



Sunday 1st July, 2018

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

Pastoral Associate: Jacinta Bright

Assistant Priests: Fr. Dong Tran & Fr. Tao Pham

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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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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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.

What's my haemorrhage?

In the gospel story, the woman suffers a serious physical complaint—an unending flow of blood—that must have left her physically, emotionally and spiritually exhausted. For many of us there is some aspect of our lives that has an almost equally draining effect as the physical complaint of the woman. In effect, some aspect of our lives may be haemorrhaging—a constant outflow of energy and emotion that prevents us from being all that we might be. It may be an unhealthy relationship; an addiction; a lack of confidence, a grudge, a lack of emotional control.

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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.

Come and See: How the Teachings Of the Catholic Church Lead Us to Christ by Louis Bosco [282 BOS] will help the reader to go beyond merely knowing what the Church teaches to understanding why she teaches it and how her doctrines really do bring us closer to Jesus. *Borrow from our library. Library catalogue available online at cloud.collectorz.com/247780*

St Mary's Parish News Continued:

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.

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.

Community News

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH – FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH – Wednesday 18th July, 12 Noon. Great Food at no cost. Great Company- a listening ear for those who need one. Just turn up on the day—14 Church St. Greensborough, opposite Target Carpark entrance. See noticeboard for more details.

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE 16 Week course “Early Religion: An Alternative History” **Fridays 12.30pm to 2.30pm from 20th July**. Website: www.u3adarebin.com.au. Email info@u3adarebin.com.au or Tel: 9489-2103. See noticeboard for course outline—limited copies.

MARRIAGE COURSE The aim of The Marriage Course is to help couples grow closer and build a healthy relationship. Over eight sessions, couples learn practical tools to help them invest time in their marriage, heal ways they've hurt each other, discover how their partner feels loved and more. Begins **Thurs 19 July** at St Francis of Assisi Parish 290 Childs Road Mill **Park in the Small Hall, at 6:30pm**. Please do not hesitate to contact us on **0439 612 694**, or desimonefamily@bigpond.com if you have any further questions **Chiara & Elio DeSimone**

CURRENT JOBS LISTED ON THE CAM WEBSITE:

Expression of Interest - Administrative Staff (Casual & Short-Term) Opportunities;
Digital Content Producer, and Editor, at Archbishop's Office of Evangelisation - East Melbourne;
Manager, Asset Management, East Melbourne;
Parish Assistant, St Brendan's & Holy Rosary Parishes, Flemington;
Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper, Saint Luke the Evangelist, Blackburn South;
Parish Secretary, St Jude's Parish, Scoresby.
Further details can be found at: <http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

What's Happening in St Mary's Parish?

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

SPECIAL LEAVING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND for Peter's Pence. Annual Collection for the Holy Father. Thank you.

MATURE AGE GROUP Please come and join us for an outing to the Tigers Clubhouse at Hoppers Crossing on **Wed 11 July**, Christmas in July, includes a 3 Course Meal and entertainment the Beach Boys, cost.—Members \$25.00 Non Members \$28.00. Seats still available. Bus leaves William Street entrance at 9.15am returning 3.00pm. Please contact Geraldine 9435 4306, Angela 9444 6298 Kay 9435 5736.

LADIES AUXILIARY We are getting together at Watsonia RSL on **Wednesday 18th July at 12 noon**. Our friends and supporters are welcome to join us. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990.

