



**Sunday 28th October, 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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<b><u>Mass Times</u></b> <b>Monday:</b> Liturgy of the word 9.15am <b>Tuesday to Friday:</b> Mass 9.15am <b>Saturday:</b> Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm <b>Sunday:</b> Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm	<b><u>Mass Times</u></b> <b>Monday:</b> Communion Service 9.15am <b>Wednesday &amp; Friday:</b> Mass 9.15am <b>1st Saturday of the month:</b> Vigil Mass at St. Peters Hurstbridge 7.15pm <b>Sunday:</b> Mass 9.00am	<b><u>Mass Times</u></b> <b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday:</b> Mass 9.15am <b>Saturday:</b> Vigil Mass 6.00pm <b>Sunday:</b> Mass 10.30am
<b><u>Reconciliation Times</u></b> <b>Saturday:</b> 9.00am & 5.45pm	<b><u>Reconciliation Times</u></b> <b>Friday:</b> 9.45am to 10.15am	<b><u>Reconciliation Times</u></b> <b>Saturday:</b> 9.30am to 10.30am
<b><u>Baptisms</u></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><u>Parish School Principal</u></b> Mr. Jim O'Sullivan <b>Ph:</b> 9438 1590 <b>or Email</b> principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au	<b><u>Parish School Principal</u></b> Mr. David Delaney <b>Ph:</b> 9434 4565 <b>or Email</b> Principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au
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**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.

**On the side of the road....**

When Jesus encounters Bartimaeus he is sitting by the side of the road—a reject of society sitting off to the side as the world passes him by. There are times in all of our lives when we feel like this: hurt; ashamed; unloved; rejected; cast aside. It is at these moments in our lives that Jesus really wants to 'break through' into our experience. If we allow ourselves to hear his voice calling us to him, then we too can 'throw off our cloak' - our old life—and join him on the road.

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

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

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AT ST MARY'S** We congratulate the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this week and pray that they will always be guided by the Lord throughout their lives

**SUMMARY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING – 17 OCTOBER 2018** – The meeting started with opening prayer lead by Lauren Hartigan. Time and Talent Survey draft version was presented by Sue Hollowood. Overall format of the survey looks good only few edits required. Few ministries in the church need more volunteers namely Music ministry, Children Liturgy, Bible study, Bereavement Support Group, Ministry of Eucharist, please contact Parish office if you can volunteer. School Advisory Board report was presented by Kurt Iriart which included among others 'Induction Module' would need to be completed by Parents & SMS message is now required to be sent to Parents if the children are late to school. The parish survey feedbacks and many activities in response to it was discussed including children joining the final hymn for 6:30 PM & 10 AM mass on some weekends which is very well received. The Plenary Session held on 13th October in St. Mary's church gathering space was discussed, it was attended by 19 people from 3 Parishes (St. Mary's, St. Thomas the Apostle & Sacred Heart). The Plenary session and various ways to increase awareness about it would be further explored during PPC formation which is to be held on 9 & 10 November. **The Parish AGM is to be held on 17 March 2019 at 11 AM.**

**THANKYOU** A big thankyou to all our friends at St Mary's Parish who showed such care with prayers and loving concern at my recent accident. Des and I are very grateful that we are members of such a caring community with a wonderful Parish Priest Fr. Steve and assistant Priest Fr. Dong. Barb Papworth

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVDP) REQUESTS FOOD TRANSPORT HELP** SVDP needs **helpers with a vehicle** to assist for one Tuesday morning per month (for approximately 3 hours) to pick up and transport food items – packaged groceries, fresh fruit and vegetables, frozen meat – from **Foodbank** in Yarraville and/or **2<sup>nd</sup> Bite** in Heidelberg West, to Greensborough. The food is collected for the **All Saints Church community luncheons** in Greensborough and the **Watsonia Heights Primary School breakfast program**, both community services supported by your local Vinnies team. It is not necessary to be a Vinnies member to help us in this work. For more information please contact the Greensborough Conference as follows: Ian Fraser, President – Greensborough Conference, Mobile, 0412 658 968.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE** The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre is in need of tea, coffee, honey and sweet biscuits, and any other ongoing support.

**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.

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS GROUP** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of month -10am in Parish House, St Mary's Greensborough. Anyone wanting to pray for children and youth warmly invited to pray and support one another, non-grandparents also welcome. call Maria or John 9467 5173.

**DIAMOND VALLEY FESTIVAL OF FAMILY CAROLS - CHOIR PRACTICE** -The Annual Festival of Family Carols will take place at St Mary's on Sunday, 2 December and a choir is being formed with practices taking place from 7 - 8:30 pm on Sundays - 11, 18, 25 November where we will learn two Carols for the event. Domenic La Ferlita will be our pianist. Please contact Megan at [mamitchem@gmail.com](mailto:mamitchem@gmail.com) to register your interest. All ages and voices will be made very welcome.

