



**Sunday 25th 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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<b>Mass Times</b>	<b>Wednesday &amp; Friday:</b> Mass 9.15am	<b>Saturday:</b> Vigil Mass 6.00pm
<b>Monday:</b> Liturgy of the word 9.15am	<b>1st Saturday of the month:</b> Vigil Mass at St. Peters Hurstbridge 7.15pm	<b>Sunday:</b> Mass 10.30am
<b>Tuesday to Friday:</b> Mass 9.15am	<b>Sunday:</b> Mass 9.00am	<b>Reconciliation Times</b>
<b>Saturday:</b> Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm	<b>Reconciliation Times</b>	<b>Saturday:</b> 9.30am to 10.30am
<b>Sunday:</b> Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm	<b>Parish School Principal</b>	<b>Parish School Principal</b>
<b>Reconciliation Times</b>	<b>Friday:</b> 9.45am to 10.15am	<b>Mr. David Delaney Ph: 9434 4565 or Email</b>
<b>Saturday:</b> 9.00am & 5.45pm	<b>Parish School Principal</b>	<b>Principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au</b>
<b>Baptisms</b>	<b>2nd &amp; 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>	
<b>Parish School Principal</b>		
<b>Mrs. Helen Anderson Ph: 9433 4000 or Email</b>		
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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.

**The Kingdom Of God**

When Jesus Speaks about the Kingdom of God he never gives a particularly clear picture of what he means. He usually refers to the kingdom with Metaphoric language ("the kingdom of God is like...") and often the kingdom is defined by what it is not. The kingdom is also a real contradiction: it is here and now and yet it is still to come; it is almost impossible for some to enter the kingdom while others are assured a place; it is within us and in our hearts and yet is a great banquet to which all are invited.

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

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

**GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION HOSTS** are available at all Masses. If you require a gluten free host please approach the Celebrant or Minister of Communion who is distributing Communion on the right hand side of the centre aisle.

**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

**NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS** All welcome to our annual Mass to be celebrated on **Friday 30 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** Our end of year lunch will be on **Wednesday 28th November at 12 noon**, at Watsonia RSL. Friends and supporters are welcome to join us. **Tickets for the Christmas Stocking will be on sale after masses this weekend**. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906.

**ST MARY'S LIBRARY** A meeting of the Friends of St Mary's Library will be held at **10.30 on Saturday December 1** in the Library. All interested parishioners are very welcome to attend.

**ANOINTING MASS** on **Thursday 6th 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. **PLEASE NOTE on Thursday 6th December there will be no 9.15am Mass.**

**SPRING CLEANING - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED** on **Saturday 8 December at 10am** to spring clean and tidy our Church in preparation for Christmas. If you can spare some time to help it will be much appreciated. If possible, please bring a bucket cleaning cloths and cleaning products if you prefer your own brand. We need to clean/dust the pews, window ledges and skirting boards. Many hands make light work. Thank you.

**2018 ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL** The Annual Vinnies' Christmas Appeal will be conducted at all Masses over the weekend of **1st & 2nd December**. Your donations in past years have supported local families in need – donations for which those families and we, the Greensborough Conference, are heartily thankful. Again this year, we are asking for cash or credit card donations, to provide direct financial support to families to meet their immediate needs. Please put your donations in the envelopes distributed on the pews, and place them in the leaving collection. More envelopes will be provided in the gathering space if required. Collection bins will also be provided for any non-perishable food items which might be donated. Thank you, Ian Fraser, President.

**PIETY STALL**—**2019 Columban Calendars** are available at \$9 and **CHRISTMAS CARDS** at various prices also now available .

