



Sunday 11th November, 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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Communications Officer: Denise Chang-Faux	Monday: Communion Service 9.15am	Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am
Mass Times	Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am	Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Monday: Liturgy of the word 9.15am	1st Saturday of the month: Vigil Mass at St. Peters Hurstbridge 7.15pm	Sunday: Mass 10.30am
Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am	Sunday: Mass 9.00am	Reconciliation Times
Saturday: Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm	Reconciliation Times	Saturday: 9.30am to 10.30am
Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm	Parish School Principal	Parish School Principal
Reconciliation Times	Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am	Mr. David Delaney Ph: 9434 4565 or Email
Saturday: 9.00am & 5.45pm	Parish School Principal	Principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au
Baptisms	Mr. Jim O'Sullivan Ph: 9438 1590 or Email	
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.	principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au	
Parish School Principal		
Mrs. Helen Anderson Ph: 9433 4000 or Email		
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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.

Hypocrisy

Throughout the gospels, what Jesus appears to abhor more than anything else is hypocrisy. His harshest condemnation of the scribes and the Pharisees is that they hypocrites. In this passage, whilst Jesus hates the scribes' parading around and claiming honour that is not their due, what really sees him condemn them is their mistreatment of widows 'while making a show of lengthy prayers.' We cannot praise God in prayer while at the same time mistreating our neighbour. That is hypocrisy! Our actions are an extension of our prayer. We cannot celebrate the Eucharist on Sundays and fail to live it the rest of the week!

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What's Happening in St Mary's Parish?

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

LITURGY TEAM meets this **Tuesday 13 November at 7.30pm** in the Parish house. All parishioners welcome.

PPC meeting **Wednesday 14th November**, 7.30pm in the Parish House.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS The next roster – January to June 2019 - 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 18 November** on 0409 591 527 or mariantacey@optusnet.com.au Thank you.

LADIES AUXILIARY Tickets for our Giant Christmas Stocking will be on sale this weekend, **10th/11th November** after all masses at \$2.00 per ticket. We have a number of stalls at the Fete on **Saturday 17th November**. If you have any spare time and could help on the day please speak to one of the ladies selling tickets after mass. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906.

ST MARY'S FETE!!!! Saturday 17 November 10am to 3pm. This year will be even bigger and better than ever!! **Our popular Spinning Wheel is here again!** Donations of brand new or unwanted gifts gratefully accepted. Cuttings of your favorite plants for our **Plant Stall** can still be dropped off to the back of the Presbytery or to the Parish Office. Gently used books or educational toys in good condition for our **Kids Book Stall** will be very welcomed. **Want to help out but don't have much time? Grab a friend** and let the Ladies in the Parish Office know and they'll put your name on the volunteer list. If you have only one hour to spare it would be greatly appreciated. It's lots of fun and supports the Parish. Call Denise at the Parish Office on Wednesday 9435 1543 or email denise.chang-faux@cam.org.au for more details.

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 to register your interest.. All ages and voices will be made very welcome.

ANOINTING MASS on **Thursday 7 December at 11am** followed by a light lunch in the Gathering Space. If you intend staying for the luncheon please complete and return an RSVP slip which is available on the small table at the back of the Church. We request that those on the Communion to the Sick round, whether in home or care facilities would please extend the invitation when next visiting.

SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE CATHOLIC DEAF—THANK YOU

MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN AND MASS Reminder-workshop **Nov 13, at 6pm**, in Gathering Space, facilitated by Mary Ryan, from the Archdiocese.. Mary will provide formation for people interested in joining our team of leaders for Liturgy of the Word for Children during Mass. If you are curious about the ministry or would like to join, contact Jacinta Bright at office on 9435 1543 or via email at Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au. Music at 6.30pm Mass on the first Saturday/Sunday of month and 10.00am Mass on second Sunday of month, is another growing initiative. Instruments provided and parents welcome to bring children up if they are little or nervous. *Parents, this might be an opportunity for you to engage your children at Mass and grandparents, this might be an opportunity for you to engage your grandchildren. Thank you to the Liturgy Team, Musicians and singers for your big welcome and encouragement of the little ones in our midst.*