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY is celebrated today. It is a time when Catholics all over Australia acknowledge and celebrate the gifts that indigenous people bring to the Catholic Church in Australia. This year the theme is "Because of Her, we can" acknowledging the women at the forefront of the communities and holding families together. It is a time for us to reflect on our own individual relationship with Australia's First Peoples. Social Justice Group

ST. VINNIE'S SLEEPOUT This year the 2018 Vinnies Diamond Valley Community Sleep out aims to raise \$50000 to support people, especially single parents and their children, that experience disadvantage and hardship in the Diamond Valley region. People from our St Mary's family will be "sleeping out" for one night to gain some understanding of what it feels like to experience homelessness. It is also an opportunity to raise much needed funds to support people doing it tough in our St Mary's community. On Saturday 7 July Peter McKenna, John Wood, Sally Kerr (Yr. 6 K) and Amelia Morse (Yr 4 M) will be representing St. Mary's in this event. We also have local MP Colin Brooks and Banyule Mayor Mark Di Pasquale (whose children attend St. Mary's school) also supporting this event by sleeping out too. Last year with generous support from our community, we raised a combined \$3000. Please support our team again this year by making a donation at the Parish Office or securely use the following link <https://vinniescommunitysleepout.gofundraise.com.au/page/DiamondValleySleepout2018>

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES have written letters to parishioners. about themselves and their confirmation preparation. Please take a letter and share your experience. Letters are available from the basket on the table in the Gathering Space. Thank you-Year Six teachers.

ALPHA - A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY— Have you wondered about the meaning of life? Are you looking for purpose and answers to the big questions? Join us to explore these questions in a friendly, open and informal environment. Each evening, we share a light meal (provided), watch a short and engaging video followed by a discussion in small groups. Join us on **Tuesday evenings at St Mary's Church, 7-9:15pm from 17 July**. Sign up in the Gathering Space or contact Jo Giudice 0411 045 572 or Trevor 0435 823 002 for more information.

ALPHA IS COMING TO ST MARY'S AND WE NEED YOUR HELP! – Do you make great lasagne or amazing casseroles? A fantastic pasta bake or warm hearty soup? Perhaps you can provide a dessert, cake or slice to have with coffee? The Alpha team is searching for some talented cooks to help us cater for our weekly meetings from July 17 to September 25. Don't think you can do each week? That's fine! We'd still love to try some of that amazing food. Any assistance appreciated. If you think you could help, please contact Jo Giudice 0411 045 572.

SUCCESSFUL OPENING FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL—Thank you to all parishioners at St Mary's and St Thomas' for a very successful opening weekend for our Vinnies Winter Appeal. The total sum donated from the two churches last weekend was \$7,750 - a record for the first week. We know that donations continue to arrive for two or three weeks after the appeal weekend, and so we might reach \$10,000 cash donations this winter, along with items of food, blankets and clothing which we have also received. Meanwhile, our two primary schools have collected a total of 45 laundry baskets of nutritious long life foods to be distributed as food parcels to the people we assist. Thank you all. Ian Fraser, President, Greensborough Conference.

VOLUNTEERS AT THE AUSTIN HOSPITAL: Parishes in our area have a long history of doing voluntary work at the Austin Hospital. This ministry takes different forms. Some volunteers offer to visit the hospital during the week, offering prayer, support and Communion to the Catholic patients. Others help once a month checking which patients would like to attend Mass at the hospital chapel, while other volunteers help wheel the patients to and from the chapel. Some parishioners support this ministry by being present at this Mass. Mass at the Austin Hospital is on the third Sunday of the month at 9:30am. (There is also Mass at the Repatriation Hospital chapel on the fourth Sunday of each month at 11:00am.) All volunteers working at the hospital need to be registered. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact St John's parish office (94571066 / heidelberg@cam.org.au). Thanks for your support



Thank you to the parishioners for their generosity in supporting the 2018 Big Group Hug winter drive. You donated 87 pairs of socks, 86 underpants, 58 singlets and 18 pyjama sets. What a fantastic effort! On behalf of the many children who will benefit from your kindness, I would like to thank you for your support and helping to keep them warm, from top to toe, both big and small. Noah 5L.

ST MARY'S PARISH LIBRARY The Library is about to conduct a stock take. Can any borrowers who have overdue items please return them as soon as possible? Thank you. Library Committee.

Stay in touch with the school news—pick up a copy of the Candela from the racks in the Gathering Space.

