

Sunday 6th May, 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.

**Parish School Principal**

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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

**Parish School Principal**

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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

**Parish School Principal**

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**Communion to the Sick:**

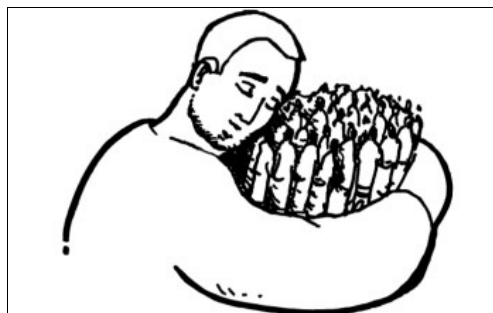
Any parishioner who cannot attend Mass due to illness and would like to receive Communion is asked to contact the parish office.

**Love**

Have you ever thought what it really means when Jesus commands us to love one another? At first, it seems like a simple commandment: I can love my family; my friends; I can even feel love for some people I've never met.

But there was a condition that Jesus placed on the command: love one another as I have loved you. How did Jesus love? Without restriction and without seeking something in return. He loved those that no one loved and he even loved those who hated him and sought his downfall. Can I love those who hate me? Those that others ridicule and despise? Can I love without counting the cost?

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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.

**Bonded through Tragedy** [959.86039 DEA] Hilton Deakin Hilton Deakin is a Catholic bishop and a key figure in East Timor's struggle for self-determination, who became a confidante to independence fighters and those in solidarity with them. At a time when most Australians had little knowledge of, or sympathy for the East Timorese under Indonesian occupation, Deakin became a voice for the voiceless. *Borrow from our library.* **Library catalogue available online at [cloud.collectorz.com/247780](http://cloud.collectorz.com/247780)**

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

**MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE** now available in the Piety Shop. This month includes stories on Bruce Cockburn and an article about reaching out to those in need, and monthly film and book reviews. At only \$4, it's well worth the 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.

**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** . **8 May**- Information Night 7.00pm. **18 May**- Applications close

#### **Community News**

**ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH – FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH – Wed 16 May**, 12 Noon. Great Food. Great Company. Just turn up on the day.14 Church St. Greensborough, opposite Target Carpark entrance. See noticeboard.

**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE DEATH OF A CHILD** Includes the death of a child before birth after birth, or at any age. Father Terry Kean and the Bereavement Support Team offer the opportunity for family members to participate in a gentle healing remembrance mass, for those who have experienced the grief associated with the loss of a child. At St Francis Xavier Church, Mayona Road, Montmorency on **Friday 18 May at 7.30 p.m.** We warmly invite you or anyone you know who has lost a child, to join us on this evening. Further information call Bereavement Support Team. Kaye -94314041; Maria -94312823; Anne- 94313437; Trish -0413520069

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit. *There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.* **2018 Melbourne weekend dates : 1-3 June, 17-19 August, and 9-11 November 2018** Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: PH: Andre and Maria 0411 225 992 Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

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

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

**FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES** We welcome Eucharist candidates and their families at our Masses this weekend as they receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Our prayers and support are with you all. May they always remember that they can turn to Jesus who is their true friend, and who will always lovingly care for them

**LITURGY GROUP** will meet this **Tuesday 8 May** in the Parish house. All parishioners are welcome.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS** The next roster – July to December 2018 - will be prepared soon. If you are no longer available for your ministry, wish to change your mass time or have changed your email address, please contact Marian by **Sunday 13 May** on 0409 591 527 or [mariantacey@optusnet.com.au](mailto:mariantacey@optusnet.com.au). Thank you.

**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 the church or parish house.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** It is with great pride we advise that on Sunday 29th April Kevin McMahon, a current member of our Parish conference, was formally commissioned as the new Victorian State President of the Society. Kevin is one of 5 parishioners of St Thomas' Parish who are members of our group and is perhaps not widely known within the St Mary's community. He has however been a serving member of our conference for some years working actively within our group and local community during this time. He is also a former President of our group and has held leadership roles within the Society's Diamond Valley Regional and Northern Central Councils. Kevin's spirit and dedication to service of the needy is exemplary of our conference and the Society. Both our Parish and our conference in particular are honoured by his appointment and we congratulate him. We assure him of our prayers and support as he undertakes the task of future leadership and guidance of the Society in Victoria.