**THE PLENARY** This Sunday, after the 8.00am and 10.00am Masses we will show the Broken Bay Institute e-Conference on The Plenary. The presenter, **Dr. Gemma Tulud Cruz** was born and raised in the Philippines. She did her doctoral studies in theology in the Netherlands and taught for several years in the United States before moving to Australia in 2011. She works at Australian Catholic University as a Senior Lecturer in Theology at its Melbourne campus. Gemma's research expertise is in migration theologies. She is the author of Pilgrims in the Wilderness: An Intercultural Theology of Migration (2010) and Toward a Theology of Migration: Social Justice and Religious Experience (2014) and a number of essays on other research interests such as transnationalism, women's issues, and mission. Dr Cruz topic, for the e-Conference is **Synodality, Community and the Margins**. The session runs for approximately 20 minutes.

Feedback suggests that there may be interest in having **a further time together to further explore the talks given** by Archbishop Coleridge, Fr Richard Lenihan and Dr Gemma Cruz. There will be an opportunity provided on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of December, in the Gathering Space from 10.00 until 12.30. Fr Steven will give a brief synopsis of the three talks and we can view the remaining talks: **Mrs Lana Turvey-Collins**, Plenary Council Facilitator Topic: **Synodality in Practice-Preparing for the Australian Plenary Council** and **Professor Massimo Faggioni**, Professor of Historical Theology, Villanova University, Philadelphia, USA and Conjoint Professor, BBI-The Australian Institute of Theological Education speaks on **Structures of Synodality: Insights from Pope Francis**. We will explore and discuss together, then, whatever points or questions arise from the sessions viewed. **Perhaps we could stay on to share lunch. Bring a small plate to share.**

**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 5<sup>th</sup>, Venue: St Mary's Church gathering Space, Time: 10.00 -12.00. RSVP St Mary's Parish Office by Nov 30 9435 1543 or [greensborough@cam.org.au](mailto:greensborough@cam.org.au). Please note NEW RSVP DATE**

**LENTEN PROGRAM 2019** If you would like to participate in a small Lenten reflection group (Ash Wednesday is March 6), please contact the parish office on 9435 1543 or Jacinta bright on [Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au](mailto:Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au) The Program to be used is entitled **All I have is yours: Forty Days to Freedom**, written by Michael McGirr.

**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 Last Word and the Word After That : A Tale of Faith, Love and Doubt, and a New Kind of Christianity** by **Brian D. McLaren** 248 MCL. Brian McLaren has written a remarkable book on hell and the grace of God. The book is a narrative account, offered in a conversational mode. McLaren's work will be of immense help to those who are rethinking fundamentalist, literalistic ways of God that, in his judgment, have little to do with the Bible itself. This is a bold book that evades none of the hard questions. *Borrow from our library.*  
**Library catalogue available online at [cloud.collectorz.com/247780](http://cloud.collectorz.com/247780)**

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

**PARISH SUPPORT PROGRAM 2019** - An update of our sacrificial giving is due early 2019. To meet this a new project team is to be initiated to run the renewal program. If you would like to be a part of this short term project please advise Fr Steve or Paul Girolami 0418 959 508.

**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: [stmarystennis56@gmail.com](mailto:stmarystennis56@gmail.com).

**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.

**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.

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

### **Community News**

**RED WEDNESDAY Wed 28 Nov 7.30pm** Forecourt of St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne, Interfaith gathering - Cathedral will be floodlit in red in solidarity with all facing religious persecution around the world. Inquiries: [justice@cam.org.au](mailto:justice@cam.org.au). **ALL WELCOME.** See noticeboard.

**SRI LANKAN PRAYER GROUP** Come and join our Christmas Carol programme 2018. "Love came down" Organized by Sri Lankan prayer group of St Mary's Church Greensborough on the **1st of December at Greensborough Parish hall from 6.00pm onwards**, (entrance free & dinner will be provided). RSVP before 25/11/18. Contact: Dilshan 0415730277; Winifred 0425880611.

**HOLDING THE LIGHT, A SERVICE TO REMEMBER THOSE IMPACTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE - 2 DECEMBER** All are cordially invited to an ecumenical service to remember the women and children who have been killed this year and for survivors of domestic and relationship violence. *Holding the Light*, will be held at St Peter's Anglican Church, 315 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne, on **Sunday 2 December from 2.30pm - 3.30pm**, followed by afternoon tea. No registration needed.

**ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH** 14 Church St. Greensborough, opposite Target Carpark entrance. **Casual BBQ Lunch – Thursday 27th December 1200 – 130pm**. Informal all welcome.

**MAKE AN ENCOUNTER IN 2019** Timor Leste- April & Sept, Samoa – June, Myanmar- November, [www.palms.org.au/encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/encounters)  
Palms Encounters are rich immersions that challenge perceptions of our neighbours, guided by Palms mission volunteers with cultural experience of Timor Leste, Myanmar and Samoa. See noticeboard.

**First Reading Dn 7:13-14**

*His sovereignty is eternal.*

I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of  
heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age  
and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and  
languages became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal  
sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire be destroyed.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1**

**(R.) The Lord is king;  
he is robed in majesty.**

1. The Lord is king, with majesty  
enrobed;  
the Lord has robed himself with might,  
he has girded himself with power. (R)
2. The world you made firm, not to be  
moved;  
your throne has stood firm from of old.  
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R)
3. Truly your decrees are to be  
trusted.  
Holiness is fitting to your house,  
O Lord, until the end of time. (R)

**Second Reading Rv 1:5-8**

*The ruler of the kings of the earth ... made us a line of kings,  
priests to serve his God.*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the  
First-born from the dead, the Ruler  
of the kings of the earth. He loves us  
and has washed away our sins with  
his blood, and made us a line of kings,  
priests to serve his God and Father; to  
him, then, be glory and power for ever  
and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming  
on the clouds; everyone will see him,

even those who pierced him, and all the  
races of the earth will mourn over him.  
This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha  
and the Omega' says the Lord God, who  
is, who was, and who is to come, the  
Almighty.

**Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9, 10**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Blessed is he who inherits the  
kingdom of David our Father;**

**blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Jn 18:33-37**

*You say that I am a king.*

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate  
asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of  
your own accord, or have others spoken  
to you about me?' Pilate answered,  
'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and  
the chief priests who have handed you  
over to me: what have you done?' Jesus  
replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this  
world; if my kingdom were of this world,  
my men would have fought to prevent  
my being surrendered to the Jews. But  
my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you  
are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you  
who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am  
a king. I was born for this, I came into  
the world for this: to bear witness to  
the truth; and all who are on the side of  
truth listen to my voice.'



**Reflection by Greg Sunter**

This week marks the end of the  
liturgical year. Next week, with the first  
week of Advent, we begin the new  
liturgical cycle. It is fitting that the  
Church concludes the liturgical year  
with the celebration of Christ the King.  
The conversation between Jesus and  
Pilate displays a lot of word play on the  
part of Jesus and quite a lot of  
confusion on the part of Pilate. The  
confusion stems from different  
perceptions of what it means to be a  
king. For Pilate, part of the most  
powerful political and military rule in  
the ancient world, the idea of a king  
was a threat. Claiming kingship was  
claiming authority and power that  
would inevitably lead to challenging the  
authority and power of Rome and, more  
directly, its representative in Palestine  
– Pilate. Jesus, of course, had a  
completely different idea about  
ushering in a kingdom. He does indeed  
declare that he is a king and that is  
what leads us to today's feast of Christ  
the King. However, his intention is not  
to claim a position of power and  
authority. When we think back to Jesus'  
teachings about the kingdom of God,  
we recall that he declares the people of  
highest status – the first – in the  
kingdom to be the lowliest of this world.  
It is the poor, the sick, the outcast, the  
children and the widows who will hold  
the highest places in the kingdom of  
God. In a kingdom like that, what does  
it mean to declare oneself king? The  
confusion about what it means to be a  
king that is captured in this interaction  
between Jesus and Pilate is the same  
confusion that we saw among the  
disciples as they came to terms with  
exactly what it means to be the  
Messiah.

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