



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: First Sunday of Lent 17/18 February, 2018

Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Next Week: Second Sunday of Lent 24/25 February, 2018

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10



Gospel Reflection

1st Sunday of Lent



A Just Future is possible for all generations, backgrounds, cultures and communities, who are part of one human family.

Justice in our lives

Jesus' proclamation of the kingdom of God is a call to live out God's transformative dream of right relationship with one another.

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Am I prepared to accept this call which requires a change of heart and mind?

What's Happening in our Parish?

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting this **Tuesday 20th February at 7.30pm** in the parish house.

MEMORIAL MASS 9.15am next Friday 23rd February. This monthly Mass is offered for all parishioners' deceased family members and friends. The Bereavement Support Group invites you to a cuppa and chat after Mass in the Gathering Space.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held in St Mary's church at **7.30 pm** each Friday evening during Lent.

DURING THE LITURGICAL SEASON OF LENT our Worshiping Space will be kept bare, just like the desert where Jesus fasted for 40 day and 40 nights. This is in keeping with Lenten liturgies, which encourage us to pare our lives back to the basics and look into the depths of our hearts with honesty. Only then can we truly see our need for repentance and change. For this reason there will be no flowers in the Church during Lent. The greenery will remain in the Sacred Space and the Gathering Space.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR HOLY WEEK Will take place in the Church on Sunday evenings **25 Feb and 4, 11, 18 & 25 March from 7-9 pm.** Your presence would be very welcomed and music is supplied. It would be wonderful to have young people join us and if there is a problem with transport that can be arranged. Please contact Megan via email at mamitchem@gmail.com so that adhering to copyright restrictions, music can be arranged.

PARISH BULLETIN VIA EMAIL – If you wish to receive the Parish Bulletin via email, please forward an email to the parish office at greensborough@cam.org.au. Please place 'Bulletin Distribution List' in subject. Thanks.

PARKING FOR ALL MASS TIMES While there are several disabled parking positions, there are some members of our community who have special needs on a temporary or permanent basis and do not qualify for a disabled permit. With this in mind we are asking that at Mass times, **the 12 parking spaces closest to the Church be left free** for them to use. We thank you for your anticipated co-operation in this matter.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (including Sacrament preparation), for children attending Government Schools are being held Sundays: 9-9.50am in St Mary's School. Call Geraldine 0438148896 or Ellen on 9435 5145

LADIES AUXILIARY First meeting for 2018 is **Wed 21 February 10.15am** in Parish house. New members most welcome. If interested in joining come to our meeting or call Maureen 94355906 or Lucy 94356990.

PLEASE TAKE A COPY OF 'A Message to the Catholic Community At the Beginning of Lent' from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Lent Letter from Archbishop Denis Hart and Lent Information Sheet 2018 from the table in the Gathering Space.

"IN RESPONSE TO CRITICISMS ADDRESSED AGAINST THE CHURCH in The Age over the last week, a clarification of the financial status of the Church in Australia is given by Francis Moore, the Executive Director of Administration. Copies are available in the Gathering Space." You will also find a Copy of the letter on the Parish Web Page.

Pope Francis on the Lenten Fast - Do you want to fast this Lent?

- *Fast from hurting words and say kind words.*
- *Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.*
- *Fast from anger and be filled with patience.*
- *Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.*
- *Fast from worries and trust in God.*
- *Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.*
- *Fast from pressures and be prayerful.*
- *Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.*
- *Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.*
- *Fast from grudges and be reconciled.*
- *Fast from words and be silent so you can listen*





The Agapè Prayer Group – The Agapè Prayer Group will not start meeting again until the 5th March, 2018. Enquiries: Sam Giudice 0412 401 572.

ST MARY'S LIBRARY Uncommon Gratitude : Alleluia for All That Is by [Chittister, Joan](#) , [Williams, Rowan](#) 241.4
CHI Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams often says that, no matter what, the proper stance of the Christian in the world is one of gratitude. In this book, Sister Joan Chittister and Archbishop Rowan Williams offer us a sweeping set of things and circumstances to be grateful for - things for which we can sing "alleluia," "praise and thanks be to God." *Borrow from our library. Library catalogue available online at cloud.collectorz.com/247780*

What's Happening in our Parish - Continued...

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 0413 885 168

Community News:

40 DAYS FOR LIFE February 14 – March 25 Join the International Pray to End Abortion campaign this Lent with other prayers on Wellington Pde, outside Jolimont Station, anytime between 7am and 7pm daily. Register at www.40daysforlife.com/melbourne to add your hours to the calendar or phone 0407 350 948 for more information.

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH – FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH – Wed 21 Feb, 12 Noon. Great Food. Great Company. Just turn up on the day. 14 Church St. Greensborough, opposite Target Carpark entrance. See noticeboard

SACRED HEART PARISH, YEA - is one of the smallest parishes in the Diocese with the St Pats Races their main fund raising activity. A day at the St Pats Races offers a family friendly day in the country with a wide range of catering options and entertainmen. The Yea Racecourse is set in the hills of Yea. **Sun 25 Feb**. For details go to: country.racing.com/yea-st-pats. Leonard Sheahan President 04 2779 4779.

