



Sunday 23rd September, 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>
204 Grimshaw St., Greensborough, 3088	25 Gipson Street, Diamond Creek 3089	251 Diamond Creek Road, Greensborough Nth 3088
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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	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.	
Parish School Principal		
Mrs. Helen Anderson Ph: 9433 4000 or Email		
principal@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au		

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.

Last of All?

Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power—whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. By putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than to yourself.

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What's Happening in St Mary's Parish?

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

PARISH BULLETIN NOTICES Please note—The deadline for notices this coming week will be **Tuesday 25th September** due to Friday being a public holiday. Thank you for your cooperation. Parish Office.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD In this increasingly busy world, it is important for children to find quiet, prayerful time for reflection on their faith. Given this, a Children's Liturgy of the Word Group is being formed to give children the opportunity to have this silent space away from distractions for prayer and to gain knowledge of the gospel. We are looking for anyone with a desire to help children to come forward and help run the liturgy sessions during Mass time. Training will be provided and you would be working in pairs. If you are interested please email Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au or contact the Parish Office.

PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL Dear people of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, I wish to thank you very sincerely for the wonderful and generous response you gave to the Caritas Australia Project Compassion 2018 appeal 'For a Just Future'. The Catholic community of Melbourne donated \$1,514,019 to the appeal – a major contribution to supporting the poorest of the poor in the over 25 countries where Caritas Australia supports programs. Across Australia the appeal raised around \$10.8 million, money that will make a real difference in lifting people out of poverty, and giving many the opportunity to build secure lives, free from poverty and hunger. Since the end of the Project Compassion 2018 campaign Caritas Australia has continued, with your generous help, to provide assistance to those areas hit by disasters like the flooding in Kerala, India, and Typhoon Manghkut in the Philippines, as well as ongoing development work. Again, thanks for your help in enabling Caritas Australia to be the gospel in action. (Deacon) Jim Curtain, Caritas Australia Diocesan Director, Archdiocese of Melbourne

HIGH TEA If you have made a booking please confirm by paying \$25.00 per person this weekend. We have now reached our capacity. Thank you for all the support we have been offered. Lucy 9435 6990 or Judy 9435 4506.

MASTERS RECITAL Domenic La Ferlita, our new organist at 6:30 pm Mass, is currently doing his Masters in Music Performance, and will perform his Masters Recital comprising of piano masterpieces by Bach, Mozart, Chopin and Brahms. It is a 90 minute programme with an interval. It will be at **2:00 pm on Sunday, 21 October** at the Rosanna Uniting Church, 21 Arden Crescent, Rosanna. Tickets are \$15/\$8 and early bird code for tickets booked in September will receive 15% off with 'early15'. Book at : <https://www.trybooking.com/XXEG> for what will be a fulfilling afternoon experience.

ST MARY'S PARISH LIBRARY Many thanks to those who generously donated copies of Melbourne Catholic to the Library. 2017 and 2018 are now complete. We are just missing a few from 2016, and would be grateful for copies.. Thank you. Library Committee.

WANTED: A carpenter or a person with carpentry skills to construct a replacement IT cabinet for the church. The current one has served us well, but new equipment needing to be installed does not fit the one in the church now. A replica of the one at St. Thomas church is required. I am happy to discuss price for its construction. Please contact the parish office. Fr. Steven.

COLLECTING for fete mystery bottles—empty 1.25 litre bottles to be left in the box in the Gathering space or left at the Parish Office.

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS—HOMELESSNESS IN AUSTRALIA PSALM 9:18

Social Justice Sunday is 30th September. For 2018/2019, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is called:

There will always be some who are poor and in need, and so I command you to be generous to them"

In the Social Justice Statement for 2018/2019

'A place to call home: making a home for everyone in our land'.

We are reminded that safe and secure housing is a human right, asserted both by the Church's social teaching and by the Declaration of Human Rights. -

On Social Justice Sunday there will be a leaving collection for St Vincent de Paul Society' work. The money will be used to support families struggling to make ends meet and so we will help keep them from becoming homeless.

The Statement is available from the piety stall (for a gold coin) and can be downloaded at

<http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements>

Social Justice Group

Soul Sisters presents: A Conversation with Two Women, who are Leaders in their Faith Communities.

Jacinta Bright & Sherene Hassan.

"The purpose of leadership is not to make the present bearable. The purpose of leadership is to make the future possible."

Joan Chittester

When: October 10th 7.00pm

Where: St Mary's Parish, Greensborough in the Gathering Space of the church

Wine, Cheese, Coffee & Cake & good conversation. Come & join us! All welcome. No charge.

See noticeboard—some copies are also available on the table in the Gathering Space

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 Greatest Prayer by John Dominic Crossan 226.9606 CRO The Lord's Prayer is the only prayer that we have from Jesus himself. Very often we recite this prayer not giving too much attention to what we are actually saying. When was the last time you really ever thought of "hallowed be Thy name" or "lead us not into temptation"? Well, if you are interested in learning more about the Lord's Prayer in an easy to read friendly volume then look no further. *Borrow from our library.* **Library catalogue available online at cloud.collectorz.com/247780**

St Mary's Parish News Continued:

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.

