



Sunday 19th 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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The Partnered Parishes of:

<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>	<u>St. Thomas the Apostle</u>
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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	Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am	Mr. David Delaney Ph: 9434 4565 or Email
Saturday: 9.00am & 5.45pm	Parish School Principal	Principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au
Baptisms	Mr. Jim O'Sullivan Ph: 9438 1590 or Email	
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.	principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au	
Parish School Principal		
Mrs. Helen Anderson Ph: 9433 4000 or Email		
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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.

You are what you eat

In a world that is obsessed with health and fitness and yet, ironically, also experiencing an ever-increasing overweight and obese population, what we eat has come under great scrutiny than ever before. 'You are what you eat' has become a catchcry for healthy eating but Catholics have known the truth of this statement for centuries. When we participate in the Eucharist, we not only receive the body of Christ; we become the body of Christ. The people who make up the Church in the world are indeed the body of Christ. In the words of St Teresa, 'Christ has not body now but yours!'

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What's Happening in St Mary's Parish?

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

CatholicCare is deeply grateful for St Mary's support for last week's CatholicCare appeal. Because of parish and Catholic Church community donations, they can continue to support vulnerable and disadvantaged families through a range of social services. Thank you.

HIGH TEA on Sunday 7th October—The partner parishes of St Thomas' North Greensborough, Sacred Heart, Diamond Creek and St Mary's are holding a High Tea at the (smaller) Hall at St Thomas', **2pm-4pm**. \$25.00 per person. Bookings and tickets available after masses weekends **8th/9th September, 15/16th September** or by phoning Clare (DC) 0438 058 620 or Judy 9435 4506 or 0433 311 323

PARISH SURVEY Topic 6: Overall St Mary's Parish is Going Well, is attached to this week's newsletter. On the 15th of July, we released a Survey Topic, entitled Topic 4 Overall, St Mary's parish is Going Well. That topic should, however, have been entitled Topic 4 St Mary's Parish is Important to Me. If you are keeping these documents for reference, you might like to amend the Topic. The data in that document relates to St Mary's Parish is Important to Me.

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 the 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.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: POPE FRANCIS' VISION FOR A LISTENING CHURCH. The Diamond Valley Deanery and Yarra Deanery in partnership with the Archbishop's Office of Evangelisation (AOFE) invite you to a conversation on the Plenary Council 2020: "Pope Francis' vision for a listening church" with facilitator and presenter Fr Noel Connolly. Fr Noel Connolly SSC is a lecturer in Missiology at both the Broken Bay Institute and the Catholic Institute of Sydney. He is also a member of the Adult Formation Team with Catholic Mission Australia and has recently been appointed by the Australian Bishops to the Facilitation Team for the Plenary Council 2020. The Program for the evening will help us become aware of the challenges of becoming a synodal church. It will give an introduction to the Plenary Council processes of listening and dialogue. Much of the evening will be in the form of Q&A. Thursday 30 August 7:30pm - 9:30pm, St Francis Xavier Hall, 88 Mayona Road, Montmorency. REGISTER ONLINE by 25 August at www.trybooking.com/WXRZ For any enquiries please contact: Beth 9435 2178 / beth.krollkowski@cam.org.au Regina 9457 5794 / stpiusvic@bigpond.com. – You might like to visit the plenary website, which has numerous resources and the link for responses: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

LINC (Live in the name of Christ) is made up of volunteers from St Mary's and neighbouring Churches. We mainly assist in transportation to Drs, Hospital, Dental appointments, or maybe help with shopping etc. If you need help, perhaps we can assist you. Office open Monday and Wednesday 10-12, or ring anytime and leave a message. We will ring you back. Our number is 9431 3022.

MINISTRY TO CHILDREN. We need volunteers to be part of a roster to provide **Children's Liturgy of the Word**, for our children at Mass. No experience necessary. We provide resources and training. It is a simple Ministry offering many blessings; to the children, to the facilitators and to the parish. Just before the readings, children go out of the church with facilitators, to spaces we will allocate in the Gathering Space, Library and Sacristy. The facilitators help the children understand the Gospel in simple ways and provide an activity. The children and facilitators come back into the church at the time of the Offertory Procession. Please consider being part of this important ministry. Contact Jacinta Bright on 9435 1543 or jacinta.bright@cam.org.au.

Music and Children thank you for the wonderful support for this special initiative. We will continue to have the children assisting with the music, for the final hymn, at 6.30pm, Mass on the first Saturday of the month and 10.00am Mass on the second Sunday of the month. Please encourage others to come along and join in. Grandparents might like to bring grandchildren. Our Don't forget the **Activity Sheets** provided in the Gathering Space. Even if your little ones; children or grandchildren, are not at Mass, perhaps you could take one for them.

MILK - MILK - MILK The Asylum Seeker Support Group is in urgent need of milk. Can you help? Demand is growing due to the removal of Government support for thousands of people seeking asylum. Social Justice Group.