Quote: When I meet someone who is getting married I say to them, "You are the ones who have courage!" Because it is not easy to form a family, not easy to commit your lives forever; it takes courage. And I am proud that you are courageous. (Pope Francis)

First Reading Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24

It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world.

Death was not God's doing,
he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.
To be – for this he created all;
the world's created things have health in them,
in them no fatal poison can be found,
and Hades holds no power on earth;
for virtue is undying.
Yet God did make man imperishable,
he made him in the image of his own nature;
it was the devil's envy that brought death into the
world,
as those who are his partners will discover.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13. R. v.2

*(R.) I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.*

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
And have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the
dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into
the grave. (R.)
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment: his favour
through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with
dawn. (R.)
3. The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into
dancing.
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 8:7. 9. 13-15

Your abundance should supply their want.

You always have the most of everything – of faith,
of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for
any cause, and the biggest share of our affection
– so we expect you to put the most into this work
of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord
Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for
your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty.
This does not mean that to give relief to others
you ought to make things difficult for yourselves:
it is a question of balancing what happens to
be your surplus now against their present need,
and one day they may have something to spare
that will supply your own need. That is how we
strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who
gathered much had none too much, the man
who gathered little did not go short.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Tm 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away
with death*

and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 5:21-43

or shorter form Mk 5:21 1-24. 35-43

Young girl, I say to you, arise.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the
other side, a large crowd gathered round him
and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the
synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name,
and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded
with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is
desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on
her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus
went with him and a large crowd followed him;
they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered
from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long
and painful treatment under various doctors,
she had spent all she had without being any
the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse.
She had heard about Jesus, and she came up
behind him through the crowd and touched his
cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had
told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source
of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt
in herself that she was cured of her complaint.
Immediately aware that power had gone out
from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and
said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples
said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing
round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"'
But he continued to look all round to see who
had done it. Then the woman came forward,
frightened and trembling because she knew
what had happened to her, and she fell at his
feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,'
he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go
in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived
from the house of the synagogue official to say,
'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to
any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard
this remark of theirs and he said to the official,
'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he
allowed no one to go with him except Peter and
James and John the brother of James. So they
came to the official's house and Jesus noticed
all the commotion, with people weeping and
wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to
them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The
child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed
at him. So he turned them all out and, taking
with him the child's father and mother and his
own companions, he went into the place where
the child lay. And taking the child by the hand
he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means,
'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got
up at once and began to walk about, for she was
twelve years old. At this they were overcome with
astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not
to let anyone know about it, and told them to
give her something to eat.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage presents two
miracle accounts, one, in effect,
'interrupting' or being framed by the other.
Jesus is approached by the synagogue
official, Jairus, to come and heal his dying
daughter. In the milling and surging crowd,
Jesus suddenly becomes aware of being
touched by someone. The story of the
woman with a haemorrhage is a story of
social and religious isolation as much as it
is a story of illness and pain. Because of
the Jewish prohibitions against blood, the
woman would have been regarded as
permanently impure and unclean. She
would have been unable to engage in any
worship; she could not touch another
person without also making them unclean;
she was effectively outcast for the 12 years
of her illness. She knew it would be
forbidden for her to touch Jesus openly but
took her chances of being unobserved in
the crowd – she risked all on the belief that
even touching Jesus' cloak might heal her.
Jesus immediately stopped and drew
attention to the woman. By doing so he
made it clear to her that it was her faith
that had healed her (a feature of healing
stories in the Gospel of Mark). His actions
also made it clear to the crowd that she
was now healed and should not be
shunned any longer; she was publicly
declared fit to re-enter society and religious
participation. After 12 years of virtual non-
existence, the woman was now able to
begin her life again. The delay, however,
meant that Jairus' daughter was dead by
the time Jesus arrived. Undeterred, Jesus
performs another miracle and raises the girl
from death. The girl was 12 years old – the
same 12 years the woman suffered with a
haemorrhage – and now she too was able
to begin her life again. There is a neatness
and a completeness about the two stories.

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