



Sunday 10th June, 2018

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**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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<b><u>Mass Times</u></b> <b>Monday:</b> Liturgy of the word 9.15am <b>Tuesday to Friday:</b> Mass 9.15am <b>Saturday:</b> Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm <b>Sunday:</b> Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm	<b><u>Mass Times</u></b> <b>Monday:</b> Communion Service 9.15am <b>Wednesday &amp; Friday:</b> Mass 9.15am <b>1st Saturday of the month:</b> Vigil Mass at St. Peters Hurstbridge 7.15pm <b>Sunday:</b> Mass 9.00am	<b><u>Mass Times</u></b> <b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday:</b> Mass 9.15am <b>Saturday:</b> Vigil Mass 6.00pm <b>Sunday:</b> Mass 10.30am
<b><u>Reconciliation Times</u></b> <b>Saturday:</b> 9.00am & 5.45pm	<b><u>Reconciliation Times</u></b> <b>Friday:</b> 9.45am to 10.15am	<b><u>Reconciliation Times</u></b> <b>Saturday:</b> 9.30am to 10.30am
<b><u>Baptisms</u></b> 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.	<b><u>Parish School Principal</u></b> Mr. Jim O'Sullivan <b>Ph:</b> 9438 1590 <b>or Email</b> principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au	<b><u>Parish School Principal</u></b> Mr. David Delaney <b>Ph:</b> 9434 4565 <b>or Email</b> Principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au
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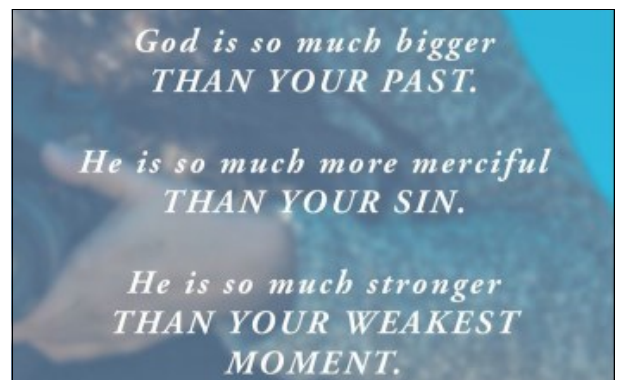
**Communion to the Sick:**

Any parishioner who cannot attend Mass due to illness and would like to receive Communion is asked to contact the parish office.

**Binding the Strong**

The incarnation of Jesus in the world—God becoming fully human and physically present in the world—was an act of supreme love for the world. The image of binding the strong man echoes this act of love. The image is reminiscent of a bully or tyrant who is reeking havoc and terrorising a community. Before justice can be restored and the victims/survivors lifted up, the 'strong man' must be restrained and subdued. To bring about the loving act of God in the world, the power of evil must be resisted and bound up.

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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.

Michael W. Higgins, **Thomas Merton, BIOG MER** . Thomas Merton was a religious thinker of remarkable insight, a social commentator of courage and conviction, and a writer of startling virtuosity. This book recounts the life of this insatiable wanderer. He explores the various layers of influence and evolution in Merton's thought and spirituality.

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



**WILL YOU HELP?—WINTER IS HERE! LET'S TRY AND HELP KEEP ALL KIDS COSY AND WARM. DONATE NEW SOCKS, JOCKS, SINGLETS AND PYJAMAS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS SIZES 2-16.**

**Just so you know who you are supporting**—The Big Group Hug is a local charity that supports disadvantaged families in the community and beyond. They provide donated goods to help parents care for children, from newborn to 12 years of age. Items can be left in the gathering space. Collecting until the end of term two. Any questions please feel free to contact, Mary - 0419 554500. See noticeboard.

**ST MARY'S PARISH LIBRARY** The Library is about to conduct a stocktake. Can any borrowers who have overdue items please return them as soon as possible? Thank you Library Committee

**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.

**MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE**— available in the Church Shop at \$4. This month's issue talks about child safety, the story of St Vincent's hospital in Melbourne and some film reviews. Well worth a read.

**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.

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

**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**

**MCAULEY COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR WOMEN** - afternoon tea to fund raise for the *McAuley Community Services for Women* who provide support to women and children who have to leave their homes because of family violence. **Sat 16 June** at St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 290 Childs Rd, Mill Park, **2 – 5 pm**. To book a seat : trybooking.com <https://www.trybooking.com/371837> Or, contact Anne 0400501164 or Maree 0418139653

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

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

**SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AND SATURDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> JUNE**—Fr. Dong will be attending Ordinations of Priesthood. Liturgy of the Word will be celebrated in the place of morning Mass.

**FAREWELL TO SR. THERESA DENNIS RSM.** Sr. Theresa has lived in our parish for the last several years and has been asked by her order to move to Hawthorn. We acknowledge with gratitude her contribution and active involvement in the life of our parish community and pray that God blesses her abundantly as she moves into another Parish community in Hawthorn. We are having a morning tea after **10am mass next Sunday 17 June**. If any parishioners could please bring a plate and let the parish office know. Sister Theresa is also gluten free.

