

Sunday 18th March, 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

Sacred Heart, St. Mary's & St. Thomas the Apostle are all members of the Diamond Valley Deanery. www.diamondvalleydeanery.org.au; Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne: www.cam.org.au

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

204 Grimshaw St., Greensborough, 3088

Parish: 9435 1543

Presbytery: 9432 2515

Email: Greensborough@cam.org.au

Website: www.pol.org.au/greensborough

Secretaries: Frances Olofsson & Sharon Prosser

Communications Officer: Denise Chang-Faux

Mass Times

Monday: Liturgy of the word 9.15am

Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.00am & 5.45pm

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.

Parish School Principal

Mrs. Helen Anderson **Ph:** 9433 4000 **or Email**
principal@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au

Sacred Heart

25 Gipson Street,

Diamond Creek 3089

Parish: 9438 1159

Email: DiamondCreek@cam.org.au

Website: www.pol.org.au/diamondcreek

Secretary: Pat Guatta

Mass Times

Monday: Communion Service 9.15am

Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am

1st Saturday of the month: Vigil Mass at St. Peters Hurstbridge 7.15pm

Sunday: Mass 9.00am

Reconciliation Times

Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am

Parish School Principal

Mr. Jim O'Sullivan **Ph:** 9438 1590 **or Email**
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St. Thomas the Apostle

251 Diamond Creek Road,

Greensborough Nth 3088

Parish: 9434 7373

Email: greensboroughnorth@cam.org.au

Website: www.pol.org.au/greensboroughnorth

Secretaries: Mary Gargan & Lisa Leahy

Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass 10.30am

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.30am to 10.30am

Parish School Principal

Mr. David Delaney **Ph:** 9434 4565 **or Email**
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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.

5th 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 workplace

*God calls us into a mature and deeper relationship with every-
one we meet in our daily lives – in our workplaces, groups and
social settings.*

Caritas Australia

*"God wants us, by every means in our power, to lead others to
life."*

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

How can I lead others to life in Jesus?

*Our Partner Parishes respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of
this land and we pay respect to the Elders past and present.*

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.

ST MARY'S LIBRARY Father James Groenings *The Passion of Jesus*. 232.96 GRO. Using only classic Catholic Commentaries on the Scriptures, Fr. Groenings demonstrates the historical context and spiritual significance of each episode of the Passion of Jesus. From the Agony in the Garden through Our Lord's death and burial, every page of this book is replete with valuable lessons and superabundance of material for meditation and reflection. *Borrow from our library*. **Library catalogue available online at cloud.collectorz.com/247780**

Parish News Continued:

GREAT TRAVEL OPPORTUNITY—Discover new places and get to know your fellow parishioners on our amazing journey through the Capitals of Eastern Europe and Croatia! 24 Days Hamburg to Budapest and Croatia SEPTEMBER 2018 *Limited seats available *. Contact Rebecca 0401292534; or Jane 0403139314 for more information. diamondworldtravel@mtatravel.com.au . See noticeboard.

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.

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER –8am until 9am-parish house using Ignatian style prayer, contact Jacinta Bright - parish office on 9435 1543.

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.

COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS collect vouchers when you shop and put them in the box in the Gathering Space

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

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL enrolment for 2019 Prep classes now being accepted. You are welcome to come and see St. Mary's School on the following Open Days, or phone 94334000 for an appointment. **Open Days 28 March:** Tours 9.30am and 12.00pm. Twilight Opening from 4.30pm until 6.30pm; **26 April**-Tours 9.30am and 12.00pm. **8 May**- Information Night 7.00pm. **18 May**- Applications close

Community News:

FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH **Wed 21 March 12noon–1.30pm** at All Saints Anglican Church 14 Church St Greensborough. Fresh fruit and vegetables available after meal (gold coin donation). Contact Colleen Treacy on 0435107633 or treacy@optusnet.com.au See noticeboard.

