



# ST. MARY'S PARISH

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School Principal: Helen Anderson,

## 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: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

11/12 November 2017 Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

Next Week: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 18/19 Nov 2017

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thess 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30



### Gospel Reflection

#### *Living in Hope*

*A feature of Christian faith is an approach to life that views the future with hope. In our world today many people look to the future with distrust and even fear. As Christians, we look forward with hope.*

*When change occurs, some allow that change to happen to them whilst others engage in the change process and approach it with hope and expectation.*

*Today's gospel reminds us to be ready for what the future holds; to look with hope towards what lies ahead, but to ensure that we've prepared ourselves properly. The future can only be viewed with expectant hope if we've done the proper preparation.*

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# *What's Happening in our Parish?*

**SPECIAL LEAVING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND** for the Catholic Deaf. Envelopes available if paying by card.

**6.30 SATURDAY NIGHT MASS** - Clancy and Maria Viscone live in Grace Street, Watsonia and can no longer get to Mass on their own. We have two people who are prepared to bring them, but if there are others able to assist, we could cover the month and have a roster. If you can assist, please contact the parish office on 9435 1543.

**LADIES AUXILIARY Tickets on sale after Masses this weekend** for the Giant Christmas Stocking, \$1.00 each **Drawn Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December approx. 11.15am**. Reminder if you're able to help on the day of the fete (**18<sup>th</sup> Nov**) we would appreciate your help. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990.

**CHOIR PRACTICE-INTER CHURCH CAROLS-SUN 3 DEC** Choir Practice **Wed: 15, 22, 29 Nov-7:30-9 pm** at St Mary's Church, Greensborough. We will perform two songs and as many voices as possible from all our Mass Centres are very welcome. Pianist will be Jhonfil Roxas. Contact Megan on 9435 1551 or [mamitchem@gmail.com](mailto:mamitchem@gmail.com) if you are able to be part of this event. Please come and make this a very enjoyable experience!

**LIFE ON MANUS** Hear the stories. On Sunday the **19th November** at Living Faith Church, 37 Grimshaw St, Greensborough from 2.00 - 4.00pm. Anne Moon, a regular visitor to Manus Is, will share with us the men's stories. Organised by the Montmorency Asylum Seeker Support Group. St Mary's Social Justice Group. See noticeboard.

**NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS** All welcome to our annual Mass to be celebrated on **Fri 24 Nov at 7:30pm**. At this special Mass, which many grieving families have found comforting and inspiring, we remember and pray for our deceased relatives and friends. Light refreshments served after Mass in the Gathering Space.

**ADVENT BEGINS YEAR B AND THE GOSPEL OF MARK**, so to prepare come and Meet Mark, his Gospel & his Jesus. 3 Monday evenings: **27 November, 4 & 11 December, 7.30 – 9.30 pm**. St Mary's Church Gathering Space, Grimshaw Street, Greensborough. Donation only. Further information: Sandra Bishop 9434 7553. This course is offered by the Catholic School of Evangelisation.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!! ST MARY'S FETE!!!! Sat 18 Nov. 10am to 3pm**. This year will be even bigger and better than ever!! **Our popular Spinning Wheel is back again!** Donations of brand new or unwanted gifts gratefully accepted. Cuttings of your favourite 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. We are also looking for new or used children's hats so kids are reminded to "Slip, Slop, Slap" on the day. Any items can be left at the Parish Office. Pre-purchasing of ride wristbands are available until Tuesday. Forms are available in the gathering space. iPad Raffle tickets also available in the gathering space and at the Parish Office. **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](mailto:denise.chang-faux@cam.org.au) for more details.

## **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) UPDATE - SUMMARY OF OUR PREVIOUS MEETING - 17/10/2017**

**School Advisory Board Summary** - discussion of a benevolent fund for school families who are in difficulty.

**Report on PPC formation session** by Archbishop's Office of Evangelisation - Know your Parish. Focussed on equipping parish leaders with strategies for reviewing their community's opportunities for growth.

