



ST. MARY'S PARISH

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VISION STATEMENT

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

Mass times

Sunday 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 5.00 pm

Tuesday to Friday 9.15 am

Saturday 8.30 am and 6.30 pm (Vigil)

Liturgy of the Word

Monday 9.15 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.00 am, 5.45 pm

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.

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.

St Mary's Parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to the Elders past and present.

This Week: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
16/17 September 2017 Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

Next Week: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
23/24 September 2017 Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16



Gospel Reflection

Just Like Peter

Throughout the gospels, Peter is a fantastic example of the common person. He has insights of faith at times but usually messes it up with his next breath. His question in this week's gospel is one that any one of us might ask, I try to do what's right, but how long do I have to hang in there? There has to be a limit to patience with someone who keeps upsetting me, surely?

Jesus shows us that if we operate from a motivation of compassion and a desire to constantly build relationships that are life-giving for both parties, then there is no end to the number of times that we try to re-build that relationship.

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The Agapè Prayer Group – The Agapè Prayer Group meets each Monday evening 7.45pm in the Gathering Space. All are welcome to come and join us as we reflect and discuss the Scripture for the following weekend. Enquiries: Sam Giudice 0412 401 572.

ST MARY'S LIBRARY Nobody's Child Anymore By Barbara Bartocci (2002) 248.866. This collection of people's experiences helps you to understand bereavement so that feelings no longer alarm you. Grief is different for each person but always involves pain and sadness. This little book is full of helpful advice which you will be pleased to embrace. *Borrow from our library. Library catalogue available online at cloud.collectorz.com/247780*

Parish News continued

2018 COLUMBAN CALENDARS are available for sale in the piety store.

ST MARY'S PARISH LIBRARY A meeting of the Friends of the Library group will be held in the library at **10.30 am on Saturday 23 September**. All interested parishioners are very welcome to attend. For further information call Anne on 9434 4418.

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.

URGENT ALL PARISH GROUPS: Working with Children Check register due to be updated. As new legislation comes into effect, you will be unable to participate in Parish Groups if your card is out of date. Please supply a copy of your Working with Children Check Card. Photocopies can be made at Office. If you have questions, contact Denise on Wednesdays at the office 9435 1543 or email at denise.chang-faux@cam.org.au.

FETE NEWS-Save the date Sat 18 Nov -10am - 3pm. Please save empty 1.25 litre soft drink bottles for the mystery bottles to be used at the fete. These can be left at Parish Office or gathering space. If you can help the Fete contact the Parish Office on 9435 1543. If you are doing a spring clean please keep in mind that the Fete Committee will gratefully accept donations of gently used books and educational toys. These can be left at the parish office.

SEPTEMBER MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE now available in the Piety Shop. Stories includes a visit to St Dominics, Broadmeadows, how young people are involved through St Vinnies just art competition and an article on allowing children to be children. The magazine is well worth a read for only \$4.00.

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 the 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 THAT SPECIAL TIME OUT from our busy lifestyle? Join us from **5.30 to 6.30pm each Wednesday** for one hour silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament at the Irish Martyr's Chapel, Loyola College. All welcome, any queries please phone Brian Rooney on 0413 885 168.

Keep in touch with what's happening at the school - Pick up a copy of the Candela from the racks in the gathering space.

Community News:

FINAL MASS BY CANDLELIGHT FOR 2017 at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham on **Thursday, 21st September**. Celebrated in the spirit of Taize, Mass will commence at 8pm, following a time of quiet reflection. Prayer ministry and supper will be available after Mass. For all enquiries, please contact Emilia on 9435 7475.

LOYOLA YOUTH MINISTRY STUDENTS PRESENT 'SKOOL HOLIDAY ZONE' in the St Mary's Hall on **Thursday 28 Septemer 10am-3pm**. The holiday program includes sessions on: being a good friend, social media and friendships, Jesus the Friend "with n you", different types of friendships. Cost is \$10 including lunch, drinks and snacks. Many prizes to be won. Contact Joh Tan 94330253. See noticeboard.

COMMUNITY LUNCH - FREE All Saints Anglican Church 14 Church St Greensborough. **Wed 20 Sept 12– 1.30pm**. Food parcels available for gold coin donation. A range of fresh fruit and vegetables also available. No bookings required. Contact Colleen Treacy treacyc@optusnet.com.au. See noticeboard

CALL OF GUADALUPE - A Theatre Group That Stages Christian Musicals. Presents '**MAGDALENE - A WANTON SAINT**' from **4 to 7 October**, at the Renaissance Theatre, 826 High Street, East Kew. The musical promotes Christian values with a strong message that no matter how far you stray from God, there is always salvation and redemption. Tickets: TryBooking.com/qzmg or Andrew Toomey 0430 008 021. See noticeboard.