WOOL NEEDED One special ministry in the parish, is the Prayer Shawl Ministry, where a small group meet together on Mondays, with some who can't make it working from home, to knit Prayer Shawls for people who are either coping with loss, or illness, struggling in some way. This group also knits Prayer Shawls and baby garments for women who have given birth at the Royal Women's Hospital. The knitters do not know who they are knitting for, they simply pray together that those who receive these shawls and garments feel the embrace of God's love. To date, over the last ten years, perhaps a thousand prayer shawls and knee rugs and baby's garments have been blessed by Fr Steve or Fr Dong and given to their grateful recipients, from whom, at times, we subsequently hear wonderful stories of comfort and grace. Our knitters are running out of wool. If you would like to either donate some money or wool for this project we would be very grateful. We buy our wool from the Bendigo Knitting Mills. However, if you prefer to donate some wool (and we prefer to use wool, rather than acrylic), we also need to have 350 – 400 grams in wool the same colour and dye lot, of 8 ply wool, for each shawl or knee rug, or garment. If you would like to join these knitters, they meet on a Monday morning at 10.00, in the gathering Space. You will be made very welcome.

FAMILY GROUPS ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST—WHY NOT JOIN IN. 1. 26th August De Costa—Lunch and Movie—The Green
2. Date TBA—Mayall's World of Mystery. Contact Pauline or Michael Prendergast on 94342464

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.

Pope Francis Why He Leads the Way He Leads By Chris Lowney 262.13 LOW Drawing on interviews with people who knew him as Father Jorge Bergoglio, SJ, Lowney challenges assumptions about what it takes to be a great leader. In so doing, he reveals the “other-centered” leadership style of a man whose passion is to be with people rather than set apart. Lowney offers a stirring vision of leadership to which we can all aspire in our communities, churches, companies, and families. *Borrow from our library.* **Library catalogue available online at cloud.collectorz.com/247780**

St Mary's Parish News Continued:



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 including superannuation, financial planning, home loans and aged care advice. The fund aims to help you achieve lifelong financial peace of mind for you and your loved ones.

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)?

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.

THE SECRET IS OUT ST PETER JULIAN EYMARD said “Happy the soul WHO KNOWS HOW TO FIND JESUS in the Eucharist and the Eucharist in all things.”

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

POPE FRANCIS AND THE DEVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY TO THE LOCAL CHURCH—How can the leadership of Pope Francis guide the church in Melbourne today – in these changing times, with changing leadership? An evening with John Allen, Jr. on **Thurs 6 Sept 7pm** at St Peter's Church, 844 Centre Road, East Bentleigh. Bookings essential at Try Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/WWRZ> or pay at the door. Cost \$20 (\$10 unwaged) . For information contact: Jack Stuart jgpstuart@hotmail.com . See noticeboard.

DISCOVERING PRAYER THROUGH THE LABYRINTH – A labyrinth becomes a spiritual journey on many levels, leading the person inward to their own centre, and then back out into the world. Come join us at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre in Box Hill on **Saturday, 15 September from 10 am – 4 pm**. Cost \$60 (BYO Lunch). Enquiries and bookings can be made by reply email (holsc@bigpond.com) or to tel 03 9890 1101 or www.heartoflife.melbourne. See noticeboard.

MEDITATION ON JESUS One day Retreat **Saturday 29th September 9.30am-4.00pm** and Five day Retreat **20-24 August (Mon 9.30am – Fri 4pm)** at Janssen Spirituality Centre, 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia RSVP Tel: 9762 6625 or Email enquiries@janssencentre.org or gilbert-carlo@gmail.com or www.janssencentre.org See noticeboard.

PARISH SEMINAR on **Thursdays 25 of October and 1 of November** with Fr Brendan Byrne sj, a scripture scholar, to reflect with us about the infancy narratives in the gospel of Luke (chapters 1 & 2). The two sessions of this seminar will be held at **7:30pm** in the Francis Xavier meeting room, parish house, **St John's Catholic Parish, Heidelberg** (52 Yarra Street). Entrance free. See noticeboard.

First Reading Prv 9:1-6

Come and eat my bread; drink the wine I have prepared.

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Revere the Lord, you his saints. They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. (R.)
3. Come children, and hear me that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? (R.)
4. Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn aside from evil and do good; seek and strive after peace. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 5:15-20

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes

of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Wisdom invites us to her banquet. Since she is the way to God, those who accept her invitation will feast on the things of God. This is not a paltry meal that meets only our basic needs. It is a lavish banquet with delicious food and exhilarating drink. The banquet of wisdom is an apt symbol of the generosity of God, open to all, enriching all. This is in sharp contrast to the kind of feasting that is depicted in the epistle. Fools succumb to the temptations of the evil days in which they live and they feast on selfishness, ignorance and debauchery. Two banquets are set before us. Both of them are tempting. Which one will we choose?

The banquet that Jesus offers is like the banquet of Wisdom. However, it far exceeds even Wisdom's table. At Jesus' banquet, we feast on his body and his blood. If we feed at the table of the Lord, we will have life because of him, and we will be raised up on the last day to live forever. This is truly a bold claim and a hard saying. We are told that the food we eat is his body, and what we drink is his blood. We are told that his body, not merely his teaching, is the true bread that came down from heaven. We are told that only if we eat and drink what he offers will we have eternal life. He makes the claim and extends the invitation. How will we hear it? How will we respond?

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