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020** In 2020 we will have a Plenary Council about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. **People will be asked for their thoughts, concerns and experiences of the Church, which will be passed on to the organising committee** to draw together the different issues by Ash Wednesday, 6th March next year. The question to be asked is "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time". It is important that we listen to one another. **Groups and individuals can make submissions.** More information will follow. Further details can be found at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**ST MARY'S PARISH GREENSBOROUGH—Liturgy of the Word with Children—Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 7pm - 9pm (light refreshments from 6.30pm).** *"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."* (Matt 19-14). The Liturgy of the Word with Children is truly a celebration of Liturgy. It is a prayerful celebration of God's Word. It is a reflection on the way we live our lives in the light of God's Word. It is not a lesson, nor simply an activity time with young children. This workshop explores the liturgical principles underpinning this ministry, practical strategies and creative techniques for sharing the Good News with children and is ideal for parish liturgy teams, parent groups, classroom/student teachers and all those serving or interested in bringing liturgy alive for children..In his exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis describes the parish as *"an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration ... the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers."* To support parishes in this mission, Mary Ryan from the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation will present this workshop for parents, parishioners, school staff and all those serving or interested in this important parish ministry. All welcome. To register contact St Mary's Parish Office -9435 1543 or email [greensborough@cam.org.au](mailto:greensborough@cam.org.au)

**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 Creed: what Christians Believe and Why it Ought to Matter (DVD)** by Tim Kelleher

DVD238.142 CRE In this remarkably succinct consideration, the 12 basic articles that compose the Creed are examined historically, theologically, philosophically, linguistically, scientifically and culturally, in order to appreciate more fully this treasure that is so often "hidden in plain sight." *Borrow from our library.* **Library catalogue available online at [cloud.collectorz.com/247780](http://cloud.collectorz.com/247780)**

**St Mary's Parish News Continued:**

**FAMILY GROUPS ACTIVITIES - WHY NOT JOIN IN** - if you would like to join one of the planned activities and learn more about Family Groups at St. Mary's please contact Pauline or Michael Prendergast on 94342464

**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**

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE** Open Day **Wednesday 7 November**, 2018 including Study options, Library and Building tour, Refreshments Two programs: 4.30pm–6.30pm or 6.00pm–8.00pm. Bookings essential, RSVP to Jenny Delahunt by Friday 2 November Phone: 9412 3314 Email: [jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au) 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002. See noticeboard

**ANNUAL LPFA TWILIGHT MARKET** Loyola College will be held in Companion's Hall on **Sunday 2 December** from 3pm – 7.45pm. Interested Stall holders are asked to contact Kim on 0435 156 995 or [volunteers4loyola@gmail.com](mailto:volunteers4loyola@gmail.com)

**DONATION FOR CHRISTMAS HAMPERS** All Saints Anglican Church Greensborough provides Christmas hampers to those who most need assistance. They are seeking practical physical donations of food suitable for hampers, toiletries also welcome. Donations can be dropped off any week day during business hours via the Greensborough Christian Bookshop/ Coffee Shop. Suitable items: Christmas Cakes & Puddings, Long Life Custard, Tea, Coffee & Sugar, Tinned tuna, tinned ham, tinned salmon, Milo, Spreads e.g. vegemite, jam etc., Tinned fruit, Short-bread, Any other dry goods (long life) Toiletries. Thank you. Colleen Treacy, Community Meal Co-ordinators

**APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED** from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of: Manager, Central Catholic Bookshop - Melbourne CBD; Parish Administration Assistant, St Anne's & St Bede's Parishes, Balwyn North; Service Desk Representative, Property & Infrastructure - East Melbourne; Facilities Coordinator, Property and Infrastructure - East Melbourne. Further details can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>.



**First Reading Jer 31:7-9***I shall lead them back in mercy – both the blind and the lame.*

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!  
 Hail the chief of nations!  
 Proclaim! Praise! Shout:  
 The Lord has saved his people,  
 the remnant of Israel!  
 See, I will bring them back  
 from the land of the North  
 and gather them from the far ends  
 of earth;  
 all of them: the blind and the lame,  
 women with child, women in labour:  
 a great company returning here.  
 They had left in tears,  
 I will comfort them as I lead them back;  
 I will guide them to streams of water,  
 by a smooth path where they will  
 not stumble.  
 For I am a father to Israel,  
 and Ephraim is my first-born son.

**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 125. R. v.3***(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;  
 we are filled with joy.*

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from  
 bondage,  
 It seemed like a dream.  
 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
 on our lips there were songs. *(R.)*
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What  
 marvels  
 the Lord worked for them!  
 What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
 Indeed we were glad. *(R.)*
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
 as streams in dry land.  
 Those who are sowing in tears  
 will sing when they reap. *(R.)*
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
 carrying seed for the sowing:  
 they come back, they come back, full  
 of song,  
 carrying their sheaves. *(R.)*

**Second Reading Heb 5:1-6***You are a priest forever in the line of Melchizedek.*

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation See 2 Tim 1:10***Alleluia, alleluia!**Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away  
 with death,**and brought us life through his gospel.**Alleluia!***Gospel Mk 10:46-52***Master, grant that I may see.*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Throughout this liturgical year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have pondered the history of our salvation, the merciful compassion of God, God's willingness to lead us out of the bondage of our addictions. We have meditated often and long on the person of Jesus, on his life and death, on the meaning of his sacrifice, on his resurrection, on his influence in our lives today. We have considered our own ongoing transformation as disciples of Jesus, baptised into his death and resurrection, commissioned to bring the news of his love to all those with whom we come into contact. We have reflected on all of these wonderful deeds of God, and now we must ask the question: What difference has it made?

Have we merely acquired some information about the biblical readings, about our religious ancestors, about the ministry of Jesus and the life of the early church? Or have our eyes really been opened; have we been enabled to leave behind whatever prevents us from living the Christian life fully, to abandon our exiles or the trappings of our former lives? Have we accepted more genuinely the Christian responsibilities that are ours as baptised followers of Christ, in our own personal lives, in our families, in our relationships with others, at the workplace? To what degree have we been transformed into Christ? How open have we become to the action of the Spirit in our lives? Have we been made a new creation? And do we recognise Christ in our midst?

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