

**Sunday 1st April, 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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**The Partnered Parishes of:**

**St. Mary's**

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**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.

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**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

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**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

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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 RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**



**CHRIST IS RISEN!**

**ALLELUIA!**

Let the risen Jesus enter your life –  
welcome him as a friend, with trust:  
he is life!

If up till now you have kept him at a distance, step forward.

He will receive you with open arms.

If you have been indifferent, take a risk;  
you won't be disappointed.

If following him seems difficult, don't be afraid.

Trust him, be confident that he is close to you, he is with you,  
and he will give you the peace you are looking for  
and the strength to live as he would have you do.

Pope Francis  
*The Church of Mercy*

*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** Francis J. Moloney, **A Friendly Guide to the Resurrection 232.97 MOL** This guide traces the earliest confessions of faith in the risen Jesus, from the first moments of the life of the Church, to the stories in the gospels and epistles which convey not only what happened but what it meant to the early Christians and what it continues to mean today. *Borrow from our library.*  
**Library catalogue available online at [cloud.collectorz.com/247780](http://cloud.collectorz.com/247780)**

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

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

**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.

**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 these 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 .** **26 April**-Tours 9.30am and 12.00pm. **8 May**- Information Night 7.00pm. **18 May**- Applications close

#### **Community News**

**SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL , PALESTINE AND JORDAN?** Led by Fr. Dean Bradbury. Join us for an information night and hear from John and Randa, who will be flying specially to present the information night. They are Christian natives, who lived in the Holy Land and will travel with you from Australia. **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 pm.** At St Christopher's Catholic Church parish Hall, 7 Doon Avenue, Syndal, Vic 3149. Please register your interest by contacting [randa@christianpilgrimage.com.au](mailto:randa@christianpilgrimage.com.au) or call Randa on 0431 125 533.

**MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS** The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Sunday 27 May at 11.00am**. Registrations can be made online at: [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily) or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5587 or emailing [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au). Registration closes **Friday 18 May**. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition. See notice.

**2018 CELTIC AND MUSIC TOUR OF IRELAND (September 22<sup>nd</sup> - October 6<sup>th</sup> 2018)** Enjoy 2 wonderful weeks traversing the spectacular Irish countryside; experience the hospitality of the Irish people whilst learning about their history and story. Enjoy Celtic music, cuisine and its unique spirituality. Travel in comfort by coach and enjoy relaxed atmosphere of a small tour. (20 people max) For itinerary contact Maria Forde on 0411158593 or [mariaforde1@gmail.com](mailto:mariaforde1@gmail.com) Or go to [www.mariaforde.com](http://www.mariaforde.com) and click on Celtic Tour 2018 link then 2018 itinerary.

**IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP 2018 NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE** The Sisters of St Joseph invite you to join the National Pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. Starts in Melbourne 23 October, travel through Victoria & South Australia, conclude in Sydney 3 November 2018. **COST EX MELBOURNE: \$3,230.00** (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). **SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$700.00** For further information, please contact Sr Therese Leydon 0417 683123 or Sr Annie Bond 02 89124818, or email [national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au](mailto:national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au). See noticeboard

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

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

**WELCOME** The St Mary's parish community welcomes all who have joined us for our Easter Celebrations.

**EASTER GREETINGS.** Easter is central to our Catholic Faith to offer us hope and new life. It brings many promises of God to us: life is stronger than death, love can overcome hate, goodness ultimately triumphs over evil and fullness of life with God is our destiny. May Jesus live in all our hearts, that we may always embrace Him with love and gratitude for the ways God blesses us. May God's love and peace fill our hearts, our lives, our homes and our families and bring to each of these new life. May God bless each of you and your loved ones this Easter. Frs. Steven, Dong, Tao, Jacinta Bright and Frances Olofsson, Sharon Prosser and Denise Chang-Faux.

**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.

**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 Mary's Church Greensborough, Wed 18 April, 7.30pm (please note change of venue.)**. If 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 includes theological and historical background to both ministries and opportunity for practical input and feedback. Please contact Frances/Sharon-St Mary's Parish - 9435 1543 so we have 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.

**PARISH SURVEY UPDATE** The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), in the second stage of our Parish Survey process, has attached collated responses from the Survey to this weekend's newsletter. These responses have also been sent to school parents via school communications. We have decided not to upload the Survey responses to our Parish website because of the sensitive nature of some comments and our wanting to respect that these comments belong to the people of our Parish. Responses cover Parishioners' feedback, including feelings, related to the Sexual Abuse of Children by Representatives of the Church, the Church's Response to Reports of Abuse and Reactions to the Royal Commission's Findings and Recommendations. Further Survey responses, collated under various thematic headings, will be distributed over time. From listening to these responses the PPC will distil its major focus for the coming years. Many of the responses affirm work already undertaken and so we will be strengthened in those areas. There are also challenges to and for our leadership and to individuals and groups. Parish Groups are encouraged to read the Report so that their own works and endeavours might be similarly informed. We are a mixed group of people, with varying views. All responses are treated with respect and we encourage our Parishioners to treat them likewise. We wish to respond and grow in a way that reflects the Church that we are called to become; a listening, healing and evangelising Church.