PLENARY 2020 – WE NEED YOU! We are at a pivotal moment in the Australian Catholic Church. Some even describe this moment as a tipping point, where if change does not occur, they will walk away – and these are good strong, committed Catholics, but they have just about had enough. They long for a Church that lives the Gospel values with integrity, making room for all to feel heard and respected. Pope Francis has spoken very clearly about the need for the Church to eradicate the scourge of clericalism, which is idolatry and very destructive. This Plenary needs to be taken very seriously by all of us. We need to cooperate with the Holy Spirit who breathes new life. *This Plenary process is a prayerful process of listening and dialogue parish groups are asked to participate and we are encouraged to participate as individuals too. Opportunities will be provided for us to gather as a community. More information will follow about dates and times. We will show, after 8.00 and 10.00 Masses, a different video clip on each of the following dates: November 11th, 18th and 25th. The video clips are part of an E-Conference entitled "Synodality in Practice: Listening to the Spirit and leading Change". We will show the clips in the church and will begin straight after the 8.00 Mass is finished and repeat it straight after the 10.00am Mass is finished. Each clip goes for approximately 40 minutes. It will be a challenge for us to work in with baptisms which will happen on the 11th and 18th, so we ask for your cooperation in making the timing run smoothly. After each Mass, you might like to gather for a cuppa in the gathering Space for an informal conversation about what you have heard and are reflecting on. Sometimes it is helpful to be able to talk with others because it helps us process what we have heard.* The speakers are as follows: Archbishop Mark Coleridge, chair of the Australian Catholic Bishops' Commission for the Plenary 2020 Council: *Leaders that Listen: Synodality in Practice*, Ms Lana Turvey-Collins, Plenary Council Facilitator: *Synodality in Practice – Preparing for the Australian Plenary Council* and Fr Richard Lennan, Professor of Systematic Theology, School of theology and Ministry, Boston College, USA, : *Change and the Church's Tradition*. **Please set aside time on these Sundays to join us in this important preparation for Plenary 2020.**

A SPIRITUALITY OF AGEING In our society which values and promotes youth, the Church has something to say about the important place of every person, including the youth and including older people, regardless of age. In fact the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Elderly is a prophetic sacrament, calling people to recognize the faith of those who have lived long and perhaps suffered much. It is in our vulnerability that we make room for God. Ageing can be a time of challenge and a time of rejoicing. We offer anyone, ageing or not, the opportunity to join us for this reflection morning, facilitated by Sr Kerin Caldwell sgs. *The Spirituality of Ageing: Live now – why wait.*

Brochures in Gathering Space. Date: Wed Dec 5th, Venue: St Mary's Church gathering Space, Time: 10.00 -12.00. RSVP St Mary's Parish Office by November 30th 9435 1543 or greensborough@cam.org.au. Please note NEW RSVP DATE

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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.

Tom Allen and others A Guide to the Passion: 100 Questions about the Passion of the Christ. 232.96 GUI . This is a companion to the Mel Gibson film **The Passion of the Christ DVD PAS.** Despite the visual and emotional impact of the film, the dramatic events portrayed do not explain themselves and often give rise to perplexing questions: This book offers a fascinating and enlightening insight into the meaning of Christ's passion, explaining how his death was not a defeat, but the beginning of a great victory. *Borrow from our library.*

Library catalogue available online at cloud.collectorz.com/247780

St Mary's Parish News Continued:

MATURE AGE GROUP Join us on **Wed Nov 14** for a game of Bingo and a demonstration by Myriad Glass. Meeting at 11.30am, Myriad Glass demonstration at 12.00pm, followed by Bingo. We will collect for our last outing for the year, Members call Geraldine or Angela, non members \$53, includes 2 course lunch at Koorinal Golf Club, and a trip to Williamstown by Ferry. Geraldine 9435 4306 Angela 9444 6298.

