



Sunday 5th August, 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>Mass Times</u> 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	<u>Mass Times</u> 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	<u>Mass Times</u> Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm Sunday: Mass 10.30am
<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.

The Body of Christ

Christ is present in the Eucharist in many forms: in the people gathered; in the celebrating priest; in the Word proclaimed; and in the consecrated bread and wine—the Body and Blood of Christ. In relation to receiving Christ through the reception of communion, St Augustine wrote, 'Be what you see, and receive what you are.' We not only receive the Body of Christ through Eucharist, we are called to be the Body of Christ because of what we have received; and we receive the Body of Christ because we are already part of the Body of Christ.

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What's Happening in St Mary's Parish?

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND 4/5th August will be for St Mary's Fete which is on the **17th November**.

MONDAY MORNING LOW There will be no liturgy of the word **Monday 6th August** due to a funeral in the church.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP will meet on **Monday 6th August at 7.30** in the Parish House. We will look at how we can help the Asylum Seekers who receive no benefits and the September Social Justice Statement on Homelessness.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS GROUP will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:am 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting this Wednesday in the Parish House at 7.30pm.

FR DONG INVITES ALL to join him in the Church on **Thursday morning 9th August at 10.30 am** to share with you all some stories and pictures from his recent journey to the Holy Land. All welcome.

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

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal—Next weekend is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare delivers family and relationship counselling, refugee and settlement support, education and school programs, and pastoral services. Donations from our parish community will help care for the most vulnerable families in our community.

LADIES AUXILIARY Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 15th August at 10.15am** in the Parish House. New members most welcome. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990.

LITURGY NOTES—The Word of God At Mass we listen to the Word of God and reflect on its message. God's Word is active. It is both a word to be heard and a guide to way we live. We are called to take the Word of God with us in our hearts when we leave the church and return to our everyday lives. As a reminder of this call, at the end of Mass the lectionary, open at the Gospel reading of the day, will be placed on the front of the ambo facing the congregation. The Word of God will leave the church in the hearts of the people rather than a closed book.

INITIATIVES INVOLVING CHILDREN AT MASS—One of the actions to arise from responses given in the Parish Survey and other conversations, either from parents of young children wanting a connection to Mass but not quite getting there, or from others who miss the presence of young families at Mass, is to provide a special ministry for young families. If you are interested in assisting, please contact the Parish Office. One initiative we will start with is to create a special place for children in our music ministry.

Music: At first we will trial this initiative twice a month; once at 6.30pm Mass on a Saturday and once at 10.00am Mass on a Sunday. Children will be asked to come over near the choir and musician's area and to take one of the musical instruments provided in the box and help make the final hymn as joyful as possible, by joining in the music. The date for the month of August is **Sunday 12th of August at 10.00am**.

Children's Liturgy of the Word we have tried earlier to introduce Children's Liturgy of the Word, but for some reason it didn't continue. We would love to provide this experience for children. It involves the children going into another room, just before the readings, with leaders who would explore what the readings are in a way that children understand, using activities and other various means. The children then return to the parents in the church after the Liturgy of the Word. We would really like to introduce this ministry again, but we need adults who would be interested in helping us. Mary Ryan from the Archdiocese is very happy to come out and help us get set up and to provide training. I am hoping we could introduce Children's Liturgy of the Word at the same Masses in which we have the children's music and that we have enough volunteers to have a roster so that maybe you would only be needed once a month – or more if you would like. If you would like to help, please contact Jacinta Bright at the parish office – Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au or 9435 1543.

Take Home Gospel Activity Sheets for Children have been provided in previous times and over a long time, but this practice was stopped as no one took the sheets. Following a request, we will try it again, giving a two months trial. Perhaps this notice will alert parents that they are there. These will be available on the table in between the internal glass doors into the church.

FAMILY GROUPS ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST—WHY NOT JOIN IN.

1. 19th August—Men's Cooking Night
2. 26th August De Costa—Lunch and Movie—The Green
3. Date TBA—Mayall's World of Mystery



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



Parishioners are cordially invited with their friends and families to attend a morning tea and presentation introducing Catholic Super on **Sunday 26th August after the 10am Mass**. Listen to Catholic Super staff as they describe the great benefits and features of belonging to Catholic Super. The fund aims to help you achieve lifelong financial peace of mind for you and your loved ones.

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

Rose Pacatte, **Martin Sheen: BIOG SHE** Martin Sheen, best known for his role as a Catholic president in the television series *The West Wing*, returned to the practice of his Catholic faith at the age of forty after decades away. After years of battling alcohol addiction, a near-fatal heart attack, and a nervous breakdown, the stage, film, and television actor renewed his dedication to his family and activated his faith with energy, grace, and joy. *Borrow from our library. Library catalogue available online at cloud.collectorz.com/247780*

St Mary's Parish News Continued:

Stay in touch with the school news—pick up a copy of the Candela from the racks in the Gathering Space.

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. New envelopes are available in the Gathering Space. If your envelopes are missing or you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office-94351543.

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.

THE SECRET IS OUT ST PADRO PIO said "A HOLY HOUR in front of the BLESSED SACRAMENT is worth more than a thousand years of human glory. "I didn't know that.

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

TEACH WITH TIMORESE TEACHERS! Take your teaching skills to new heights in the mountains of Timor- Contact Christine on 02 9560 5333. For more opportunities, visit palms.org.au/volunteer Can't commit just yet? Check out palms.org.au/encounters.

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH – Free Community Lunch – Wed 15 Aug, 12 Noon. Great Food at no cost. Great Company- a listening ear for those who need one. Just turn up on the day.14 Church St. Greensborough, opposite Target Carpark entrance. See noticeboard

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB for single Catholics in 25-60 year age group. Over 28's Party Night **Sat 18 Aug-8pm** -Benedict House, 301 Warrigal Road, Burwood. Cost \$13 with supper and door prizes. Enq Peter 9885 2167 or email sssc.starsc@gmail.com. See noticeboard

Saint of the Week - August 8 - St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (1842 -1909). In her lifetime, Mary MacKillop established schools and welfare organisations in Australia and New Zealand with a focus on education of the poor, particularly in country areas. Since her death, St Mary MacKillop attracted much veneration in Australia and internationally. Following recognition of the required miracles, **she became Australia's first saint on October 17,**

First Reading Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 77:3-4. 23-25. 54. R. v.24

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. *(R.)*
2. He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. *(R.)*
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won. *(R.)*

Second Reading Eph 4:17, 20-24

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were

taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

*No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:24-35

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me
because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you
wanted to eat.
Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal
life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering
you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set
his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from
heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread
from heaven,
the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'
Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Some religions, and even strands of Catholicism, try to suppress appetites in order to achieve some 'out-of-this-world' liberation. But appetites are good things, telling us what we humans need as bodily, social, spiritual beings. They provide a reality check against our tendency to think that salvation is exclusively about the soul.

Our appetites for food and drink, for affection and companionship, for the truth about the Big Picture of our life journey, need to be satisfied or we disintegrate in various ways.

Our Lord Jesus Christ proclaims in today's Gospel that He is the total satisfaction of our deepest human appetites: 'I am the Bread from Heaven which gives life to the world.'

That 'Life' is nothing less than participation in Divine Life, existing in the Big Picture in the way God intended. That is the nourishment offered not to a particular tribe or ethnic group, but to the whole of humanity, indeed to the whole of creation.

We could take a moment to pray for faith to recognise that the bread brought up at the Offertory is truly transformed: no longer short term food like manna in the desert, but 'the Bread of Life', the Real Presence of the One who nourishes our humanity, indeed who gives Life to the world.

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