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB Catholic Social Club Party for single Catholics in the 25 to 60 year age group. **Saturday 24th February at 8pm** at Benedict House, 301 Warrigal Road, Burwood. Cost: \$13 includes supper and lucky door prizes. Enquiries ring Peter on 9885 2167. See noticeboard

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT VILLA MARIA CATHOLIC HOMES 1424 Plenty road, Bundoora, to assist residents to attend Mass in our Chapel. Mass is Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Help needed between 10.30am and 12 noon. If you are a reasonably fit person and would like to help, phone Christine on 9422 4061 for further information.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is an international ecumenical initiative, run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. In 2018 support will be directed at the 540,000 inhabitants of the Republic of Suriname, on the north-eastern coast of South America. You are invited to join at **St Margaret's Anglican Church, Pitt St Eltham on Fri 2 March 10am**. See noticeboard

DO YOU NEED HEALING? The FRINGE of HIS GARMENT, a 2 day journey of inner healing, 9am-5pm, **Sat 24 and Sun 25 March**, at St Thomas the Apostle, parish hall, Greensborough North. A donation of \$50 is appreciated, students \$30. Book before 19 March via: online at <https://www.trybooking.com/TKLD> and use Promo Code CSOE for 10% discount email: melbourne@schoolofevangelisation.org.au phone Rose 0411 650 339

COME AND JOIN DIAMOND WORLD TRAVEL for a 24 day experience of a lifetime in Eastern Europe and Croatia! Tour departing mid September this year- spaces are limited so get in touch quickly to avoid disappointment. Diamond World Travel: diamondworldtravel@mtatravel.com.au or 0401292534- Rebecca, 0403139314- Jane. See board.

'LET THE HEART LISTEN' is a 15 week x 3 hour program for people involved in listening to and supporting others. Facilitated by Carole Carmody rsm, the program runs 9.30am-12.30pm on Thursdays from 1 March to 21 June 2018 at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre, Box Hill. Cost \$650. Bookings: Tel 9890 1101 or email holsc@bigpond.com

WEEKLY QUOTE: *In marriage, the joy of love needs to be cultivated (Pope Francis)*

What's Happening in our Parish? Continued

WORKING BEE REPORT – SATURDAY 10 FEB, 2018

Once again the sun was shining as were the parents of St Mary's who came to lend a helping hand at our first 2018 Working Bee. Thanks to you all, our 5 acres was made to look simply fantastic.

Trees trimmed, rubbish removed, drains and gutters cleaned, the tree on the Piazza beautified at its base to save tripping hazards, William St Car Park Gardens weeded, lawns mowed, edges whipper snipped, gutters swept, planning for the new retaining wall at the MLC and even the Drone flew to look at the condition of the cross on the Church.

There were kids a plenty putting in an effort to make St Mary's look its best, great work kids.

There's always a bit of time to socialize, say g'day, have a cuppa and cake as well as a barbie lunch.

Congratulations to Felix Duchovny, who was this Working Bee's deserving winner of the \$5 Tuck Shop voucher.

Thanks to those people who kindly donated items and cash for our working bee, you can be assured that it was appreciated.

As we always say at the Working Bees, what is achieved cannot be achieved without your generous support and we appreciate the efforts of you all as you make it well worthwhile. Be proud of the support you give to St Mary's. Special thanks to all those who pitched in. From all of us at St Mary's MaD

PROJECT COMPASSION - please take home a Project Compassion box and/or donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lent themed "A Just Future". You will be empowering young people to build a just future for themselves, their families and their communities. **A Just Future starts with your support!** Donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, phoning 1800024413 or visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 8TH MARCH 2018 The theme for International Women's Day, is "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives". This year, International Women's Day comes on the heels of unprecedented global movement for women's rights, equality and justice. Sexual harassment, violence and discrimination against women have captured headlines and public discourse, propelled by a rising determination for change. International Women's Day 2018 is an opportunity to transform this momentum into action, to empower women in all settings, rural and urban, and celebrate the activists who are working relentlessly to claim women's rights and realize their full potential. For more information and resources please visit: www.unwomen.org/en/news/stories/2018/announcer-iwd-2018-theme or unwomen.org.au/campaign/international-womens-day-2018 or www.caritas.org.au/learn/global-poverty-issues/women-and-development

IN RESPONSE TO THE RECENT INVITATION FROM ARCHBISHOP HART, THERE HAS BEEN ORGANISED A DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE for Peace for all People of the world, but especially for the people of the Congo and South Sudan on Friday of the First Week in Lent, **23 February 2018**. Our day will start with 9:15am Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, which will continue until 7:30pm. Our Day of Prayer will come to a close with Stations of the Cross starting at 7:30pm finishing about 8:05pm.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS collect vouchers when you shop at Coles and put them in the box in the Gathering Space to give our Primary school the opportunity to earn sports gear.

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE is on sale again this year. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Prizes are 3 all new Suzuki Balenos, and 4th to 14th Prizes are Coles Myer Gift Cards. **The cost is still only \$2 per ticket.** All proceeds go to our Parish Community. Tickets will be selling soon.



Pope Francis @Pontifex Feb 10 The Lord is present in our lives, showing us all His love and encouraging us to respond with generosity.