What's Happening in our Parish?

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting this **Tuesday 19th September, 7.30pm** in the parish house.

FIRST RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES We welcome Reconciliation candidates and their families at our Masses this weekend as they are presented to our Parish Community in preparation for the receiving of the Sacrament of First Reconciliation later in the year. Our prayers and support are with you all.

DATA PROJECTIONISTS NEEDED URGENTLY The data screen is an integral part of our liturgical celebrations enabling us to participate more fully. Currently, the same 1 or 2 people operate the projector at each mass time every week. New projectionists are needed to share this role with them. Training will be provided. For more information, please contact Marian – mariantacey@optusnet.com.au. Thank you.

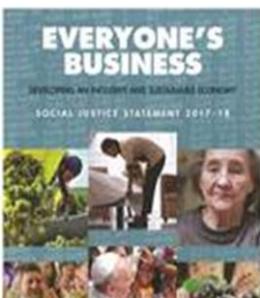
HELP NEEDED Have you ever wondered how, or even noticed, that at every Mass the linen is crisp and white. The answer is that three women launder the Altar cloth, purifiers, hand towels, Baptism towels every week and have been doing so for more than fifteen years. I am sure you will not be surprised when I tell you they are getting tired. So I put it to you, help is needed, or the Parish will need to address the problem of how to provide clean linen for every mass. If you can help please phone Trish Spencer 9435 9480.

THANKYOU to my friends at St Mary's who wished me well when I broke my ankle in July. I hoped to be dancing by now but the healing process is slow. I have, I hope, just another 4-5 weeks in my moon boot. Marie Mason.

THANKYOU Dear Fr Steve and St Mary's Parishioners, We'd like to express our gratitude for the love, support and guidance given to us at the time of Mum's passing and as we celebrated her life in a beautiful farewell Mass. We would like to thank Veronica and team who provided amazing refreshments. Gathering in the foyer was the perfect place for us to continue sharing Mum's life story. With our love and appreciation, Nancy de Graaff's family.

INVITATION TO ECONFERENCE AT ST MARY'S. In the past year alone, communities around the world have been grappling with momentous socio-political change and uncertainty. Examples include the rise of fundamentalism, growing violence and displacement of peoples in the Middle East, election of numerous populist leaders such as Presidents Trump in the USA and Duterte in the Philippines, Britain's historic vote to leave the European Union, whilst Nationalist parties across the EU achieve electoral success through promoting xenophobic policies of division. Pope Francis represents the hope of many people in these times of uncertainty: his message talks about belonging, dialogue, social justice, and mercy in a way that is both a challenge and inspiration for the world and the church. At this year's eConference, prominent international and national speakers and panellists: Professor Massimo Faggioli, Mr Paul Kelly, Professor The Hon Bob Carr, St Clare Condon SGS, Rev Dr Gerald Arbuckle SM, Ms Elizabeth Proust, St Ruth Durick OSU, facilitated by Mr Noel Debien - reflected upon these turbulent times and discussed them in the context of Pope Francis' unique style of leadership. This eConference will be shown at St Mary's Gathering Space of the church, on **Wednesday September 27 from 10.30 to 3.00**. All are welcome. Bring a small plate of lunch to share. RSVP St Mary's parish Office 9435 1543.

A FORMATION EVENING for MINISTERS of the WORD and MINISTERS of COMMUNION will be held at **St Mary's Church Greensborough on Tuesday 3rd October at 7.30pm**. If you are interested in proclaiming the Word of God or assisting with the distribution of Communion (or both) we would love you to come along to the Formation Session which will include the historical and spiritual background to both ministries and the opportunity for practical input and feedback. Please contact Frances or Sharon at the Parish Office on 9435 1543 so that we have an idea of numbers attending. Current Ministers who have not attended a formation session in recent years are also invited to attend to fulfil the Archdiocesan requirement of ongoing formation.



SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - 24th SEPTEMBER 'Developing an Inclusive & Sustainable Economy'. The Bishops' statement will be available from the Piety Stall. The Bishops ask us - who is most disadvantaged in a society that places such high priority on Profits?

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

Coffee morning on **Wed 20 Sept 10.30am** in the Gathering Space. Entry \$5.00. Great entertainment. Bookings at our raffle table this weekend. Please make an effort to make this a great morning. Enq: Maureen 9435 5906 or Lucy 9435 6990.