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS GROUP** will meet on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 10:00** in the Parish House, St Mary's Greensborough. Anyone wanting to pray for our children and youth are warmly invited to come along to pray and support one another, non-grandparents also welcome. For information call Maria or John 9467 5173.

**MATURE AGE GROUP** Please come and join us, on the **11th April 2018**, for a game of Bingo in the James Kierce Centre, meeting starting at **11.30am to 12.30pm with Bingo starting at 1.00pm**. We will also be collecting for our next outing to Woop Woop on the 9th May 2018, with 2 course lunch at Cumberland Hotel. \$47 Members, Non Members \$54 Bus will be leaving William Street entrance at 9.15am returning home 4.30pm. Please contact Geraldine 0438148896, Angela 9444 6298 Kay 9435 5736.

**MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE** now available in the Piety Shop. This month includes stories on Welcoming Refugees, The 2018 Year of Youth and monthly film and book reviews. At only \$4, it's well worth the read.

**Australian Catholic Bishops 2017-18 Social Justice Statement** has the theme **Everyone's Business**

**Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy.** The following is the fifth of ten steps suggested from the statement that we can take towards an Inclusive, Sustainable Economy.

## **5. STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE FIRST PEOPLES OF AUSTRALIA**

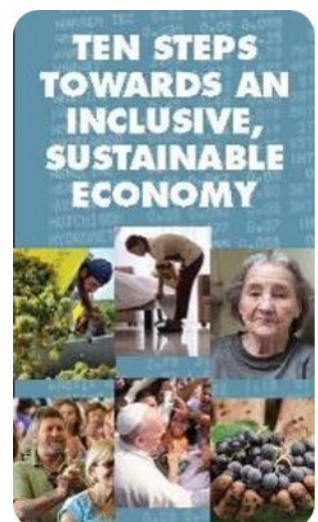
*Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities struggle with social and economic burdens that most Australians cannot imagine. That they are overrepresented on almost every indicator of disadvantage is a national shame* (Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.8)

Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people experience exclusion – from policy negotiations that affect their people and land, from a fair share of national prosperity, and often through being typecast as a burden on the broader community. We are called to support our Indigenous sisters and brothers in the pursuit of national recognition, reconciliation and social justice.

For cultural, Acknowledgement and liturgical resources, visit the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council: [www.natsicc.org.au](http://www.natsicc.org.au)

Join the movement for Indigenous recognition: [www.recognise.org.au](http://www.recognise.org.au)

Support the 'Close the Gap' campaign at: [www.antar.org.au/closethegap](http://www.antar.org.au/closethegap)





## First Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself; and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24**

*(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.*

or

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

## Second Reading Col 3:1-4

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

**or: 1 Cor 5:6-8**

*Throw away the old yeast, that you may be new dough.*

You must know how even a small amount of yeast is enough to leaven all the dough, so get rid of all the old yeast, and make yourselves into a completely new batch of bread, unleavened as you are meant to be. Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast, then, by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

## Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Jn 20:1-9

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the

linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

**or: Mk 16:1-7**

*Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified, has risen.*

When the sabbath was over, Mary of Magdala, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices with which to go and anoint him. And very early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, just as the sun was rising.

They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' But when they looked they could see that the stone – which was very big – had already been rolled back. On entering the tomb they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right hand side, and they were struck with amazement. But he said to them, 'There is no need for alarm. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified: he has risen, he is not here. See, here is the place where they laid him. But you must go and tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him, just as he told you."' "

**or at Evening Mass: Lk 24:13-35**

*They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.*

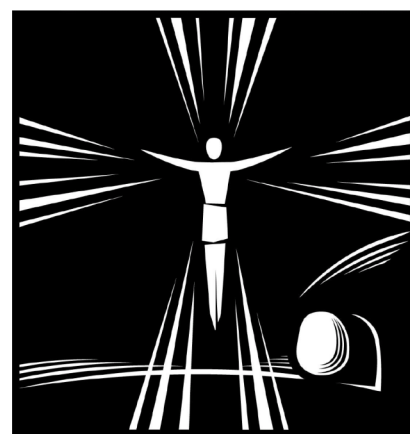
Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us; they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.



## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.

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