

Sunday 3rd June, 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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<u>St. Mary's</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>	<u>St. Thomas the Apostle</u>
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Website: www.pol.org.au/greensborough	Secretary: Pat Guatta	Secretaries: Mary Gargan & Lisa Leahy
Secretaries: Frances Olofsson & Sharon Prosser	Mass Times	Mass Times
Communications Officer: Denise Chang-Faux	Monday: Communion Service 9.15am	Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am
Mass Times	Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am	Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Monday: Liturgy of the word 9.15am	1st Saturday of the month: Vigil Mass at St. Peters Hurstbridge 7.15pm	Sunday: Mass 10.30am
Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am	Sunday: Mass 9.00am	Reconciliation Times
Saturday: Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm	Reconciliation Times	Saturday: 9.30am to 10.30am
Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm	Parish School Principal	Parish School Principal
Reconciliation Times	Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am	Mr. David Delaney Ph: 9434 4565 or Email
Saturday: 9.00am & 5.45pm	Parish School Principal	Principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au
Baptisms	Mr. Jim O'Sullivan Ph: 9438 1590 or Email	
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.	principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au	
Parish School Principal		
Mrs. Helen Anderson Ph: 9433 4000 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.

Words of Institution

The words of the gospel passage in which Jesus takes bread and wine and blesses them will be familiar. They are the words used at the consecration of the bread and wine during the Mass. The words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper are regarded as instituting the celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus took an act that was familiar to the Passover meal and gave it a new meaning and a new significance for his followers. What had been a memory of escape from slavery in Egypt became an ongoing reminder of Christ's continued presence in the Eucharist and in the Eucharistic community.

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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.

Pope Francis/Andrea Torielli, **The Name of God Is Mercy 261.8345 FRA** For the first time, Pope Francis addresses each woman and each man on Earth in a deep, simple and intimate dialogue. Through his own experience as a priest and shepherd, the Pope talks about Mercy, a subject of central importance in his teaching and testimony. It is the summing up of his teachings and papacy. *Borrow from our library.* **Library catalogue available online at 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.

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

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.

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.

Keep in touch with the school news—pickup a copy of the Candela from the Gathering Space.

Community News

LIVE-IN 'WINTER WISDOM WEEKEND' Retreat in the Company of the Mystics' from **4pm Fri 8 June -4pm Sun 10 June** at Community of the Holy Name Retreat & Spirituality Centre in Cheltenham. Includes guided reflection, opportunities for spiritual companionship, sharing and input.. Facilitated by Carole Carmody rsm and Marlene McGrath. Cost \$195 including accommodation and catering. More information and bookings: holsc@bigpond.com or tel 9890 1101.

MCAULEY COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR WOMEN - afternoon tea to fund raise for the *McAuley Community Services for Women* who provide much needed support to women and children who have to leave their homes because of family violence. **Sat 16 June** at St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 290 Childs Rd, Mill Park, **2 – 5 pm**. To book a seat at the table, go online: trybooking.com <https://www.trybooking.com/371837> Or, contact Anne 0400501164 or Maree 0418139653

REFRAMING RETIREMENT - Does our sense of vocation, or calling, end with RETIREMENT? We invite you to join us as we reflect on this important stage of life. The Day will be held at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre in Box Hill and facilitated by a qualified Clinical Psychologist/Spiritual Director on **Saturday, 7 July 2018 from 10 am – 4pm**. Cost \$60. Enquiries and bookings can be made by reply email (holsc@bigpond.com) or 03 9890 1101 or www.heartoflife.melbourne.

DIAMOND WORLD TRAVEL 2019 TRIP—Discover new places and get to know fellow parishioners on an amazing journey through the Capitals of Eastern Europe and Croatia. 23 days Berlin to Dubrovnik—May 2019. Limited spaces still available. A few copies of the itinerary are available in the Gathering Space. See noticeboard.



What's Happening in St Mary's Parish?

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE—Until further notice there will be no running water in the Parish House. So tea-making facilities and use of toilets will not be available for meetings held in the house. Apologies for the inconvenience, but all the plumbing in the house is to be replaced.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEKEND In Hakha, a remote town in the mountainous north of Myanmar, St John's School is educating local children with a child-centred methodology. Three of the teachers at St John's have been trained through the Pyinya Sanyae Institute of Education (PSIE) in Yangon, and have been posted to this school to help local children learn in a modern way that maximizes their potential. Your support through Catholic Mission can enable PSIE to continue training teachers and help improve education across the country. You can also help St John's School add grades to ensure continuity of education, and become economically sustainable. You will have an opportunity to become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as a monthly giving partner. This regular contribution will directly support education in Myanmar. Freecall 1800 257 296 or catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar

NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP—meeting on **Monday the 4th June at 7.30 in the parish House**. We will be discussing Asylum Seekers and the Government changes that have made their situation in Australia more difficult. All welcome.