ART FOR HOPE, AN ART EXPO on **Sat 24 March 7 - 9.30pm** at Diamond Valley Baptist Church, 309 Diamond Creek Rd Plenty. Entertainment by singer songwriter Levi McGrath, speaker, art display, food and drinks To purchase tickets go to: Adult: www.trybooking.com/UODO Child: www.trybooking.com/361076. See noticeboard

ART FOR HOPE FAMILY DAY on **Sun 25 March 12 - 3pm** at Diamond Valley Baptist Church, 309 Diamond Creek Rd Plenty. Gold Coin Donation, BBQ lunch available for purchase, play with paint and clay play session available for purchase and lots of free activities. All to raise awareness and funds for asylum seekers through the Houses of Hope Project. RSVP: ahuglin@gmail.com. See noticeboard

RECEPTIVITY – A HOLY WEEK REFLECTION FROM A FEMININE PERSPECTIVE on **Saturday 24th March from 10am- 12pm** at Kildara Centre, Rear 30 Stanhope Street, Malvern. There will be narrated presentation, scripture stimulus material, reflection and lectio divina, and discussion. Morning Tea - Fee: donation. RSVP **Wed 21st March** to Andrea Venier 95489432 or E: avenier@bigpond.com. See notice

ACCOMMODATION A lady in St James Road, Heidelberg has some very good accommodation available for a female person at a reasonable rate. For more information please contact Sr. Loreta on 9458 3077.

What's Happening in our Parish?

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

FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES We welcome Eucharist candidates and their families at Masses this weekend as they are presented to our Parish Community in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of First Eucharist later this year. Our prayers and support are with you all.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Monday 16th April, 7.30pm. Please keep the date free and be part of this very informative session. This year we have invited our Parish Groups, via a letter to group leaders, to send through a report sharing with the Parish what their groups have been doing. We look forward to welcoming you all.

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

HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES - HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER VIGIL and EASTER SUNDAY 29 March-April 1. Ministers of the Word, Prayer Leaders, Ministers of Communion, Altar Servers, Sacristans and Data Projectionists. If you are available to exercise your Liturgical Ministry during Holy Week ceremonies at St Mary's, we invite you to place your name on roster in Gathering Space.

Holy Thursday 29 March-Washing of the Feet Twelve parishioners required for Washing of the Feet during Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper-Holy Thursday. If you would like to be involved in this action of service, please place your name on the roster in Gathering Space.

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK A blessing service will be held on **Holy Thursday at 9.30am** for ministers who are taking Communion to the sick and housebound of our parish. Communion will not be available on Good Friday.

GOOD FRIDAY – Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm. The front row on both sides of the centre aisle will be reserved for **parishioners who have mobility difficulties** and Communion and the Veneration crucifix will be brought to them.

CHOCOLATE LAMBS FOR SALE - Gathering Space after masses **this weekend**. All proceeds assist the Polish Missionary Sisters in their care of orphans, and for priests and nuns working in various countries, and helping with setting up schools and children's education.

ST PATRICK'S MORNING TEA Over the past 51 years St Mary's Ladies Auxiliary has organised a function on or near St Patrick's Day. A morning tea will be held on **Wed 21 March-10.30am** in Gathering space. Entry \$5.00 per person. Invitation is extended to all parishioners, ladies and gentlemen to join us for wonderful music and great home-made food. Raffle tickets on sale after masses **this weekend** \$2.00 each. 1st prize 3 rooms carpet shampooed 2nd Prize Fishing rod. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990.

COMMUNAL LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE -Thur 22 March -7.30pm. Parishioners are warmly invited to share a cuppa after service.

A FORMATION EVENING for MINISTERS of the WORD and EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of COMMUNION for our partnered parishes, Sacred Heart, St Thomas' and St Mary's, to be held at **St Thomas' Church Greensborough North -Wed 18 April -7.30pm**. If you are interested in proclaiming the Word of God or assisting with distribution of Communion (or both) we would love you to come along to the Formation Session which will include the theological and historical background to both ministries and opportunity for practical input and feedback. Please contact Frances or Sharon at St Mary's Parish Office on 9435 1543 for an idea of numbers. Current Ministers who have not attended a formation session in recent years are also invited to attend to fulfil the Archdiocesan requirement of ongoing formation.

