



**Sunday 30th 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:**

<b><u>St. Mary's</u></b>	<b><u>Sacred Heart</u></b>	<b><u>St. Thomas the Apostle</u></b>
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<b>Communications Officer:</b> Denise Chang-Faux	<b>Monday:</b> Communion Service 9.15am	<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday:</b> Mass 9.15am
<b>Mass Times</b>	<b>Wednesday &amp; Friday:</b> Mass 9.15am	<b>Saturday:</b> Vigil Mass 6.00pm
<b>Monday:</b> Liturgy of the word 9.15am	<b>1st Saturday of the month:</b> Vigil Mass at St. Peters Hurstbridge 7.15pm	<b>Sunday:</b> Mass 10.30am
<b>Tuesday to Friday:</b> Mass 9.15am	<b>Sunday:</b> Mass 9.00am	<b>Reconciliation Times</b>
<b>Saturday:</b> Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm	<b>Reconciliation Times</b>	<b>Saturday:</b> 9.30am to 10.30am
<b>Sunday:</b> Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm	<b>Parish School Principal</b>	<b>Parish School Principal</b>
<b>Reconciliation Times</b>	Mr. Jim O'Sullivan <b>Ph:</b> 9438 1590 <b>or Email</b> principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au	Mr. David Delaney <b>Ph:</b> 9434 4565 <b>or Email</b> Principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au
<b>Saturday:</b> 9.00am & 5.45pm		
<b>Baptisms</b>		
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.		
<b>Parish School Principal</b>		
Mrs. Helen Anderson <b>Ph:</b> 9433 4000 <b>or Email</b> 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.

**Cut it out!**

The thought of cutting off a hand or foot or tearing out an eye all seem a bit extreme if taken literally. Whilst Jesus didn't mean for us to do a bit of self-surgery, if we find ourselves caught in behaviour that is self-destructive or hurtful to others, the only solution is quite literally to 'cut it out'. We know within ourselves when our actions are life-giving or life-harming. Surprisingly we often persist with harmful behaviour even when we know it's harmful. Jesus' solution is simple: cut out the negative behaviour and get back on track. That's the principle behind Reconciliation.

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# What's Happening in St Mary's Parish?

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

**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](mailto:Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au) or contact the Parish Office.

**MATURE AGE GROUP** Please come and join us for an outing to Werribee Mansion and Rose Garden on the **10th October** included in the price is a two course meal at Tigers Club House, cost Members \$46.00 Non Members \$52.00. Seats still available. Bus will be leaving William Street entrance, please arrive by 9.15am for 9.30am departure, returning home 4.00 pm. Please contact Geraldine 9435 4306, Angela 9444 6298 Kay 9435 5736. On **14th November**, please join us in the James Kierce Centre, where we will be having a demonstration by Myriad Glass, you can purchase earlier Christmas presents.

**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.

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS GROUP** will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:00 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.

**ATTENTION CREDIT CARD CONTRIBUTORS PLEASE** contact the parish office on 9435 1543 or email to [greensborough@cam.org.au](mailto:greensborough@cam.org.au) if there has been a change to your credit card details, e.g. expiry date, new card. Your contribution cannot be processed without up to date information. Thank you for your assistance.

## **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

*'In Australia there are many organisations working to help people who experience marginalisation and homelessness. In particular, Catholics can be proud of the work of diocesan social services, charities like Vinnies and initiatives by religious orders that reach out to people who are homeless.'* - Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p.15

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.

**Social Justice statements are available from the Piety Stall - cost - a gold coin.**

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

**Prayer cards & leaflets are in the Gathering Space** 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.

**Back from the Dead: Peter Hughes Story of Hope and Survival After Bali by Patrick Lindsay [303.625 LIN]** This is a gripping and personal account of the day terrorism cast its deadly shadow on Australia as told by the man who became the human face of the victims, a reluctant and accidental hero who did what he knew best: never give up hope. It is also a testament to courage, mateship, and the remarkable resilience of the human spirit to overcome seemingly insurmountable odds. *Borrow from our library. Library catalogue available online at [cloud.collectorz.com/247780](http://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**

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 30 September** This week on The Journey, Fr Mark Delaney reflects on the Gospel of Mark, Our Wisdom from the Abby with Sr Hilda in an interesting topic, "I'm not qualified", Pete Gilmore reminds us to live our "Faith in Action" in his Living the Gospel God spot, and Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy reminds us about "Staying Young and Fresh" in our Faith. Our music is an inspiration and a blessing to have such talented contributors. Go to [WWW.jcr.org.au](http://WWW.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

**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](mailto: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.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE** – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact) Website: [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au) Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895. See noticeboard.

**CAM JOB Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:**

#### **New Positions:-**

Parish Secretary / Bookkeeper, St Macartan's, Mornington  
Pastoral Coordinator, St Macartan's, Mornington  
Project Manager, Property & Infrastructure, East Melbourne  
Further details can be found on the Archdiocese website at:  
<http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

#### **Still Accepting Applications:-**

Youth Minister, Youth Ministry Partnership Program  
Youth Ministry Leader, St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe  
Events & Marketing Coordinator, Catholic Theological College  
Pastoral Associate/Pastoral Worker, All Saints Parish, Fitzroy  
Pastoral Care Practitioner, Langi Kal Kal Prison, Beaufort (Catholic Care)  
Pastoral Care Practitioner, Hopkins Correction Centre, Ararat (Catholic Care)



**First Reading Nm 11:25-29**

*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9**

*(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.*

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)
3. So in them your servant finds instructions;  
great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)
4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.  
Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin. (R.)

**Second Reading Jas 5:1-6**

*Your wealth is rotting.*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure

for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

**Gospel Acclamation See Jn 17:17**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'



**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The question of legitimacy of ministry is not a new one. There is a certain amount of tension between the institutional and the charismatic aspects of the church. To say that one is Spirit-driven and the other is not is to misunderstand Jesus' promise to remain with the church until the end of time. God normally calls ministers through the structures of the community. The authorities of the church are usually the ones who make the ultimate decisions about the needs of the church, how these needs are to be met, and who is to meet them. That is one of the responsibilities of their office.

However, God calls in other ways as well. A solid biblical tradition maintains that the Spirit is not confined to human structure or custom. We see this in the judges, the prophets, and even the early kings. The Pentecost story describes the coming of the Spirit upon all people – sons and daughters, young and old, slaves and free. When God calls it is up to us to recognise that call and to test its spirit. Perhaps the primary criterion we have for judging is the biblical measure: By their fruits you shall know them.

Today we also see that those who benefit from exploitation of the vulnerable will reap the fruits of their sin. This warning stems from the belief in the justice of God. Just as we believe that God will not allow the righteous to go unrewarded, so we are confident that neither will the wicked escape punishment.

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