BEANIES, SCARVES AND GLOVES are needed by the Asylum Seeker Resource Group for their people, who are facing the coming winter without enough warm clothing. All donations to be placed in the box in the Gathering Space.

SILENCE IN THE LITURGY In response to comments expressed in the Parish survey, and in line with General Instructions of the Roman Missal, a period of silence will follow the Homily. This will provide an opportunity for personal reflection on the Word of God, and complement the silent periods we already observe after the first and second readings. The first collection will be taken up after this period of reflection.

2018 ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL—The **Winter Appeal to be conducted over the weekend of 16/17 June** is Vinnies' major mid-year appeal. Your donations in past years have been distributed to support local families in need – donations for which those families and we, the Greensborough Conference, are heartily thankful. Again this year, we are asking for cash or credit card donations, to provide direct financial support to families, to meet their immediate needs. Please place your donations in the envelopes provided at each Mass on 16/17 June and put them in the leaving collection. More envelopes will be provided in the gathering space if required. Collection bins will also be provided on that weekend for any non-perishable food items which might be donated. Thank you. Ian Fraser, President.

MATURE AGE GROUP Please come and join us for an outing to the Casino on the **13th June 2018**, included in the price is a Buffet Lunch, cost Members \$21.00, Non Members \$23.00. Seats still available. Bus will be leaving William Street entrance at 9.15am returning home 3.00pm. Please contact Geraldine 9435 4306, Angela 9444 6298 Kay 9435 5736

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.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS GROUP will meet on the 2nd 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.

FAMILY GROUPS ACTIVITIES FOR JUNE - WHY NOT JOIN IN.

Group 1. 17th June Lunch at the Eltham Hotel

Group 2. 24th June Lunch at the old England

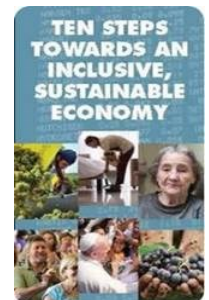
Group 3. Date TBA Mexicana at the Dooley Cantina .



If you would like to join one of the planned activities and learn more about Family Groups at St. Mary's please contact Pauline or Michael Prendergast on 94342464

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE— available in the Church Shop at \$4. This month's issue talks about child safety, the story of St Vincent's hospital in Melbourne and some film reviews. Well worth a read.

INCLUSIVE ECONOMIES, GLOBAL CITIZENS: YOU, ME, US. When it comes to building an inclusive economy, we all have a vested interest and we all have a responsibility to be involved. This is not a task that can be left just to governments or the market. Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.15) Popes Benedict XVI and Francis have made strong calls for a more inclusive economic order. Study their Encyclicals, Caritas in Veritate and Laudato Si'. Access at the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council: www.acsjc.org.au/social-teaching/encyclicals .The United Nations is working with governments, businesses and civil society to mobilise efforts to achieve the Sustainable Development Agenda 2030. Find out about the 17 Sustainable Development Goals and how individuals, organisations and communities can take action: www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/takeaction



Please help if you can— Some of you at 10.00am Mass may have met or seen Michael. Michael lives in supported accommodation nearby and loves to come to Mass. Our parish has a small group of people transporting Michael each Sunday. St Mary's is an important part of Michael's life, just as it is for each of us. Well, we need more people, to join this team of happy volunteers. Michael is a lovely man with a cheeky grin. If you are interested, please contact the parish office, on 9435 1543.

First Reading Ex 24:3-8

This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 115:12-13. 15-18. R. v.13**

*(R.) I will take the cup of salvation,
and call on the name of the Lord.
or*

(R.) Alleluia!

- How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
- O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. (R.)
- A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 9:11-15

The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal

redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

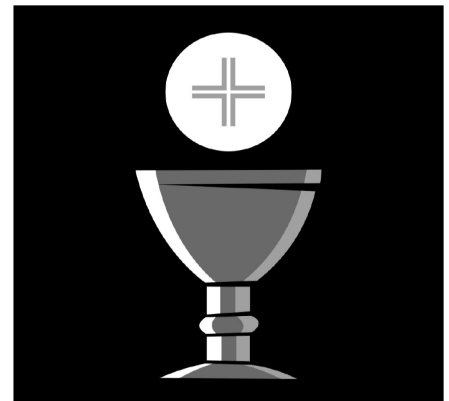
Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52*Alleluia, alleluia!**I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;**whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!***Gospel Mk 14:12-16, 22-26**

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The readings, which reflect some aspect of the feast, feature three prominent themes: the importance of blood in the ratification of the covenant; the atoning actions of Christ; the attitude of thanksgiving.

Most people today would probably be repelled by the ritual use of blood. Yet birth blood is not subject to the same revulsion, nor is blood transfusion frowned upon. Blood is recognised as a life force, and blood relationships are cherished. In a sense this ritual makes us blood sisters and brothers of God and of each other. It seals our fate and it entitles us to the family inheritance.

This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant.

How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (@|eucharistia|@). We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.

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