



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: Our Lord Jesus Christ 25/26 Nov 2017
Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46**

**Next Week: First Sunday of Advent 2/3 Dec 2017
Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37**



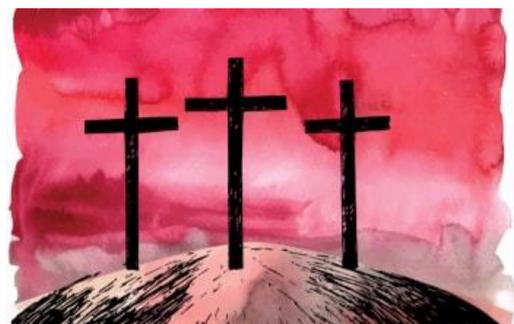
Gospel Reflection

Christ the King

This week's liturgy marks the end of the liturgical cycle. Next week begins the new year with the season of Advent. The liturgy is celebrated as the Feast of Christ the King – reminding us of a very imperial model of church and theology that reflected the structure of the Roman Empire and later, Feudal Europe. To have this reading on the feast of Christ the King is a powerful reminder of how Jesus envisaged the Kingdom of God.

For Jesus, the Kingdom was not a rule of power and status but a rule of justice and peace for even the lowliest. It is an apt conclusion to the liturgical year.

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What's Happening in our Parish?

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 three 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: 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!

LADIES AUXILIARY 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.

2017 ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL The Christmas Appeal to be conducted over the weekend of **2/3 December** is Vinnies' major end of year appeal. Your donations in past years have been distributed to support 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 place your donations in the envelopes provided, 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.

GREENSBOROUGH INTERCHURCH COUNCIL FESTIVAL OF FAMILY CAROLS – Join us here at St. Mary's next Sunday 3rd December from 7.30pm. All are welcome to be part of this enjoyable community event.

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.

MATURE AGE GROUP Please come and join us for our last outing for the year to the Noorlim Estate Homestead, on the **13 December 2017**, with a 2 course lunch at Nagambie Lakes Entertainment Centre, cost members TBA Non Members \$59.00. Seats still available. Bus will be leaving William Street entrance at 9.15am returning home 4.00pm. Please contact Geraldine 9435 4306, Angela 9444 6298 Kay 9435 5736.

FETE UPDATE – WHAT A SUCCESSFUL 2017 FETE DAY!! Thank you to everyone who helped in any way on the day and in the lead up to this great community event. Results of funds raised will be provided once figures are available. In the meantime, keep an eye out for the Fete Committee online Auction coming soon – a great way of Christmas shopping. Please find attached tickets for the St. Mary's Fete Raffle – four super raffles with fantastic prizes - this will be drawn on December 1, so please return to the Parish office by 30th November.

Blue Knot Day - Francis Sullivan. If you were not able to make it to the St Mary's Blue Knot Day event to hear Francis Sullivan speak, following is a link to the speech he made at Yarra Theological Union earlier in the same week. The content is similar to what he spoke about here at St. Mary's. Well worth a listen.

<http://www.tjhcouncil.org.au/media/139945/Yarra-Panel-FS.mp3>

ATTENTION CREDIT CARD CONTRIBUTORS PLEASE contact the parish office on 9435 1543 or email to greensborough@cam.org.au if there has been a change to your credit card details, e.g. expiry date, new card. Your contribution cannot be processed without up to date information. Thank you for your assistance.

Stay in touch with what's happening at the school – pick up a copy of the Candela from the Gathering Space.



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 Saint Joseph by Geraldine Guadagno; Cristina Lo Cascio J 225.92 JOS St Joseph is the quiet saint. As husband of the Virgin Mary and protector of Jesus from birth to childhood, Joseph was a good, just man, who did what God asked him to do, without question. This is a beautifully illustrated book for children (ages 6 to 8) which tells the story of St Joseph, especially at the time of the birth and infancy of Jesus. An ideal book at Christmastime, or any time throughout the year. *Borrow from our library.* **Library catalogue available online at cloud.collectorz.com/247780**

Parish News continued

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE 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.



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

Community News:

PRAYERS IN NOVEMBER: During Mass this weekend and in our prayers this week, let us pray for those who are grieving the recent loss of a spouse. May the comfort of the Good Shepherd be with them and may the dead come to their eternal reward. Let us also pray for those preparing for marriage and for faithful and loving vocations to the married life from our parish.

Catholiccare Hiv/Aids Ministry Invites You To The World Aids Day Vigil Mass to REMEMBER those who have died from AIDS, to CELEBRATE the great inroads in treatment of HIV and to HOPE for a cure. St Francis Church corner Elizabeth & Lonsdale Sts Melbourne at **5.30pm on Thursday November 30**. See noticeboard.

LOURDES DAY MASS in Melbourne this year is at **10:30am on Saturday 2 December** at St Patrick's Cathedral. Bishop Terry Curtin will be the principal celebrant. Each person that attends is given a gift pack containing water from the Lourdes grotto in France, rosary beads and other devotional material. Disability access is available at the Cathedral. See noticeboard.

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.



MISSION TO FIGHT POVERTY Catholic communities all over the world are looking for teachers, health and community development workers, administrators and others to **mentor workers in their fields of expertise**. See more than **40 volunteer positions** at www.palms.org.au/projects/. The positions would suit anybody with the appropriate qualifications. Healthy retired people find it a most gratifying and stimulating mission. Australian donors cover your costs and outstanding support is provided through the church's single biggest global volunteer mission agency. Email christine@palms.org.au or call Roger 0431 995 058 2018 Applications are closing soon.