



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

Next Week: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
30th Sept/1st Oct 2017 Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32



Gospel Reflection

Equality or Equity?

How would you feel if you had done a full day's work, and were paid the same as someone who had only worked for one hour? Is the landowner in the parable being unjust? He pays the workers exactly what he promised them – but he promised everyone the same amount, regardless of when they started work. The workers who started at 6.00am complain. How do you think the workers who started later in the day felt?

The landowner claims the right to be generous – is generosity unfair? There is a difference between treating people equally and equitably. What has the landowner done here?

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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 Stories of Jesus: 40 Days of Prayer and Reflection Joseph Girzone 232 GIR - provides a portrait of Our Lord in a day-by-day reflection format, based on the Gospel accounts of his life and teachings. Through these reflections, Girzone introduces Jesus and his adult ministry pausing along the way to focus on the important people and events of Jesus's world.. *Borrow from our library.* **Library catalogue available** cloud.collectorz.com/247780

Parish News continued

RESOURCES ON MARRIAGE AND THE PLEBISCITE The Pope along with the Bishops of Australia have written articles on the current issue on same sex marriage. Limited copies of Pope Francis and Archbishop Hart's articles are available in the Gathering Space and all articles can be read on the websites at www.pol.org.au/greensborough or www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth or www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek

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.

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

SEPTEMBER MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE now available in the Piety Shop. Well worth a read for \$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 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 0413885 168.

Community News:

AN INVITATION TO LISTEN to **Stories of Faith and Hope** of 3 Christian men and their challenging life journeys coming to Australia as refugees. The first is this Saturday, SEPTEMBER 23 -Jefry Yikwa will tell how he fled the highlands of West Papua with 42 others in perilous seas. Prayer and visions of God's protection carried them to Australia. That was only the beginning... At 2:00- 4:00pm Diamond Valley Baptist Church, 309 Diamond Creek Road, Plenty. Further details see Social Justice notice board.

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. Tickets:TryBooking.com/qzmg or Andrew Toomey 0430 008 021. See noticeboard.

SENIORS WEEK FESTIVAL – Aeolian Players-Mon 9 Oct 12-1pm, Deakin Performing Centre Federation Square. Marcello and Pauline D'Amico perform traditional folk, Italian, regional music. Free event, public transport also free. We have been St Mary parishioners since 1975 and I've played music at church since Easter 1981. See noticeboard

FORUM ON STRENGTHENING ASYLUM SEEKER AND REFUGEE SUPPORT- Wed 11 Oct, 5.30pm registration for 6 - 8.30pm. "The Australian Government has recently announced withdrawal of support for hundreds of people transferred to Australia for medical treatment, and intends to return them to danger on Manus Island and Nauru. The Forum will discuss practical ways in which you and your parish can help. Register: www.trybooking.com/RQLL or contact lucia.brick@css.org.au (Tel 9287 5566) for more information. See noticeboard

BUILDING A HEALTHIER CHURCH: WHERE TO FROM HERE? An evening of conversation with Bishop Vincent Long, Maria Kirkwood and Francis Sullivan on **Thursday 12th October at 7.30pm – 9.30pm** at Yarra Theological Union Study Centre, 34 Bedford Street, Box Hill. See noticeboard

“HOLD ME TIGHT” Relationship Workshop For Couples 25-26 Nov- Renew your relationship with a weekend workshop for couples at Abbotsford Convent. Whether your relationship is in great shape, in serious trouble, or anywhere in between, Hold me Tight® is a practical and inspiring workshop developed by Dr Sue Johnson*. Internationally recognised as an effective, evidence-based model for helping couples change their relationship dance, this workshop assists in creating a secure, loving bond. *For information about Sue Johnson, EFT & the Hold Me Tight® program, see <http://drsuejohnson.com/books/hold-me-tight/>. Flyers on the table in the Gathering Space.

What's Happening in our Parish?

MEMORIAL MASS 9.15am Friday 29 September 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.

LOYOLA YOUTH MINISTRY PRESENT 'Skool Holiday Zone' - St Mary's Hall Thur 28 Sept 10am-3pm. Cost is \$10 including lunch, drinks and snacks. Many prizes to be won. Contact John Tran 94330253. See noticeboard.

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.

LADIES AUXILIARY –Thank you to everyone who supported our Morning Tea. We had a most enjoyable morning. Raffle winner was Pam Johnson.

BULLETIN NOTICES Due to the public holiday on **Friday 29th September** it would be appreciated if any notices for the Bulletin be in by **Tuesday 26th September**. Thank you

INVITATION TO ECONFERENCE AT ST MARY'S. Due to circumstances beyond our control, the econference has been postponed to November. We shall advise the new date when known. We apologise for any inconvenience. St Mary's parish Office 9435 1543.

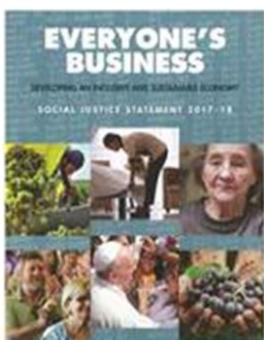
HELP NEEDED Have you ever wondered how, or even noticed, that at every Mass the linen is crisp and white. The answer is that three women launder the Altar cloth, purifiers, hand towels, Baptism towels every week and have been doing so for more than fifteen years. I am sure you will not be surprised when 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.

FORMATION EVENING for MINISTERS of the WORD and MINISTERS of COMMUNION at St Mary's Church Greensborough-Tues 3 Oct-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 historical and spiritual background to both ministries and the opportunity for practical input and feedback. Please contact Parish Office on 9435 1543 so we have an idea of numbers.. Current Ministers who have not attended a formation session in recent years invited to attend to fulfil the Archdiocesan requirement of ongoing formation.

THINKING OF A UNIQUE OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE? Come along to hear about some amazing travel ideas, with likeminded parishioners and friends. Hosted by Diamond World Travel, our fully escorted tours will be discussed and tailored to your interests. Join us on **Thursday Oct 12** at St Mary's Gathering Space. Refreshments provided, everyone welcome. RSVP 10 October to: diamondworldtravel@mtatravel.com.au 0481321055.

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. We urgently need of these so please bring them in if you have any. 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.

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



SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - 24th SEPTEMBER

Today is SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY.

We consider our economy. Pope Francis has made a strong & uncompromising case for an economic order that places people at the centre and a priority on the needs of the most vulnerable and marginalised. Statements are available from the piety stall. Cost- a gold coin. Social Justice Group

