

**Sunday 22nd 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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**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 Good Shepherd**

Shepherds in first century Palestine were far from the idyllic Pastoral image that we generally associate with the image. They Occupied one of the lowest steps on the social ladder—men of such poor reputation that they could only be trusted around other people! Jesus' use of the image cut two ways: it was a confronting image for the audience; but it was also a challenge to those leaders who have been charged to 'shepherd' their people and behaved no better than thieves—Jesus was giving them an image of what it means to be a good shepherd.

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**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 Political Pope** George Neymayr [262.13 NEU] This is a bracing look at the liberal revolution that Pope Francis is advancing in the Church. To the radical academic Cornel West, “Pope Francis is a gift from heaven”. To many conservative Catholics he is the worst Pope in centuries. *Borrow from our library.* **Library catalogue available online at [cloud.collectorz.com/247780](http://cloud.collectorz.com/247780)**

#### **St Mary's Parish News 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.

**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.

**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 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** . **26 April**-Tours 9.30am and 12.00pm. **8 May**- Information Night 7.00pm. **18 May**- Applications close

*Keep in touch with school news—pick up a copy of the Candela in the Gathering Space.*

#### **Community News**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Our Lady's Parish in Eltham now has only one Sunday mass, which will be held at 9.30am.

**SACRED HEART LADIES DINNER** Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in Parish Hall \$30ph carvery & dessert BYO drinks and glasses. Raffle profits donated to charity. Final numbers for the caterer & payment by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May Contact Pat 9438 1159 (Parish Centre)



**6 April 1918 an American Catholic soldier at the Front, in a letter to his mother, relates what he calls “the story of the war”.** He says he heard it from a Protestant chaplain: “Somewhere in France there is a little church without a curé. Across its door hangs the red ribbon of the Legion of Honour, bestowed upon the church because its pastor cannot receive it; and unanimously voted to that church by freethinkers and atheists. A young priest, serving as a private, was in a dug-out at the Front, with a band of soldiers. A bomb, falling near the entrance, exploded, sending its fragments inside and mortally wounding every one of them. That priest, with both legs shattered, made his way about the smoke-filled cave and administered the last rites of the Church to every man in there before he himself died – just as the stretcher-bearers came to drag the victims out.”

*The covenant of love lived by the Holy Family of Nazareth illuminates the principle which gives shape to every family, and enables it better to face the trials of life. On this basis, every family despite its weaknesses can become a light for the world.*

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

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

On this "Vocations Sunday" we welcome Corpus Christi College seminarian, Jude Ezeme, at each of our Masses this weekend.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There has been a series of burglaries involving breaking into presbyteries and parish churches in nearby suburbs. I strongly encourage and request that you be vigilant with security if you have access to either the church or parish house.

**MEMORIAL MASS 9.15am next Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April.** 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.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORTS** are available on our website.—[www.cam.org.au/greensborough](http://www.cam.org.au/greensborough). If you would like a hard copy a small number is available at the Parish Office.

**VINNIES GREENSBOROUGH - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME** Our small group of about 15 active members invite you to join us in our work for disadvantaged people, including whole families, in the Greensborough / Watsonia area. **Women and men**, all are welcome to join with us in our work of assisting people with money for food, power bills, rent, pharmacy bills, school costs, and any other way we can assist people in need. Learn how the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) operates at the local level; how it all began; SVdP as spirituality in action; and the bigger picture of SVdP in Victoria, in Australia and internationally. We particularly welcome more women to join us, because many of the families we assist are women, alone or with children, but only about 30% of our current membership are women. Please ring Ian Fraser on 0412 658 968 for details about Vinnies and how to join.

**WE NEED HELP!** The Funeral Ministry Team needs assistance from people familiar with computers, to help with set up and running of slide and video presentations at funerals. You would be part of a great, committed team, who offer a practical and caring service to those who come for our help at the time of a funeral. Please contact the office on 9435 1543, if you have some spare time and would like to help.

**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 now.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO KEVIN McMAHON** on his appointment as Victorian State President of the St Vincent de Paul Society. A Commissioning Mass for Kevin will be celebrated on **Sunday 29 April 2018, 2.00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish Church** 251 Diamond Creek Rd, Greensborough North. Principal Celebrant: Rev Fr. Steven Rigo. Concelebrants: Rev Fr. Tony Kerin, Rev Fr. Tao Pham, Rev Fr. Dong Tran. *Refreshments will be served after Mass.* RSVP by Friday 20 April 2018 Email: [tracey.thomas@svdp-vic.org.au](mailto:tracey.thomas@svdp-vic.org.au)

**ANointing MASS.** All are invited to attend our Parish Anointing Mass on **Thursday 3 May at 11am** followed by a light lunch in the Gathering Space. If you intend staying for the luncheon, could you please complete and return an RSVP slip 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.

**CALLING FOR NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS** The Parish Pastoral Council works collaboratively with our Priests and Pastoral Associate as the leadership group of the parish. Every two years the Parish Pastoral Council has a renewal of its members to offer the opportunity for other parishioners to be involved in this leadership role and to bring in a new wave of energy to the group. We are currently calling for those who are considering becoming a member or those who are just curious about the council, to come along to our Discernment Day on **Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May from 9am-12pm**. There is some pre-reading, the 2018 PPC AGM Report and the PPC Guidelines, which is available through the parish office or from your friendly PPC member at mass. **Please inform the parish office or a member of your attendance by May 1<sup>st</sup>.** If you have vision, or if you are curious - if you have energy and commitment to the life of the church - then this is the place for you!