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

FR. NOEL CONNOLLY'S PRESENTATION - On August 30th, the Diamond Valley Deanery in partnership with Yarra Deanery hosted an evening with Fr. Noel Connolly who talked about the Plenary Council of 2020. The following link will take you to this presentation. <http://www.cam.org.au/plenary/News/Article/22545/Fr-Noel-Connolly-on-Pope-Francis-Vision-for-a-Synodal-Church>;

JESUIT COLLEGE OF SPIRITUALITY: OPEN DAY. Thursday 27 September, 3–5.30pm. Jesuit College of Spirituality, 175 Royal Parade, Parkville. We welcome and encourage prospective students to attend our Open Day. It will be an opportunity to meet the JCS Staff, faculty and existing students and to see the college and ask questions. **Details:** <http://jcs.edu.au/events/open-day/>

PRAISE AND WORSHIP SESSION called "God of Creation" at St Fidelis Parish Hall, 49 Clarendon Street, Moreland on **6th of October** at 7pm. It is a free event, and everyone is welcome. Enquiries: gracelightsmusic@gmail.com. See noticeboard

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED To attend the launch of a new book by Fr Kevin Burke - *The Strife and Chimes of Kev the Rev.* The book will be launched by Fr Bob Maguire **At 3.00 pm Sunday 14 October 2018** at Our Lady Help of Christians School Community Centre 1-13 Henry St Eltham VIC 3095. RSVP to Kevin Burke by Monday 8 October on olhc@alphalink.com.au or 03 9439 9206. The books will be available for purchase on the day. All profits from the sale of the book will go to the Fr Bob Foundation and the Ozanam House redevelopment project, North Melbourne. A few flyers are available in the gathering space.

PALMS AUSTRALIA invites you to explore a new mission Opportunities now open in Timor Leste, PNG, Samoa and Myanmar. For info call 02 9560 5333 or email www.palms.org.au/events Q&A **16th October at 5.30pm**, Jenny Florence House, Ross House Association, 247 Flinders Lane. See notice

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND—Invest in your most precious asset.....Your Marriage! Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. *There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.* **2018 Melbourne weekend dates: 9-11 November 2018. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday.** Accommodation and all meals provided. Info/Bookings: Andre and Maria 0411225992 or vicbookings@wwme.org.au. www.wwme.org.au.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Let us deal with climate change through international cooperation:

each person's choices have repercussions on the life of everyone.

First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,
 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man,
 since he annoys us
 and opposes our way of life,
 reproaches us for our breaches of the
 law
 and accuses us of playing false to
 our upbringing.
 Let us see if what he says is true,
 let us observe what kind of end he
 himself will have.
 If the virtuous man is God's son,
 God will take his part
 and rescue him from the clutches of
 his enemies.
 Let us test him with cruelty and
 with torture,
 and thus explore this gentleness of his
 and put his endurance to the proof.
 Let us condemn him to a shameful death
 since he will be looked after – we have
 his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
 by your power, uphold my cause.
 O God, hear my prayers;
 listen to the words of my mouth. *(R.)*
2. For proud men have risen against me,
 ruthless men seek my life.
 They have no regard for God. *(R.)*
3. But I have God for my help.
 The Lord upholds my life.
 I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
 and praise your name for it is good. *(R.)*

Second Reading Jas 3:16-4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition,
 you find disharmony, and wicked things of
 every kind being done; whereas the wisdom
 that comes down from above is essentially
 something pure; it also makes for peace,
 and is kindly and considerate; it is full of
 compassion and shows itself by doing
 good; nor is there any trace of partiality or
 hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they

work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear
 fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between
 yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in
 the desires fighting inside your own selves?
 You want something and you haven't got
 it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an
 ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you
 fight to get your way by force. Why you don't
 have what you want is because you don't
 pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it,
 it is because you have not prayed properly,
 you have prayed for something to indulge
 your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

*God has called us with the gospel
 to share in the glory of our
 Lord Jesus Christ.*

Alleluia!

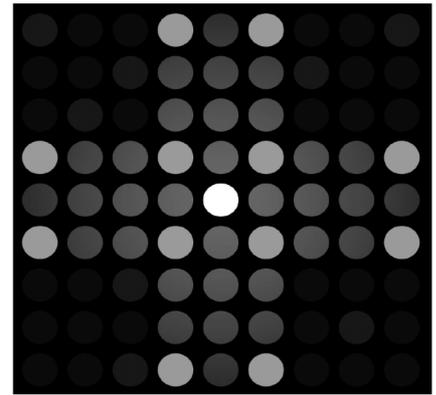
Gospel Mk 9:30-37

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity
 ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants
 of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his
 disciples made their way through Galilee;
 and he did not want anyone to know,
 because he was instructing his disciples;
 he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be
 delivered into the hands of men; they will
 put him to death; and three days after he
 has been put to death he will rise again.'
 But they did not understand what he said
 and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he
 was in the house he asked them, 'What
 were you arguing about on the road?'
 They said nothing because they had been
 arguing which of them was the greatest. So
 he sat down, called the Twelve to him and
 said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must
 make himself last of all and servant of all.'
 He then took a little child, set him in front of
 them, put his arms round him, and said to
 them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these
 little children in my name, welcomes me;
 and anyone who welcomes me welcomes
 not me but the one who sent me.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus was well aware of the constant temptation for the leaders amongst his followers to be conditioned by the surrounding social and political structures. So, when he became aware that his disciples were disputing 'who is the greatest', he decided to teach them a lesson by engaging in some counter-cultural street theatre.

Jesus saw a young boy on the edge of the crowd and beckoned him into the middle of his group of disciples. This was not because of some sentimental idea that all kids are little innocents, but because in his society, children were absolutely at the bottom of the social scale. Jesus moved an utter nobody from the margins of society to the centre, challenging his disciples to change their perspective.

This challenge is made to all of us. We must identify those on the margins, some of whom we have quite literally dis-located like indigenous communities or asylum seekers, and bring them into the centre of our concern. There may be pain, personal and social, in changing perspective.

We might pause for a moment to pray for a new way of seeing, for perseverance in re-locating someone in the centre of our concerns, for the graceful insight that in welcoming that person we have welcomed Christ.

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