

Sunday 22nd July, 2018

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<u>Reconciliation Times</u> Saturday: 9.00am & 5.45pm	<u>Reconciliation Times</u> Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am	<u>Reconciliation Times</u> Saturday: 9.30am to 10.30am
<u>Baptisms</u> 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.	<u>Parish School Principal</u> Mr. Jim O'Sullivan Ph: 9438 1590 or Email principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au	<u>Parish School Principal</u> Mr. David Delaney Ph: 9434 4565 or Email 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.

Take Time Out

I recently travelled to France and was amazed that in the smaller towns and villages everything stopped for two hours in the middle of the day and people went home for lunch. As a tourist used to almost 24 hour convenience, it was at first terribly frustrating. Even tourist attractions would close down. The only businesses open were restaurants. However, the wisdom of the custom soon became apparent. How wonderfully civilized and life-giving to stop for two hours in the middle of the day, go home and have a leisurely lunch. It made me ask myself, When do I take time out to renew myself?

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What's Happening in St Mary's Parish?

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

CONFIRMATION AT ST MARY'S We welcome Confirmation candidates and their families at our Masses this weekend as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Our prayers and support are with you all. May they always remember that they can turn to Jesus who is their true friend, and who will always lovingly care for them.

FORMATION FOR MINISTERS OF WORD held in the Gathering Space of the church at **10am July 24**. Enquiries - Parish Office 9435 1543

MEMORIAL MASS 9.15am next Friday 27th July. This monthly Mass is offered for all parishioners' deceased family members and friends. The Bereavement Support Group invites you to a cuppa and chat after Mass in the Gathering Space.

A BROKEN CHURCH IN A BROKEN WORLD - A REFLECTION DAY

In response to comments made in the recent parish survey, and through various other interactions, revealing feelings of disappointment, shock, humiliation and anger at the revelations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Abuse, noticing also a certain malaise in the Church and sensing a mixture of concern and desperate hope for what our Church might become in the future, in a world which seems to be increasingly fearful and divided – this reflection day invites us to honour and name feelings like shame, concern or fear, and despair or hope as important insights and to be open to the Spirit who is already at work in the mess. How might we cooperate with God in transforming the Church so that we become the Body of Christ; a broken Body in a broken world? Please take a flyer in the Gathering Space

Date: **Saturday August 4th**

Time: **10.00am until 3.30pm**

Venue: **St Thomas the Apostle church, North Greensborough**

Facilitator: **Jacinta Bright** (Jacinta is our Pastoral Associate and also a Spiritual Director)

Bring a small plate of lunch to share. Please contact St Mary's Parish Office on 9435 1543, or email Jacinta at Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au with enquiries and, so that we have an indication of number, to let us know if you will be joining us on the day

ST MARY'S PARISH LIBRARY The Library stocktake is now complete. A few items are missing. Can all library users please check for any overdue items you may have at home and place in Library return chute (at left of Library door)?

THANK YOU for your Sacrificial Giving contribution over the last financial year and for your support over the years, without which the work of the parish could not be maintained. New envelopes will be available in the Gathering Space as from this weekend. In the past, many receipts have not been collected or are not required, so in our continued endeavours to save paper, a printed tax receipt will be supplied upon request. Soft copies are also available. As from last Financial Year there is no tax deductibility as there is no contribution to the School Building Fund. The Parish Finance Committee decided this as the school has become less dependent on Parish contribution and the Parish is dependent entirely on the contribution of Parishioners. At the same time, Parish School parents were asked to contribute \$120 per annum per family if not currently contributing to the Parish Support Program. As such there will be no Tax Deductibility on your Parish Support Program contribution. If your envelopes are missing or you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC MISSION Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers – for joining in Jesus' life-giving mission and for being 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. We invite you to consider partnering with us through a regular monthly gift and continuing your support and this life-giving work of mission.

FAMILY GROUPS ACTIVITIES FOR JULY - WHY NOT JOIN IN

1. 22nd July Christmas in July -Yarra Valley Country Club
2. 29th July - Open House in the City
3. 22nd July Off to the Movies - TBA




If you would like to join one of the planned activities and learn more about Family Groups at St. Mary's please contact Pauline or Michael Prendergast on 94342464

MATURE AGE GROUP come and join us, on the **8th August**, for a game of Bingo in the James Kierce Centre, meeting starting at 11.30am to 12.30pm with Bingo starting at 1.00pm. We will also be collecting for our next outing to Shrine of Remembrance on the 12th September 2018, with 2 course lunch. Members \$33.00 Non Members \$36.00. Please contact Geraldine 9435 4306 Angela 9444 6298 Kay 9435 5736

SUPPORT NEEDED for Asylum Seekers. Many have been receiving an allowance of \$45 per day while waiting for their application decision. They were not allowed to work. The Government has changed that. It has started to send letters to many, saying that in four weeks time their allowance will be stopped and they must find work. Many will be unable to do so. The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre will now have greater demands on their services. Can you please help with Food and Toiletries? Ellen Smiddy - 9435 5145. Social Justice Group

ALPHA@ST MARY'S – Help Needed! – Thank you to all who have generously responded to our call for catering assistance during the Alpha Program. We have meals and desserts for the first 6 of the 11 weeks. More volunteers needed. It is a simple meal for about 30 attendees, so no great expertise needed. Hearty soup, pasta bake, casserole, curry etc. cake or slice with coffee. If you can help, for one or more or part of the night catering, from 28 August to 25 September, contact Jo Giudice 0411 045 572. Any assistance appreciated.

