



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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th/8th Oct 2017
Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



Next Week: Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
14th/15th Oct 2017 Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14

Gospel Reflection

The Benevolent Landowner

One of the images from this gospel that would be puzzling to the audience, and may have tipped them off that Jesus was telling a parable with a particular message, is the image of the landowner being incredibly benevolent and tolerant of his rebellious tenants. Jesus' audience would have known that the law was always on the side of a landowner over his tenants.

Any misdeed by a tenant farmer would have been dealt with swiftly and severely and yet the landowner in Jesus' story (God) is almost unbelievably patient and prepared to give the tenants every opportunity to do the right thing.

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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 Surprised by Scripture: Engaging Contemporary Issues by N. T. Wright 225.6 WRI. Helpful, practical, and wise, this book invites readers to examine their own hearts and minds and presents new models for understanding how to affirm the Bible in today's world—as well as new ideas and renewed energy for deepening our faith and engaging with the world around us. *Borrow from our library.* **Library catalogue available** cloud.collectorz.com/247780

Parish News continued

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, 7-8pm**, 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.

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

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:

CATHOLIC ALLIANCE FOR PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM (CAPSA) are calling for a day of action across the country to send a message to our political leaders about the deteriorating conditions for refugees on Manus Island and our desire for them to put justice and fairness over cruelty. **Sunday October 8, 2pm** at the State Library (corner Swanston and La Trobe Streets).

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

RECITAL AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL at 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne on **Wed 11 Oct 2017 from 6:45pm-7:45pm** by Frederica Cunningham (Soprano), Lyndon Green (Tenor) and Anthony Halliday (Organ). The concert will feature music in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. \$20 no concessions. Bookings not required. Enquiries: paul.taylor@cam.org.au or 9926 5753. See noticeboard.

BUILDING A HEALTHIER CHURCH -Thursday 12 October, 7.30-9.30pm. YTU Study Centre, 34 Bedford Street, Box Hill. Yarra Theological Union is hosting an evening conversation with Bishop Vincent Long, Maria Kirkwood and Francis Sullivan on 'Building a healthier Church: where to from here?' All welcome. **Cost:** Free, no need to RSVP.

ST JOHN'S PARISH 2017 SEMINAR Thurs 19 and 26 October and 2 November. Rev Dr Elio Capra, a Salesian priest, speaks about Amoris Laetitia—the Joy of Love, by Pope Francis. Topics: The structure and the content of Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love. Why has Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love caused so much controversy? What are the implications for the individual, the family, the parish and the church? 7:30pm to 9:00pm at the Francis Xavier meeting rooms (St John's parish house) 52 Yarra Street Heidelberg. Entrance through the meeting room doors at the back of the parish house. All Welcome. Entrance Free. RSVP 94571066/heidelberg@cam.org.au. See noticeboard.

HOLY SPIRIT PILGRIMAGE TO "HOLY LAND & HOLY PLACES in Italy(17 Days)" for \$5,555 from 3rd-19th Sept, 2018 and 7 Days "Optional Extension to Egypt & Jordan". Spiritual Directors: Fr Emmanuel-tv & Fr Jude CSSp. **Contact** for itinerary/info: fremmanueltv@hotmail.com, 0417999553, (08)93413079, (08)93413131; or iude.aorchukwu@cam.org.au. 0400759391. (03) 97899672.

What's Happening in our Parish?

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS The next roster – December 2017 to June 2018 - will be prepared soon. If you are no longer available for your ministry, wish to change your mass time or have changed your email address, please contact Marian by **Sunday 15 October** on 0409 591 527 or mariantacey@optusnet.com.au

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS GROUP will meet on the **2nd 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.

MATURE AGE GROUP Please join us on our next outing is to the Myriad Glass Design Kilmore, on **11 October** with lunch at MacNamara's Irish Pub, cost for members is \$44.00 and non members \$49.00. Plenty seats on the bus. Bus will be leaving William Street entrance at 9.15am returning home 4.00pm.

FAMILY, FOOD AND FAITH: Enhancing the aroma and flavour of your family life. New video and print resources highlighting the place of family meals as a rich source of social, spiritual and physical nourishment have been produced by the Life, Marriage and Family Office. Print copies of the booklet are available in the gathering space on **Sunday 8th October**. The accompanying videos can be viewed online at : www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily. We encourage you to read, watch and share these free resources with anyone you think will find them helpful.

LADIES AUXILIARY Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 18th October at 10.15am** in the Parish House. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 or Lucy 9435 6990.

Presentation by Francis Sullivan

CEO Truth, Justice and Healing Council

Date: Wednesday 18th October

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: St Mary's Catholic Church, Grimshaw St, Greensborough

RSVP: greensborough@cam.org.au or 9435 1543 (Parish Office)

Blue Knot Day is Blue Knot Foundation's national awareness day celebrated in October every year. On this day, we ask all Australians to unite in support of the 5 million Australian adult survivors of childhood trauma and abuse. St Mary's support of Blue Knot Day began 4 years ago, driven by a desire to reach out to survivors of child abuse. This year we are pleased to host a presentation by Francis Sullivan, the person at the forefront of the Catholic Church's response to the Royal Commission. An amazing opportunity. Don't let it pass you by. www.blueknot.org.au/BlueKnotDay



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.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE This month there are some articles on Cardinal Orlando Quevedo's comments on effects of terror in the Phillipines, World Mission month and St Mary MacKillop. Also includes book and film reviews. Available in Piety store for \$4.00 and well worth a read.