**Reflection on St Mary's PPC formation weekend 11-12 August "Living in the Chaos"**. Very positive experience allowing us to reflect on changes in our community/society, discern solidarity was needed with those in our community as well as those that don't belong and discuss how we might "befriend betrayal".

**Meeting/Social gathering** with St Thomas, Sacred Heart and St Mary's PPCs in December. An informal getting to know each other/consideration of working together.

**St Mary's PPC membership**. Dwindling numbers due to life and time commitments. Examining the PPC membership guidelines and changes that may need to be implemented.

**Communication between PPC and Parish**. Meeting summaries in newsletter. Feedback desired from Parishioners in the form of a survey.

**Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) meeting**. PPC reps to attend. Raise parking near bollards, number of disabled parking spaces, changing demographics and how we look after our parishioners.



**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 Eileen.** The Life of Eileen O'Connor, Foundress of Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor by John Hosie (2004) 271.9 OCO Eileen O'Connor (1892-1921) set up a health service for the poor in Sydney in 1913. She was a diminutive woman whose struggles and determination belied her own painful ill-health. The book describes her spirituality and devotion to her life's work. *Borrow from our library.* **Library catalogue available [cloud.collectorz.com/247780](http://cloud.collectorz.com/247780)**

### *Parish News continued*

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS GROUP** meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month at-10am in Parish House, St Mary's Greensborough. For information call Maria or John 9467 5173

**MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE** This month's magazine includes the Archbishop's pastoral letter on the Year of Youth, a story on the Victorian Council of Churches Emergencies Ministry and an article on 'The Monks Who Brew Beer'. Available in the Piety store for \$4.00 and well worth a read.

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

**CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE** at various prices now available in the Piety Shop.

**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.

*Stay in touch with school news - pick up a copy of the Candela from the Gathering Space.*

### ***Community News:***

**Prayers in November:** During mass this weekend, and in our prayers this week, let us recall and pray for those who have died in wars and conflicts, and all those who served in our armed services. May their sacrifices bring them a heavenly reward. Let us also pray for vocations to the military diocese and those who promote peace.

**NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH - 14 Church St Greensborough. Free Community Lunch Wed 15 Nov 12– 1.30pm.** Food parcels available for gold coin donation. A range of fresh fruit and vegetables also available. No bookings required. **Volunteers required** - to help on day. Contact Colleen Treacy [treacyc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:treacyc@optusnet.com.au)

**Christmas Day – BBQ Lunch - Monday 25 December 12 – 1pm.** Many have nowhere to go on Christmas day. We are opening our doors on Christmas day for a BBQ lunch for the first time. Please book including phone number, number of guests attending. This informal lunch follows our Christmas day church services. No food parcels available on the day. Lunch with lots of friendly faces. RSVP [akhilgardner@gmail.com](mailto:akhilgardner@gmail.com) . See noticeboard.

**HEALING MASS-Thur 16 Nov** at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham.at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship followed by Mass. Prayer Ministry and supper available. Contact Emilia 9435 7475 or Sandra 9434 7553.

**MARCELLIN COLLEGE MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED STUDENTS** Parents, family and friends of deceased Marcellin students are welcome and encouraged to attend service. Mass celebrated by Fr Pat Harvey in Marcellin College Chapel **Wed 22 Nov 7.30pm** followed by supper. Contact Mary Norden: 9842 3080. See noticeboard

**SOUTHERN STARS PARTY NIGHT FOR SINGLE CATHOLICS - Saturday November 18th 8pm.** Benedict House, 301 Warrigal Rd, Burwood. Southern Stars is a Catholic social group regularly presenting Saturday night parties and other events for single catholics aged from 28 to 60. Entry includes supper and lucky door prizes, as well as a great night. Cost \$13. Details: Peter on 9885 2167 . See noticeboard.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR?** The 'Siloam' Program for the Formation of Spiritual Directors can be studied on Mondays (9am-5pm) over two years at Heart of Life in Box Hill. The program fosters a discerning, contemplative approach whereby spiritual directors-in-formation become more and more attuned to the movement of God's spirit in themselves and in their directees. The Program may be studied as a Grad Dip in Spiritual Direction for those who meet the criteria. Information: [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com) or 9890 1101.