**URGENT – JOB NEEDED** If you are a business owner, or know of a business which might be able to assist, please contact Jacinta Bright at the parish office – 9435 1543. Rita is a parishioner, who came here from South Sudan a number of years ago. Rita is a widow with seven children, the youngest now being at school. Rita is looking for work as a cleaner, or night filler, or something like that. Your assistance with this would be very much appreciated.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**—Until further notice there is no running water in the Parish House. Tea-making facilities and use of toilets not available for meetings held in the house. Apologies for the inconvenience, but all the plumbing in the house is to be replaced.

**CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL** Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers, and for being a part of an "education revolution" in Myanmar. Your generosity makes it possible for programs such as the Pyinya Sanyae Institute of Education, as well as schools like St John's in Hakha, to provide quality, child-centred education to children. Thank you also to parishioners who have become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as monthly giving partners. For more information about the work of Catholic Mission around the world, please contact on 1800 257 296. or at catholicmission.org.au.about-us.contact..

**SILENCE IN THE LITURGY** In response to comments expressed in the Parish survey, and in line with General Instructions of the Roman Missal, a period of silence will follow the Homily. This will provide an opportunity for personal reflection on the Word of God, and 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.

**AN INVITATION FOR THE WOMEN OF OUR CHURCH** Catholic Women Speak seeks to bring Catholic women's voices into dialogue with others in the Catholic Church. CWS states they "believe in the creativity of struggle and acceptance that comes from learning to respect our differences. We regard these as vital aspects of the process of discovery and transformation that brings us together in our faith." One current activity is described as follows: "Catholic Women Speak and Voices of Faith have collaborated to write an open letter to Pope Francis appealing for greater participation of and dialogue with women in the worldwide Church. "As you will see, **the letter is supportive of Pope Francis and seeks to open up a dialogue** - not provoke a confrontation! Nevertheless, we believe that it is important to express our concerns about the language used to describe women, and this is a way of gently expressing those concerns. Here is the link to the website with the letter and the signature form: <https://catholicwomenspeak.com/>. If you have any questions or would be interested in participating in a similar dialogue, here in the parish, please contact Jacinta Bright, Pastoral Associate, on 9435 1543.

**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

**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** Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 20th June at 10.15am** in the Gathering Space. Wheat-filled bags are still available at \$5—\$10 each. Enquiries phone Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990.

**COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISH RAFFLE** Thank you to everyone that purchased tickets or took the time to sell tickets in the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle for 2018. Great news - **Ninth prize, \$500 Coles Myer gift voucher was won by a ticket purchased from St. Mary's. Congratulations to Maria Visona. Enjoy your prize. RAFFLE RESULTS:** 1st 048728 ; 2nd 109449; 3rd 003472; 4th 041104; 5th 108432; 6th 049531; 7th 023391; 8th 003800; 9th 083177; 10th 131875; 11th 074557; 12th 076938; 13th 023750 ; 14th 087364.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP NEWS—NATIONAL REFUGEE WEEK** is celebrated during this coming week. We acknowledge the contribution that refugees have made to our lives.

The **ASYLUM SEEKER RESOURCE CENTRE** provided food for 700 Refugees and Asylum Seekers last week. They nearly ran out. Recently the Government discontinued a small allowance given to Asylum Seekers, but gave them work rights. They have a week to find a job. They are desperate. Can you help with food?

**BEANIES, SCARVES AND GLOVES** are needed by the Asylum Seeker Resource Group for their people, who are facing the coming winter without enough warm clothing. All donations to be placed in the box in the Gathering Space.



**First Reading Gen 3:9-15**

*I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.*

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, '

Because you have done this,  
'Be accursed beyond all cattle,  
all wild beasts.  
You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust  
every day of your life.  
I will make you enemies of each other:  
you and the woman,  
your offspring and her offspring.  
It will crush your head  
and you will strike its heel.'

**Responsorial Psalm Ps 129. R. v.7**

**(R.) With the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption.**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading. (R.)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you. (R.)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,  
I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak. (R.)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy,  
and fullness of redemption,  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
from all its iniquity. (R.)

**Second Reading 2 Cor 4:13-5:1**

*We believe, and therefore we speak.*

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may

be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:31. 32**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The prince of this world will now be cast out,  
and when I am lifted up from the earth  
I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Mk 3:20-35**

*It is the end of Satan.*

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'



**Reflection by Greg Sunter**

Family members are often the last ones to allow us to change from who we have been to who we want to become. Unintentionally, family will sometimes continue to treat us as the child we were growing up in the family environment, despite our various accomplishments and changes in direction. Sometimes it's easier to continue to treat someone we love as we have always treated them, rather than learning to adjust and accommodate a new way of relating. When you're the one seeking to establish a new life or a new way of operating, family can appear to be 'keeping you in a box'. Today's gospel paints a picture of Jesus' family wanting him to play safe and remain the person they've known him to be, rather than growing into his ministry and preaching his challenging message. They can see that his actions are causing the authorities to pay attention and their reaction is to try to get Jesus to stay under the radar; to live small. In a style typical of the Gospel of Mark, the two incidents with Jesus' family 'sandwich' and focus attention on the interaction with the Scribes who accuse Jesus of being under the influence of Satan. Like the family of Jesus who don't want to see him for who he really is becoming, or has become, the Scribes misunderstand Jesus' fight against evil. Jesus dismisses their claims through his use of the image of binding the strong man before entering the strong man's house. Jesus has 'bound' Satan – the strong man – proving himself the stronger and has set about undoing the work of evil in the world.

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