

Sunday 8th July, 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>Mass Times</u> 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	<u>Mass Times</u> 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	<u>Mass Times</u> Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm Sunday: Mass 10.30am
<u>Reconciliation Times</u> Saturday: 9.00am & 5.45pm	<u>Reconciliation Times</u> Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am	<u>Reconciliation Times</u> Saturday: 9.30am to 10.30am
<u>Baptisms</u> 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.	<u>Parish School Principal</u> Mr. Jim O'Sullivan Ph: 9438 1590 or Email principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au	<u>Parish School Principal</u> Mr. David Delaney Ph: 9434 4565 or Email Principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au
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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.

Acknowledging the close at hand

Today's gospel reminds us that we can fail to see the value of those with whom we are very familiar. Although we proclaim that we seek the face of Christ in the face of those we meet it may not at times occur to us to look on our family and close friends in the same way. It may seem unlikely that God might come to us in the guise of a family member. Perhaps next time we are irritated by a brother or sister or the overly protective actions of a parent we should remind ourselves that we are looking into the face of God.

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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:

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, the Plenary Council 2020 and some film reviews. Well worth a read.

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. "A HOLY HOUR in front of the BLESSED is worth more than a thousand years of human glory." ST PADRO PIO.

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

TRUE NORTH Young Adults coming together in Faith and Friendship. This group is the central group for all Northern region where the parish does not have a young adult group at the moment. Even if you have your own group, you are more than welcome to join us and share your faith with others! **Next group gathering: 8th July, 6.30pm - 8pm**, St Monica's Parish, Moonee Ponds (Mass at 5.30pm), Topic: Stress (How to deal with stress?) **Next social gathering:** 26th July, 6.30pm - 8pm, Six30 Holy Hour at St Patrick's Cathedral. See noticeboard.

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

THE MARRIAGE COURSE –aim is to help couples grow closer and build a healthy relationship to last a lifetime. Over eight sessions, the 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 much, much more. Starts **Thurs 19 July**. -St Francis of Assisi Parish 290 Childs Road Mill Park in the Small Hall, at 6:30pm. Contact **0439 612 694**, or desimonefamily@bigpond.com if you have questions. Chiara & Elio DeSimone. See Noticeboard.

OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE HEIDELBERG—School Tours: Thur 19 July 4.30-6pm twilight tour; Tues 31 July 9-10.30am. Experience the OLMC community for yourself! Applications close Fri August 3. See Noticeboard.

CATHOLIC LADIES COLLEGE Junior Art Exhibition and Twilight Tour **Wednesday 8th August 4.00-6.00pm**. Book a tour and experience our Junior Art Exhibition. Register at www.clc.vic.edu.au/tours. **Year 7 2020 Enrolments close 17th August, 2018**. See noticeboard.

What's Happening in St Mary's Parish?

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

LITURGY GROUP will meet this **Tuesday 10th July at 7.30pm** in the parish house. All parishioners welcome.

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 for lunch on **Wednesday 18th July at 12 noon**. Our friends and supporters are welcome to join us. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990.

FORMATION FOR MINISTERS OF WORD held in the Gathering Space of the church at **10am July 24**. Enquiries - Parish Office 9435 1543

NAIDOC WEEK, celebrated this week, celebrates the history, culture & achievements of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander peoples. The theme is "Because of Her We Can". Aboriginal women continue to fight for justice, equal rights, access to education & employment. They still maintain & celebrate their culture, language, music & art. Sadly, women's roles have often been invisible, unsung or diminished. Social Justice Group

DEAR FRs. STEVEN, DONG AND PARISHIONERS. Thank you for the very gracious and loving farewell morning tea with which you blessed me before my leaving St. Mary's Parish. I enjoyed it so much and am deeply grateful for your thoughtfulness and care and also for the opportunity it gave me to THANK YOU! I has been privilege, gift and blessing for me to have shared life with you during these nine years and I thank you, each once, for the inspiration of your faithfulness and friendship. I am missing you very much and remember you in my prayers each day and hope you will pray for me too. You will be in my heart always. With my love, Sr. Theresa.

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 video followed by a discussion in small groups. **Join us Tuesday evenings at St Mary's Church, 7:00pm – 9:15pm commencing 17 July**. The only cost is a \$5 donation for the meal. Please register by calling Jo Giudice 0411 045 572 or Trevor 0435 823 002.