 **Is there more to life than this? Who is Jesus? Why Did Jesus Die?** Have you wondered about the meaning of life? Join us for a journey of discovery exploring this and many of the big questions. Church Gathering space, 7.00pm **this** Tuesday commencing with a light meal, followed by short video and small group discussion. To assist with catering, please contact Jo Giudice on 0411 045 572 to register or just turn up. You will be made welcome.

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 Church of Mercy by Pope Francis, Giulano Vigini, Trans. [282 FRA] Pope Francis's deep wisdom reminds us that the Church must move beyond its own walls and joyfully bring God's mercy wherever suffering, division, or injustice exists. *Borrow from our library.*

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

St Mary's Parish News Continued:

WYD08 Reunion. *You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.* **5pm Sunday 22 July in the church.** Please join the pilgrims to celebrate Mass and remember WYD08 & Days in the Diocese. We intend to gather at La Porchetta Restaurant in Greensborough after mass. All welcome.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE— available in the Church Shop at \$4. Well worth a read.

FREE INFORMATION LEAFLETS, NEWSLETTERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS a variety of catholic and other relevant information leaflets and publications available free of charge from the Magazine Racks in the Gathering Space. Please feel free to browse and take home whatever material is of personal interest

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.

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. "HAPPY the soul WHO KNOWS HOW TO FIND JESUS in the Eucharist and the Eucharist in all things" ST PETER JULIAN EYMARD.

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

INVITATION to attend the Liturgical Reception and Solemn Mass for Archbishop-Designate Peter A Comensoli, to be held in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Wednesday 1 August at 7.00 pm**. Refreshments will follow in Central Hall, 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy and you are warmly invited to attend. . With limited space in the cathedral, guests are requested to book to ensure a place. **Guest bookings:** <https://www.trybooking.com/WXSE> See noticeboard.

LET LOYOLA ENTERTAIN YOU Robbie Williams Tribute Show -Sat 4 August at 7.30pm at Watsonia RSL. Includes 3 course meal, drinks at bar prices. Raffle and silent auctions. 80's and 90's music. Dress: smart casual. Book: www.trybooking.com/375109. See noticeboard.

LOYOLA REUNION on Sunday 5th August 2pm-5pm in the Functions Room, Old Loyola celebrating the classes of 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013 and 2016. Enjoy a glass of champagne, finger food, photo displays and take a tour of the College. Catch up with old friends and celebrate by having your photo taken in our photo booth. Free event. Register at www.trybooking.com/viqp. See noticeboard.



THE GIFT OF GRANDPARENTS - On the 26th of July we celebrate the Feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, Grandparents of Jesus.

Each Grandparent is unique and irreplaceable. As society changes, the role of grandparents changes. But some things about grandparents are constant... they provide memories... they see the inner beauty of the grandchild... This weekend, take some time to reflect on and give thanks for The Gift of Grandparents.

Soul Sisters Presents

THE WHITE HELMETS

A short documentary set in Aleppo, Syria and Turkey in early 2016. As the violence intensified, The White Helmets follows three volunteer rescue workers as they put everything on the line to save civilians affected by the war, all the while wracked with worry about the safety of their own loved ones. Moving and inspiring, The White Helmets is both a snapshot of the harrowing realities of life for ordinary Syrians who remain in the country, and a humbling portrait of the power of the human Spirit.

In Aleppo, the most important thing to remember is that all life is precious. The White Helmets search for survivors among the wreckage as bombs continue to fall. These ordinary men are extraordinary heroes

As daily airstrikes pounded civilian targets in Syria, a group of indomitable first responders risked their lives to rescue victims from the rubble. Oscar nominated director, Orlando Von Einsiedel, follows the perilous work of volunteers who braved falling bombs to rescue civilians from the carnage of Syria's civil war.



When: Wednesday 1st August

Time: 7pm

Venue: St Mary's Church Gathering Space

We look forward to viewing this video, enjoying wine, cheese, conversation, friendship and an insight into the selflessness and compassion and



THANK YOU—As we say thank you to Archbishop Hart for his seventeen years of leadership and his fifty one years of priesthood in Melbourne, we are grateful for his priestly example of a Good Shepherd in our midst. May this example inspire many others to be 'Good Shepherds' to their brothers and sisters in priesthood and consecrated life. Please pray for vocations from our parish community.

Pope Francis authorises Australia's Plenary Council in 2020

By Mark Bowling – Catholic Leader



Papal approval: Australia's Plenary Council in 2020 has been given a pontifical thumbs up by Pope Francis, pictured here outside St Peter's Square in Rome. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

POPE Francis has given his approval for the Catholic Church in Australia to hold its first plenary council – the most significant national church gathering – in more than 80 years.