**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. You can still purchase your tickets from the Parish Office.** Remember we had 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> prizes won by tickets purchased from St. Mary's last year. All proceeds go to our Parish Community.

**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)

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS GROUP** will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 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 are also welcome. For more information call Maria or John 9467 5173

**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](mailto:greensborough@cam.org.au). Please place 'Bulletin Distribution List' in subject. Thanks.

**ATTENTION CREDIT CARD CONTRIBUTORS PLEASE** contact the parish office on 9435 1543 or email to [greensborough@cam.org.au](mailto: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 the school news—pick up a copy of the Candela from the Gathering Space.*

**END POVERTY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION** The principle of the common good calls for an economy at the service of all, promoting development that is attentive to the social and environmental impacts of the market, now and for future generations. (Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.13) Global warming, environmental disasters and degradation have an increasing impact on the world's poor. For more information and helpful resources, visit Catholic Earthcare, the official ecological agency of the Catholic Church in Australia: [www.catholicearthcare.org.au](http://www.catholicearthcare.org.au). Over 800 million live in extreme poverty – one in nine people go hungry, mostly in developing countries. Find out more and donate at Caritas Australia: [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au). We all have a role to ensure Australia is a good global citizen. Individuals can do much, such as how we purchase and consume (visit the Fair Wear Foundation: [www.fairwear.org](http://www.fairwear.org)). Australian businesses should support ethical standards in developing nations (visit Jubilee Australia: [www.jubileeaustralia.org](http://www.jubileeaustralia.org)). Our government needs to ensure social justice in trade agreements entered into (visit the Australia Fair Trade & Investment Network: [www.aftinet.org.au](http://www.aftinet.org.au))





**First Reading**

**Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48**

*The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2**

*(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

*or:*

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10**

*God is love.*

My dear people,  
let us love one another  
since love comes from God  
and everyone who loves is begotten by God

and knows God.  
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,  
because God is love.  
God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean:  
not our love for God,  
but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Jn 15:9-17**

*No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.*

Jesus said to his disciples:  
'As the Father has loved me,  
so I have loved you.  
Remain in my love.  
If you keep my commandments  
you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's  
commandments  
and remain in his love.  
I have told you this  
so that my own joy may be in you  
and your joy be complete.  
This is my commandment:  
love one another,  
as I have loved you.  
A man can have no greater love  
than to lay down his life for his friends.  
You are my friends,  
if you do what I command you,  
I shall not call you servants any more,  
because a servant does not know  
his master's business;  
I call you friends,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.  
You did not choose me,  
no, I chose you;  
and I commissioned you  
to go out and to bear fruit,  
fruit that will last;  
and then the Father will give you  
anything you ask him in my name.  
What I command you  
is to love one another.'



**Reflection by Greg Sunter**

As a young person, there is nothing better than being in love! Sure, loving your family and being loved by them is pretty important, but to 'fall in love' with someone and have that love returned is something quite extraordinary. Love sets us on fire! To be loved by someone else makes all the tough times endurable; it makes us believe in ourselves because someone else sees something worthwhile within us. It's exciting and it's incredibly life-giving!

This is something of the message that Jesus is trying to convey to his disciples in this week's gospel. He is trying to share with them some understanding of the incredible joy he experiences through his relationship with the Father. And just as he is loved by the Father, so Jesus loves his disciples and so are they invited to share in the love of the Father. Jesus' whole mission and ministry was to share with people the love of God that he knew so intimately. His actions towards the 'lesser ones' of the world was to demonstrate to them that they are not only worthy of love but were already loved. Jesus tells his disciples that all they have to do to constantly remain in his love is to keep his commandments and then he clarifies for them that his only commandment to them is to love one another as Jesus loved. To live in the love of Jesus and know the love of the Father, all we have to do is love one another. It seems simple. The challenge is that we are to love all people – even those who make our lives difficult and unpleasant. As we are told in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, 'If you love only those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them!' (Lk 6:32; Mt 5:46)

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