



Sunday 13th 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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Email: Greensborough@cam.org.au

Website: www.pol.org.au/greensborough

Secretaries: Frances Olofsson & Sharon Prosser

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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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Diamond Creek 3089

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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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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

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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.

Proclaim Good News

Francis of Assisi is credited with saying, 'Preach the gospel at all times and when necessary, use words!' In every interaction we have we say so much about who we are, what we think of the other person and what we believe—even without opening our mouth. Our actions and attitudes proclaim our beliefs more powerfully than our words ever do. If we claim to be concerned about justice and yet behave unjustly then it is our actions, not our words, that will be heard! When we are called 'proclaim the Good News' we are called to do this first and foremost in action.



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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.

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St Mary's Parish News Continued:

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE now available in the Piety Shop. 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

Community News

MASS BY CANDLELIGHT at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham on **Thursday, 17th May**. Celebrated in the spirit of Taizé, Mass will commence at 8pm, following a time of quiet reflection. For all enquiries, please contact Rose 9434 3962 or Sandra 9434 7553.

SOUTHERN STARS SOCIAL CLUB Over 28's Party Night on **Saturday 19 May** at Benedict House, 301 Warrigal Road, Burwood. Cost \$13.00 includes supper and lucky door prizes. Catholic Social Club for single Catholics in the 25 to 60 year age group. Enquiries ring Peter on 9885 2167 or email sssc.starsc@gmail.com or see <http://sites.google.com/site/sstartssc>. See noticeboard

'CATHOLIC MAN BREAKFAST SERIES' featuring Daniel Wells, current Collingwood Champion. At the CQ Club, 113 - 123 Queen St. Melbourne, **7am – 9am Thursday 24 May**, \$45/head. Enquiries and bookings: Michael Bohan 0439172465, michael.bohan@menalive.org.au. The **Catholic Man Breakfast Series** is an opportunity for men to gather and to be encouraged and inspired in their faith. See noticeboard.

PARISH REFLECTION NIGHT - PEOPLE COME FIRST at St Martin of Tours, 1 Silk St. Rosanna. **Thur 24 May 7.30-9.00pm**. Parish reflection on the Pastoral Theology of Pope Francis (the impact of his first 5 years as our Pope). Conducted by Br. Mark O'Connor. See Board.

HEART WOMEN'S CONFERENCE 21-23 June at Ibis, Melbourne. A time to come together as women to be refreshed and renewed in our busy lives. Spoil yourself. Dream again. Feel loved, honoured and cared for. Full registration cost: \$199. Register: Heart.TheCatholicGuy.com. Email: heart@TheCatholicGuy.com. Tel: 1300 734 880. See noticeboard and there are limited brochures.

Pope Francis @Pontifex—The Ascension of the Risen Jesus contains the promise that we too will participate in the fullness of life with God.



What's Happening in St Mary's Parish?

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

WELCOME NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS! - The PPC would like to warmly welcome our new members, Nick Scully, Sue Hollowood, Lauren Hartigan and Raj Joseph. They bring a new energy and fresh ideas to our group and we are all looking forward to working together to lead and support our amazing St Mary's community. To all of our members who have finished their time on the council; Trevor D'Souza, Peter McKenna, Pat Gullone, Michael Lawton, Tiffany Davis, David Marshall and Bernadette Douglas, a special thank you for your contribution over the years and thank you to your families for supporting you in your role on the PPC.

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE—ALL TICKETS SOLD OR UNSOLD MUST BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY MONDAY 14TH MAY TO ENSURE THEY GO INTO THE DRAW. All proceeds go to our Parish Community.

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. Thank you.

LADIES AUXILIARY Next meeting - **Wed 16 May -10.15am** in the Parish House. New members most welcome. After our very successful morning tea in March we have had many requests to have another one, before the cold weather sets in! As a result our next Morning Tea will be **Wednesday 23 May in the Gathering Space at 10.30am**. \$5.00 per person. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990.

CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY 20 MAY Next weekend is Chaplaincy Sunday in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year the Melbourne Catholic Archbishop's Charitable Fund conducts a special collection in all parishes to support the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains. Our focus for 2018 is Prison Chaplaincy. The relationship and collaboration between prisoners and Chaplains whilst they are in prison is vital to restoring them back onto the road again to re-join society: with dignity and self-respect, with a sense of hope and responsibility for new pathways, with a sense of personal power and control over their own life, and hopefully with new skill sets and options. You are invited to take home the envelopes this weekend and bring back next week with your donation. Donations raised each year are directed towards supporting Chaplains who work with: People in custody in prison, young people in youth justice facilities, patients and their families in public hospitals, people living with HIV/AIDS, Seafarers. Details: The Office of Philanthropy: 9926 5731 or www.cam.org.au/chaplaincy.

AN END OF AN ERA AND THANK YOU. Due to continuing health problems it has become necessary to close the Agape (formerly Alpha) Prayer Group and we wish to thank all past and present participants and visitors who regularly met with us for scripture reflection and short courses over the past 18 years. During this time we have encountered and have been blessed with many lifelong friendships. One of the blessings has been to see participants blossom in their daily lives and participate in various ministries in their parishes. Thank you also for the many emails, phone calls of encouragement and gratitude that we have received over the last few weeks and for all the support and care over the years. We are confident that your journey will continue in strength and your love of scripture will sustain you. We would encourage you and other parishioners to participate in the Alpha Course which will be starting soon as St Mary's. God bless Jo and Sam Giudice.

ALPHA IS COMING TO ST MARYS! SO WHAT IS "ALPHA"? It is a series of interactive sessions, run over a number of weeks, that explore the basics of the Christian faith in an enjoyable and engaging way. Each evening, we share a light meal (provided), watch a short video and then chat about the video, and the issues raised, in small groups. The videos are very professional and well-produced. It is a great refresher for Catholics, and it is fun! The evenings are designed to encourage conversation and explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment.. It will start on **Monday 21 May** and run weekly for 11 weeks from 7 to 9 pm. But we not asking you to commit for 11 weeks - please just come to the first session and see if you want to continue. If you would like to come along (or would like more information), contact Trevor D'Souza (0435 823 002) or Tim Hamilton (0412 070 511). We need to know numbers for catering.

ST. MARY'S TENNIS CLUB is looking for players next season commencing Term 3 2018 for the following:

Juniors – DVTA Friday twilight, NEJTA Saturday morning. **Seniors** – HDTA Tuesday Ladies (day), NENTG (nights) Tuesday Men/Vets, Wednesday Women, Thursday Mixed, DVTA (night) Thursday Men. We also offer a Monday night Social play at our Kalparrin courts for anyone interested. For more information, email stmarystennis56@gmail.com before May 18th.

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.

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.



A Mothers' Day Prayer—We thank you God for our Mothers. We thank you that she gave us life and nurtured us. She gave us our faith, helping us to know you and to know Jesus and his ways. She taught us how to love and how to sacrifice for others. She taught us that it was okay to cry and that we should always tell the truth. Bless her with the graces she needs. Help her to feel precious in your eyes and to know that we love her. Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace. Bless her this day and always with your love.

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:

a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope

his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Or Optional Reading for Year B

Eph 4:1-7. 11-13 (or longer form Eph 4:1-13)

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they

will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Risen Lord could have appeared to groups of followers generation after generation until now. But he withdrew his visible bodily presence from us. Why? I think because he needed to wean human beings from our tendency to be self-centred. The Resurrection starts the transformation of the *whole* of creation, not just us.

Ordinary human beings are the heart and mind and voice of non-angelic creation. We love and understand and speak on its behalf. The transforming effect of Our Lord's glorified humanity is much more profound. Every molecule, every quantum of energy, the past, present and future are all in the process of being changed towards 'the fullness of him who fills the whole creation'.

At every Mass, this divine resurrection power is at work. Elements of the universe, wheat-bread, grapes-wine, become the Real Presence of Our Lord's glorified body.

The privilege of a ministerial priest is to be the ritual servant of this divine transformation. Invoking the Holy Spirit and reciting the words of the Last Supper is the priest's role in Our Lord's creative real anticipation of the end of time.

We could take a moment to pray for the grace to let go of our self-centredness, to stop staring into the empty sky as though lamenting Our Lord's absence, and to savour the privilege of receiving his Real Presence in the transformed elements of creation as we and they share in that Holy Communion which is the destiny of the whole cosmos.

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