming Reconciliation Week learn more about the Australian story. Go to www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week. Social Justice Group

SILENCE IN THE LITURGY In response to comments expressed in the recent Parish survey, and in line with the General Instructions of the Roman Missal, from next weekend a period of silence will be introduced following the Homily. This will provide an opportunity for personal reflection on the Word of God, and will complement the silent periods we already observe after the first and second readings. The first collection will be taken up after this period of reflection.

2018 ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL—The **Winter Appeal to be conducted over the weekend of 16/17 June** is Vinnies' major mid-year appeal. Your donations in past years have been distributed to support local families in need – donations for which those families and we, the Greensborough Conference, are heartily thankful. Again this year, we are asking for cash or credit card donations, to provide direct financial support to families, to meet their immediate needs. Please place your donations in the envelopes provided at each Mass on 16/17 June and put them in the leaving collection. More envelopes will be provided in the gathering space if required. Collection bins will also be provided on that weekend for any non-perishable food items which might be donated. Thank you. Ian Fraser, President.

LADIES' AUXILIARY— Thank you to all who supported our morning tea on Wednesday 23rd May. It was a great success.

CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY APPEAL There was a special collection in all parishes last weekend for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains. If you have not returned your envelope and donation you can return to the parish office in the coming weeks or send it directly to the Development Office or donate by phone on 9926 5731. This Appeal supports the vital work of Catholic chaplains in youth detention centres, prisons, hospitals and the support of seafarers. To find out more www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy. Thank you for your support.

MATURE AGE GROUP Please come and join us for an outing to the Casino on the **13th June 2018**, included in the price is a Buffet Lunch, cost Members \$21.00, Non Members \$23.00. Seats still available. Bus will be leaving William Street entrance at 9.15am returning home 3.00pm. Please contact Geraldine 9435 4306, Angela 9444 6298 Kay 9435 5736

ST. MARY'S TENNIS CLUB is looking for players next season commencing Term 3 2018 for the following:

Juniors – DVTA Friday twilight, NEJTA Saturday morning. **Seniors** – HDTA Tuesday Ladies (day), NENTG (nights) Tuesday Men/Vets, Wednesday Women, Thursday Mixed, DVTA (night) Thursday Men. We also offer a Monday night Social play at our Kalparrin courts for anyone interested. For more information, email stmarystennis56@gmail.com before May 18th.

PLEASE NOTE: There has been a series of burglaries involving breaking into presbyteries and parish churches in nearby suburbs. I strongly encourage and request that you be vigilant with security if you have access to the church or parish house.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS GROUP will meet on the 2nd 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.

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.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE now available in the Piety Shop. At only \$4, it's well worth the read.

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

Please help if you can— Some of you at 10.00am Mass may have met Michael or have seen him at Mass. Michael lives in supported accommodation nearby and loves to come to Mass. Our parish has a small group of people committed to picking Michael up and taking him home each Sunday. St Mary's is an important part of Michael's dimension of Michael's life, just as it is for each of us. Well, we need more people, at the moment, to join this team of happy volunteers. Michael is a lovely man with a cheeky grin. Those who come to know him enjoy accompanying him to Mass. If you are interested, please contact the parish office, on 9435 1543.



Exploring the Word: Mt 28:16-20 *The disciples who gather are fragile. Their hopes and dreams shattered by the death on the cross of the one they saw as saviour. The disappearance of his body from the tomb left them wondering and afraid. Now Jesus appears and offers consolation. He has ultimate authority in heaven and on earth and issues the disciples with three instructions: Firstly, go to 'all the nations' for Christ's salvation is for all people. Secondly he instructs on a new initiation rite – baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit. Membership is open to all, male and female, gentile and Jew. Finally, Jesus replaces the old Law, the commandments given to Moses, with a new law-the commandments given by Jesus. In conclusion, Jesus assures them (and us) that he will be with them always, even to the end of time.*

First Reading Dt 4:32-34. 39-40

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors - all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. (R.)
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:14-17

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father!

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation See Rv 1:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glorify to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 28:16-20

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up to and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

We humans are created into the image of God. If our idea of God is wrong then we can imagine ourselves in a way which is dangerously de-humanising.

If we think of God as solitary Being then we might imagine that the best way of being human is to be solitary, self-sufficient, totally in-dependent of others. However, Jesus Christ revealed a different way for the eyes of faith to see God.

He had a sense of the most intimate communion with 'Abba', Father, and he had such a close relationship with the Holy Spirit that his very breathing on his disciples imparted this Breath of God upon them. The early Church was forced to conclude that Being and Relationship were both fundamentally primordial and true of the Tri-une God, or the Trinity for short.

Now, if we are created into *this* image of God, then our very existence needs to be relational for us to be fully human in this life and the next. To be totally self-absorbed is to consign oneself to a Hellish existence. To be open to communion with God, other human beings and the whole of creation is to enjoy a Heavenly existence.

We can take a moment to pray to thank God for this revelation not granted to, or at least not believed by, other great world religions. We thank Jesus Christ for satisfying our yearning to know the truth about our Creator, and helping us to understand what it is to be fully human. May we recall this every time we dip our fingers in the holy water font on entering a church, remembering our baptism: 'In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.'

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