"The Australian bishops are deeply grateful to Pope Francis for affirming the decision and we ask all people to join in prayer as we embark on this journey together as God's people in Australia," Brisbane Archbishop and chair of the Bishops' Commission for the Plenary Council Mark Coleridge said.

Plenary Council 2020 will be only the fifth plenary council in Australian history, and the first to feature women and lay people.

Earlier events in 1885, 1895 and 1905 and 1937, were exclusively male gatherings, with only bishops, theologians and superiors of religious orders attending.

"The council will be a unique opportunity for people to come together and listen to God in all the ways God speaks to us, and in particular by listening to one another as together we discern what God is asking of us at this time – a time when the Church in Australia is facing significant challenges," Archbishop Coleridge said.

"We sincerely hope the preparation and celebration of the plenary council is a time when all parts of the Church listen to and dialogue with one another as we explore together how we might answer the question: 'What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?'"

Described as a three-year journey "of listening to God by listening to one another", the intent of Plenary Council 2020 will be to discuss and legislate on a wide range of issues, including matters of faith, morals and discipline.

Cultural reform of the Church is likely to feature prominently.

"This is no time for the Church to be putting up signs that say 'business as usual'," Archbishop Coleridge told The Catholic Leader when he announced the plenary council more than 18 months ago.

"If we needed any proof, then the Royal Commission has shown that."

In approving the plenary council, Pope Francis also endorsed the bishops' nomination of Perth Archbishop Timothy Costelloe as the president of the Plenary Council 2020.

Archbishop Costelloe said he held great hope that the council would bring about a period of authentic renewal.

"This is a significant moment for the Catholic Church in Australia and I look forward to walking with the people of God as we look towards the future," Archbishop Costelloe said.

"I am honoured by the appointment as president of the plenary council and am committed to listening to the Spirit.

"I encourage all Catholics, whether devout or disillusioned, fervent or frustrated, to seize this opportunity to speak what is on their minds and in their hearts."

Plenary council facilitator Queenslander Lana Turvey-Collins, who grew up in Beenleigh and attended Trinity College, said she was inspired by the many faith-filled people across the country who had shared their hopes for the Church with her during a series of planning meetings.

"People are both curious and passionate about how all people – particularly people who are marginalised, vulnerable or distant from the Church – can be part of preparing for the plenary council," she said.

"The process of listening and dialogue, beginning at Pentecost 2018, will help form the agenda for the plenary council.

"It's a chance for us all to learn to become a truly listening Church.

"All people are invited to share their story of faith, of life and of their experience of the Church."

The website for the plenary council was launched this week and helps people better understand how they can participate in the process.

"Signing up to the e-newsletter and the plenary council social media channels is the best way to stay up-to-date with local and national activity for the plenary council," Ms Turvey-Collins said.

Visit the plenary council website at plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

First Reading Jer 23:1-6

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –

when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David,

who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence.

And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.2

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff, with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 2:13-18

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

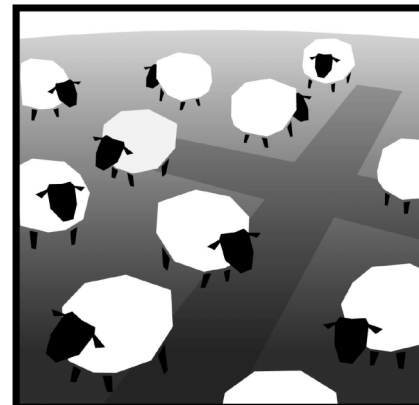
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:30-34

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

**Reflection by Greg Sunter**

Fifty years ago the word 'stress' was only ever applied to materials like steel and the wings of planes. But since then, along with 'pressure', it has first crept into our language and more lately become an everyday term. Everyone experiences stress now. You can even hear Grade One students talk about the stress they're under at school! Perhaps it's the ever-growing pace of life or an innate competitiveness but pressure and stress have become part of daily life for most people in the so-called civilised world. Although he may never have used the words 'stress' or 'pressure', Jesus knew all about the demands of ministry with other people. When the disciples returned from their first efforts away from Jesus he knew that they needed some time out to debrief, to pray and to re-energise themselves. He ordered them all into a boat and they headed for a lonely place where they could be by themselves and rejuvenate. Jesus recognised the importance of taking time out. If you are engaged in a vocation or ministry that sees you meeting the needs of others, you need some time out to reflect on your experiences; time to hold those people up to God in prayer; time to make sense of your work and the interactions you've shared; time to simply recharge your batteries so that you can once again give fully of yourself.

Unfortunately, when Jesus arranged for himself and the disciples to have some time out, the crowd anticipated where they were going and actually beat them there! When the disciples arrived at their lonely spot, they were once again overwhelmed by the crowd. However, Jesus recognised the demands of the crowd as being more urgent than the demands of the disciples and himself. He took pity on them – he was moved by compassion – and responded to their need.

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