SLAVERY FREE CHOCOLATE THIS EASTER Children as young as 12 are picking cocoa in West Africa to make Easter chocolates. Some of these children are trafficked. Most are forced to pick cocoa from an early age for little or no wages, for long hours, in dangerous working conditions, with no possibility of attending school. Most have never tasted chocolate and never will. Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) is campaigning to ensure the chocolate we eat this Easter is slavery-free. *Social Justice Group*

Australian Catholic Bishops 2017-18 Social Justice Statement has the theme *Everyone's Business Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy*. The following is the fourth of ten steps suggested from the statement that we can take towards an Inclusive, Sustainable Economy.

Step 4. JOIN THE WORK OF COMBATING POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS

As people of the Gospel, we have to be concerned about growing inequality, and especially about the situation of the more vulnerable in our community. (Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.5)

Information and campaigns addressing the needs of people who are **unemployed** can be found at:

Catholic Social Services Australia: www.cssa.org.au

Australian Council of Social Service: www.acoss.org.au

Welfare Rights Centre: www.welfareinrightscentre.org.au

For information and campaigns supporting **vulnerable workers**:

Australian Catholic Council for Employment Relations: www.accer.asn.au

Australia Institute Centre for Future Work: www.futurework.org.au

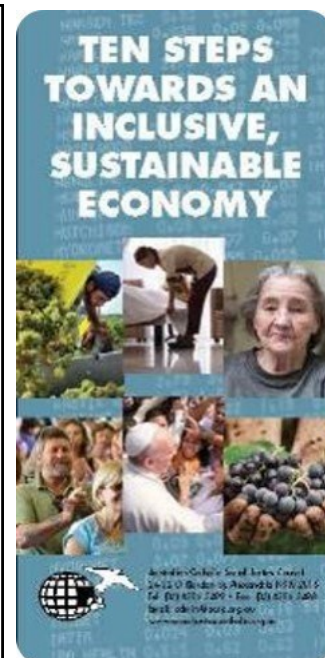
ACTU 'Change the Rules' campaign: www.australianunions.org.au/change_the_rules

Organisations addressing **housing affordability and homelessness**:

The Society of St Vincent de Paul: www.vinnies.org.au

Australian Catholic Housing Alliance: www.catholichousing.org.au

National Shelter: www.shelter.org.au & Homelessness Australia: www.homelessnessaustralia.org.au



Mass Times	6.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.00pm
Data Projection	Volunteer	P. Goulding	J. Corcoran	J. Ganter
Reader	C. De Costa	B./J. McDonough	P. Garrard	A.M. Bergin
Prayer Leader	L. Kempen	B./J. McDonough	J. Giudice	N.Ridler
Special Minister	Group B-5 Volunteers	Group E-7 Volunteers	Group H—3 Volunteers	Group K—5 Volunteers

Counters Morning:

Altar Society T. Spencer

Sacrificial Giving: \$3,304.50

Baptisms G. Schokman – 18/3/18

Thank you to contributors to the Parish Support Program

Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year B

18 March 2018

First Reading Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on my, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Jn 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus.

Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!'

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I can observe a baby, but the parents 'see' their baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into its personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response.

This Gospel passage begins with a request from some Greeks 'to see Jesus', surely in all the ways parents see their baby. They were trying to perceive what this Jesus was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future, hoping for a response.

And there was a response full of allusions to the future.

Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind. He foresaw being nailed to the cross which would be dropped upright into a hole in the ground.

Our Lord says of that scene: 'When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.' How were people drawn to this scene?

People saw the length to which Jesus was prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission to live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and wanted all people to share in Divine Life. This led to his being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life.

We could take a moment to pray that we will shortly see all this with the eyes of faith as we participate in the rituals of Good Friday and Easter.

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