MEET LUKE, HIS GOSPEL & HIS JESUS—3 Monday evenings **26th November, 3rd and 10th December, 7.30-9.30pm** at St Mary's Church, Gathering Space, Grimshaw Street, Greensborough. Donation only. Further information Sandra Bishop 9434 7553. See notice

ST. MARY'S TENNIS CLUB would like to hear from anyone interested in playing competition in 2019 for: Juniors—Friday nights or Saturday mornings Seniors— Night time – Men, Women & Mixed - Daytime – Tuesday Ladies For more information email stmarystennis56@gmail.com .

FAMILY GROUPS ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER- WHY NOT JOIN IN 25 November —Picnic at Daylesford 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 9434 2464.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE now available in the Piety Shop at \$4 a copy.

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.

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

HEALING MASS on Thur 15 Nov at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham. Commences at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship, followed by Mass. Prayer Ministry and supper will be available. For further details, please contact Emilia 9435 7475 or Rose 9434 3962.

SOCCER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM—Term 4 2018 - Three week after school program for Grade 4 and 5 students (boys and girls) of all playing levels. Beginners welcome! Monday afternoons on the college oval: **19 / 26 November / 3 December**. \$25 per student for the complete program and includes afternoon tea. Places are limited to 25 students - book early to avoid disappointment. trybooking.com/YMNP

CATHOLIC LADIES COLLEGE ELTHAM Explore unlimited possibilities. Book a tour and visit our Eltham campus to discover the CLC advantage. Final tour for 2018. **Wednesday, 28 November 9:00 am**. www.clc.vic.edu.au

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

EXCLUSIVE DEPARTURE EGYPT/JORDAN TOUR OCTOBER 2019. Fully Escorted from Australia. 16 days \$7500 per person (including international airfares). Contact Rebecca at Diamond World Travel on 0401292534 or diamondworldtravel@mtatravel.com.au

First Reading 1 Kgs 17:10-16

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord who sets prisoners free. *(R.)*
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord who protects the stranger. *(R.)*
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. *(R.)*

Second Reading Heb 9:24-28

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

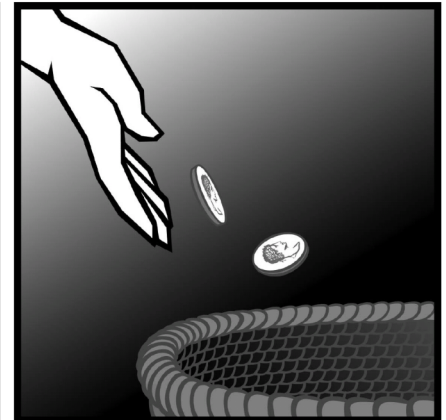
Gospel Mk 12:38-44

or (shorter form Mk 12:41-44)

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The willingness to give all that one has is the central theme of today's readings. They offer us three models.

Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic generosity. He first offered himself as expiation for our sin. Now, as the eternal high priest, he stands before God as our mediator, pleading on our behalf, bringing salvation to those who eagerly await him.

It is interesting to note that the other two models of selfless giving are widows, individuals who are doubly disadvantaged by the patriarchal societies of which they are members. Their generosity is religiously inspired, and it comes from women who had the least material possessions to give. This kind of giving requires that we reach deep into ourselves and almost strip ourselves of our hold on life, and that we do this for religious reasons. The giving that is pictured in today's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity.

God will not be outdone in generosity. Sometimes we become the beneficiaries of obvious blessing, as was the case in the story of the woman of Zarephath who was granted a year's supply of flour and oil. At other times, we simply continue living life as usual, like the woman in the temple who was unaware of the commendation that Jesus had given her. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.

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