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.

FAMILY GROUPS ACTIVITIES FOR JULY - WHY NOT JOIN IN

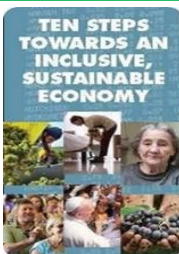
1. 22nd July Christmas in July -Yarra Valley Country Club
2. 29th July - Open House in the City
3. 22nd July Off to the Movies - TBA



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

WYD08 Reunion. *You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.* **5pm Sunday 22 July in the church.** Please join the pilgrims to celebrate Mass and remember WYD08 & Days in the Diocese. We intend to gather at La Porchetta Restaurant in Greensborough after mass. All welcome.

WANT TO DISCOVER NEW PLACES AND GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW PARISHIONERS? Join us on our amazing journey through the Capitals of Eastern Europe and Croatia! Small private group departure. Information Session **Thursday 19th July 7.00pm** in the Gathering Space. Contact Jane Hally or Rebecca Tonkin for more information. diamondworldtravel@mtatravel.com.au See Noticeboard.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS 2017-18 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT has the theme Everyone's Business Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy. The following is the eight of ten steps suggested from the statement that we can take towards an Inclusive, Sustainable Economy.

CALL FOR CHANGE AS A MATTER OF FAITH *We call for a new approach that prevents exclusion from the outset and, like the owner of the vineyard in our Gospel reading, engages all people as dignified, active contributors to sustainable and inclusive growth.* (Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.3)

In baptism, each one of us is called to share in the ministry of Jesus Christ – to bring good news to the poor and let the oppressed go free (Luke 4:18). We are asked to serve people in need – in our workplace, church or social groups, whether known or unknown to us, on the streets or in the broader community. In solidarity, we must challenge views that condemn them. We work for an economy that prevents exclusion.

Pope Francis has instituted the annual World Day of the Poor for 19 November. In his inaugural message for the day (2017), he says: *Blessed, therefore, are the open hands that embrace the poor and help them: they are the hands that bring hope. Blessed are the hands that reach beyond every barrier of culture, religion and nationality, and pour the balm of consolation over the wound of humanity. Blessed are the open hands that ask nothing in exchange, with no 'ifs' or 'buts' or 'maybes': they are hands that call down God's blessing upon their brothers and sisters.*

First Reading Ez 2:2-5

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. (R.)
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 12:7-10

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special

boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

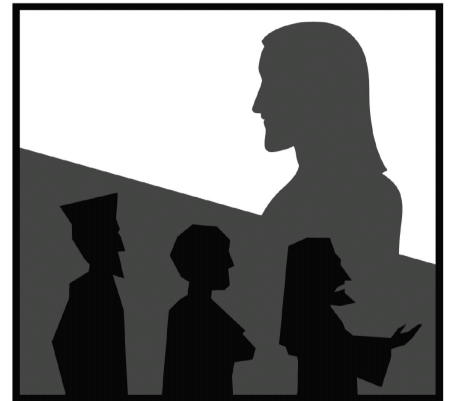
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:1-6

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

**Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

I recommend viewing the film 'Billy Elliott' in which a youngster found that his body 'went electric' when he danced. To give expression to this, he had to break from the expectations of his family in a decaying mining town in the north of England.

Jesus had a similar experience. His home town of Nazareth wanted to keep him in the box they could deal with: 'the carpenter's son'. But he was aware of a divine dynamism which welled up from the depths of who he was and it had to find expression in 'mighty works'. So, he left Nazareth, never to return.

Each person has a unique identity and role conceived by God. Of course, we must be careful not to stifle it in others. But, first, we must try to discern what it is for ourselves. Why was I loved into existence just now, and not in the third or the twenty-third century? The cosmos as desired by God will be incomplete if I let others dictate who I am. God's plan of salvation history will be disrupted if I don't fulfil the role he wants me to play.

We could take a moment to pray for certain gifts of the Holy Spirit; understanding and wisdom to be enlightened as to one's unique identity and role, and then courage to persevere against the odds, perhaps confounding the expectations of others, so as to go on and perform his 'mighty works'.

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