**LADIES AUXILIARY** Our Winter Warmers sale is on Weekend **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> May** after all masses. Donations of craft items would be appreciated. Many wheat bags for sale. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 and Lucy 9435 6990

**ALPHA TEAM TRAINING WORKSHOP—Saturday 12 May, 9am–4pm. St Mary's Catholic Parish, 204 Grimshaw Street, Greensborough.** Would you like to learn how to run Alpha in your parish? Alpha is an easy-to-use tool for evangelisation which has been used by thousands of Catholic parishes around the world. Alpha presents the core of the Christian faith, the Kerygma, in a welcoming and friendly way which appeals to millennials, and seeks to address their questions and concerns. This training workshop will look at where Alpha fits in the faith formation process in a parish and how Alpha can become an integral part of a parish pastoral plan to evangelise and grow missionary disciples. **Details and bookings:** Lorraine McCarthy on 0402 217 123 or [lorraine.mccarthy@alpha.org.au](mailto:lorraine.mccarthy@alpha.org.au)

## **FAMILY GROUPS ACTIVITIES FOR MAY—WHY NOT JOIN IN.**

1. 26<sup>th</sup> May—M & M's Dinner. Trivia Night
2. 27<sup>th</sup> May—De Costa—Cranbourne Botanical Garden
3. 27<sup>th</sup> May—Fernandes—Breakfast locally TBA



If you would like to join in one of the planned activities, if you are interested in learning more about family groups, or if you would like to join a family group, please call co-ordinators, Michael and Pauline Prendergast on 9434 2464

**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.



Mass Times	6.30pm	8.00am	10.00am	5.00pm
Data Projection	Volunteer	P. Goulding	J. Corcoran	T. D'Souza
Reader	D. Papworth	J. Ellis	Sr Theresa	N. Ridler
Prayer Leader	J./L. Hartigan	E. Smiddy	Sr Theresa	N. Ridler
Special Minister	Group C—4 Volunteers	Group F—7 Volunteers	Group I—3 Volunteers	Group L—5 Volunteers

**Counters Morning:** J. Berriman

R. Coyle

**Altar Society** T. Spencer

**Baptisms** G. Schokman – 13/5/18

**Sacrificial Giving:** \$3,397.00

*Thank you to contributors to the Parish Support Program*

## Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B

**22 April 2018**

### First Reading Acts 4:8-12

*This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29. R. v.22**

**(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

or:

**(R.) Alleluia.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.  
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:  
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R.)
2. I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
I will thank you for you have given answer  
and you are my saviour.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. (R.)

### Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-2

*We shall see God as he is.*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,  
by letting us be called God's children;  
and that is what we are.  
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,

therefore it does not acknowledge us.  
My dear people, we are already the children of God  
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;  
all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him  
because we shall see him as he really is.

### Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.*

*Alleluia!*

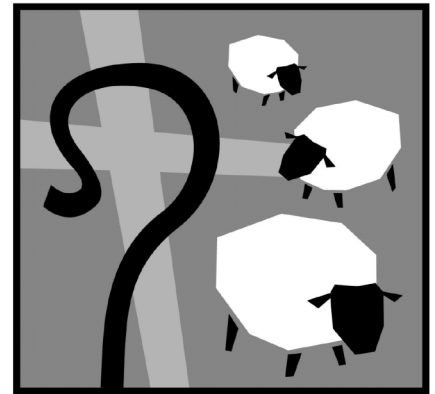
### Gospel Jn 10:11-18

*The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.*

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd:  
the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.  
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd  
and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;  
this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.  
I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own  
and my own know me,  
just as the Father knows me  
and I know the Father;  
and I lay down my life for my sheep.  
And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold,  
and these I have to lead as well.  
They too will listen to my voice,  
and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.  
The Father loves me,  
because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.  
No one takes it from me;  
I lay it down of my own free will,  
and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again;  
and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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### Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

In the regions where Jesus was an itinerant preacher, three or four flocks could be kept in a communal sheepfold for safety. In the morning, the shepherds would come and, as each called out, the sheep attuned to the sound of his voice would follow to life-giving pasture.

We are surrounded by hundreds of voices clamouring for our attention. We are bombarded by messages, social media incessantly chattering. Jesus invites us to get attuned to *his* voice, listening for the distinctive sound of it so that, even if it is faintly heard in a cacophony, we immediately turn toward it so that we can follow it in a life-giving direction.

How do we get attuned to that voice? By reading the gospels. A Chinese student once told me that the Chinese character for gospel is 'happy sounds'. I like the plural. Jesus' gospel voice is not a monotone but a polyphony sounding in different ways in different situations.

As disciples, we have to get onto the same wavelength as that voice so that we can echo it in our own lives. We become reverberations of Christ's voice in many different situations, helping him to lead others to life-giving pastures.

We could take a moment to pray for better listening so that we might recognise the gospel voice of Jesus Christ, especially at the moment of death. Then we may hear the one voice we need and long for: 'Today you will be with me in paradise.'

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