



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: Thirty-Third 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



Next Week: Our Lord Jesus Christ 25/26 Nov 2017

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Gospel Reflection

Bring forth the Kingdom

Like the original audience of Matthew's gospel, we can sometimes rely too much on God to bring about the Kingdom in our world. Like the lazy servant in the gospel, we can fall into the trap of handing the world back to God in exactly the same condition that we received it. We have to make a difference in the world!

We are called to change the world and bring it closer to the realisation of the Kingdom. The only way that we can do that it is to live our lives as if the Kingdom is already here.

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What's Happening in our Parish?

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting this **Tuesday 21st November at 7.30pm** in the parish house.

THANK YOU A big thank you from the Memorial Garden Committee to the Parishioners of St Mary's who have helped our small money grow. The Memorial Garden is for all Parishioners whether they choose to place a plaque to remember their loved ones or just visit a quiet place to reflect and pray. A plaque has been placed on the wall to remember Fr. Kierce. Total small money for 2017 \$302.20. Total since we started the small money jar \$3,184.35. Many thanks and please visit and enjoy the garden.

WORKING BEE THANK YOU to all who attended – mowing, hedge trimming, removing goal posts, loading bins, weeding, cleaning gutters, concreting, line marking, bolting down bollards and pressure washing. The target was to have the grounds ready for our Annual Fete and once again it is amazing the support we get from our community to keep our St Mary's property looking so fantastic. See notice board.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE-INTER CHURCH CAROLS-SUN 3 DEC Choir Practice **Wed: 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 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.

LADIES AUXILIARY Thank you to all who supported and worked on our stalls at the fete. Ladies Auxiliary members and friends are invited to join us for lunch on **Wednesday 29 November** at Watsonia R.S.L. at 12pm Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990.

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.

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.



CARITAS GLOBAL GIFTS

Send a Christmas message to those you love, and support those in need. When you choose a Global Gift card to give to family or friends this Christmas, you are bringing a moment of joy and helping create a lifetime of change for some of the world's most vulnerable people.

Order Global Gift cards online at: www.globalgifts.org.au or call us on 1800 024 See noticeboard

Just for fun: Did I Read That Correctly?

In a London department store: **BARGAIN BASEMENT UPSTAIRS...**

In an office: **AFTER TEA BREAK, STAFF SHOULD EMPTY THE TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE DOWN ON THE DRAINING BOARD.**

Spotted in a safari park: (I sure hope so.) **ELEPHANTS, PLEASE STAY IN YOUR CAR.**



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 Songs of the Heart: Reflections on the Psalms by Joan Chittister 223.2 CHI Sister Joan offers poignant and challenging reflections on twenty-five psalms, each offering a spiritual oasis away from the stresses of a world that demands more than the human soul can sometimes bear. She believes that the psalms, all pieces of poetry and music, have rich meaning for people today. Her hope is that readers will [find](#) new meaning here and then make songs of their own. *Borrow from our library.* **Library catalogue available online at cloud.collectorz.com/247780**

Parish News continued

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.

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.

POSITIONS VACANT IN THE ARCHDIOCESE - Further details can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>: Parish Secretary, Our Lady's Parish – Craigieburn; Property Officer, Property Services - East Melbourne; Parish Secretary, St Peter's – Clayton; Parish Secretary, St Mark's Parish, Fawkner; Parish Secretary, Eastern Suburbs; Parish Secretary, St Luke's parish, Lalor;

Community News:



ADVENT REFLECTIONS - CURRAJEEN RETREAT CENTRE

DECEMBER 9 and 16, 2017

Sr Maureen invites us to these two Saturday morning Reflections 10 – 11.30am at Currajeen Retreat Centre, 811 Bridge Inn Rd, Doreen (white tyres at the entry).

Let us prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas time... See you there!

PRAYERS IN NOVEMBER: During Mass and in our prayers this week, let us pray for the priests and religious who have served in our parish and have gone to their rest in the Lord. 'Let them rest from their labours for their good deeds go with them.' Let us also pray for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life from our community.

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH - Christmas Day – BBQ Lunch - Monday 25 December 12 – 1pm. 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 . See noticeboard.

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP: A GIFT FOR THE WORLD - two and a half day workshop for women at the Benedictine Abbey, 65 Mountain Road, Jamberoo on **April 13-15, 2018**. Cost of program is \$200. Accommodation fees depend upon type of room selected. Bookings: 0242360533 or cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au See noticeboard.

FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL PILGRIMAGE MAY 2018 - The 14-day pilgrimage is led by Fr. Peter D'souza departing on 28th of May, 2018, featuring Athens, Corinth, Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Santorini, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Meteora for an all-inclusive early-bird offer of \$5,690. To avail the early bird offer you can reserve your seats with an initial deposit of \$1000. This offer ends on 15th December, 2017. For further details or any queries please feel free to call Magi Pilgrimages on 03 8562 2246 or email: pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au. See noticeboard.

Pope Francis @Pontifex Twitter Nov 12 - We cannot change the world alone, but together we can spread the joy of the Gospel by staying close to those most in need.