



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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
21/22 October 2017 Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21**

**Next Week: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
28/29 October 2017 Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40**



Gospel Reflection

A Simple Question

This gospel passage is sometimes interpreted as Jesus' endorsement of the Christian responsibility to state authorities. It has been interpreted as affirming the obligation to pay taxes and participate in the processes of government. In fact, Jesus neatly avoided the direct question put to him and never gave a response to the question of paying taxes. Rather, he made the question a much broader one and reminded people that their first obligation was to God, not the state.

It is an excellent example of the need for critical interpretation of scripture. A simple, literal reading of this text leads us to drawing simple, literal conclusions about whether or not we should be paying taxes.

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What's Happening in our Parish?

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL Catholic Mission supports missionaries like Sister Mary Hoaian in Nha Tran, Vietnam to provide critical community resources such as clean drinking water and medical care to the country's 12 million forgotten farming families, living in the coastal mountain regions. By supporting the Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal today, or by partnering with us through your monthly gift, you can support isolated families in coastal Vietnam, and all around the world, to receive the vital resources they require such as clean drinking water and medical care. Please give generously to support impoverished families in Vietnam, and around the world today. Freecall: 1800 257 296 – www.catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam

ST. MARY'S TENNIS CLUB is looking for players commencing Term 1 2018 for: **Juniors** – DVTA Friday twilight, NEJTA Saturday morning, **Seniors**–HDTA Tues Ladies (day), NENTG (nights) Tues Men/Vets, Wednesday Women, Thursday Mixed, DVTA (night) Thursday Men. We also offer a Monday night Social play at our Kalparrin courts for those not wishing to play competition. Information: stmarystennis56@gmail.com before **November 15th**.



ST MARY'S SCHOOL ART SHOW 2017 will be held in the MLC on **Sunday 22 October between 11.00am and 12.00pm** for those who are unable to attend during the week. Come and enjoy the art presented by the children at St Mary's.

ATTENTION CREDIT CARD CONTRIBUTORS PLEASE contact the parish office on 9435 1543 or email to 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.

ST MARY'S WORKING BEE Once again, despite a drizzly start to the morning, our St Mary's Community kicked in together with our MaD Team to contribute to making our beautiful grounds even more beautiful. A very big thankyou to all those wonderful people who attended and gave it all they could to this weekend's working bee. We aimed to clean up, weed, sweep and mulch the William St Car Park gardens and as always, we achieved that and more with an array of mowing and brush cutting, trees and shrubbery trimmed, rubbish removed, Church pews re-aligned and memorial plaques installed with one being for Fr James Kierce. Thanks to those that donated special treats for morning tea and to those preparing food and drinks.

MEMORIES FROM THE PAST Fr Martin Ashe from Mernda parish has asked if any St Mary's Parishioners have any "stories" of Fr Tom Ashe's time here at St Mary's. A form will be available on the table in the Gathering Space for anyone to collect and fill in and return. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PEG MONEY who is celebrating her 90th Birthday this weekend.

ST MARY'S PARISH LIBRARY- As the Library opens only at weekend Masses, we would like to make it available at other times. We are appealing for interested parishioners to volunteer to help staff the Library on a weekday to make this possible. The Library's collection can be seen at cloud.collectorz.com/247780. Please contact St Mary's Parish Office: 9435 1543 or greensborough@cam.org.au if you would like to visit the Library and /or volunteer.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP:

CANCELLED - The RACV Driving for Seniors presentation has been deferred until next year.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE 2017 was awarded to the **International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons** for its work in drawing attention to the catastrophic consequences of any use of nuclear weapons and its ground breaking work to achieve a treaty based on the prohibition of such weapons. It was founded in Melbourne ten years ago and is now in 101 countries. The Social Justice Group acknowledges its great work.

DONATIONS of food and toiletries to Asylum Seeker Resource Centre by St Mary's are gratefully received & appreciated. (Milk currently in short supply). Due to lack of space, we are unable to accept clothes and toys. If such goods are needed by families, Vinnies provides them through donations they receive from you and the community.

2017 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT - Everyone's Business, Developing an Inclusive & Sustainable Economy. Copies are still available from the Piety Stall.



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 God, Where Are You? by Enzo Bianchi 231.042 BIA. Ultimately the greatest manifestation of humanity is to be found in the figure of Christ. That is why we cannot think of God today without turning our minds to Jesus. It is the divine within us who really poses the question, "God, where are you?", so, when we truly begin to search for an answer, we discover that God is already looking for us! *Borrow from our library.* **Library catalogue available** cloud.collectorz.com/247780

Parish News continued

FETE NEWS- Sat 18 Nov -10am - 3pm. Please save empty 1.25 litre soft drink bottles for mystery bottles to be used at the fete. We urgently need these so please bring if you have any. Can be left at Parish Office or gathering space. If you can help the Fete contact Parish Office on 9435 1543. If you are doing a spring clean, the Fete Committee will gratefully accept donations of gently used books and educational toys. These can be left at the parish office.

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.

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.

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:

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 22 October. This week Fr Graham Schmitzer reflects on the Gospel of Matthew. Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey with 'The Cry Of The World, Trish McCarthy reminds us 'Jesus, The Way To The Father', and Sam Clear evokes Forgiveness in his Walking the Walk segment. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in the Melbourne Archdiocese. Volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting preferred but not limited to. Interview process Oct/Nov and a Training Day early December. Contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for application form and information. Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred contact) Website: www.mercyworks.org.au Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895. See noticeboard

INFORMATION SESSION: UNDERSTANDING POWERS OF ATTORNEY LAWS Wed 25 Oct, 10am–12pm. Level 3, 204 Lygon Street, Carlton. People interested in learning more about making enduring powers of attorney will find this information session a useful update on new power of attorney laws. Powers of attorney allow adults with legal capacity to appoint someone to make decisions for them if they are unable or need help to make their own decisions. **Registration (essential):** <https://powersofattorneycommunity26july2017.eventbrite.com.au> **Details:** 1300 309 337

2017 RERUM NOVARUM ORATION - delivered by Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO. **The Legacy Of Justice Higgins** – *Seeking a True New Start for all Job Seekers and Workers* on **Wed 8 Nov-** 7.00pm light refreshments for **7.30pm start.** Concludes 9.00pm at Lecture Theatre, Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street East Melbourne (Corner of Albert/ Lansdowne Streets) Cost: Free. RSVP: Nov 3 to justice@cam.org.au or 9926 5727. See noticeboard

VICTORIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES EMERGENCIES MINISTRY TRAINING A comprehensive training package designed to equip members of faith communities to support affected residents through their participation in VCC EM deployments. It is a two stage process involving completion of the workbook before the day and a face to face training day on **Thursday 9th November 8.45am – 5pm** at VCC Emergencies Ministry State Office, 4/306 Little Collins St, Melbourne. Register online at www.vccem.org.au/training. See noticeboard