

**Sunday 15th 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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**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.

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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.

**Travelling Light**

Jesus made it plain to the disciples that they were to travel unencumbered by the extras of life. In fact they were to carry next to nothing and rely on the goodness of others. The challenge to travel lightly through life is a difficult one in a world today that is dominated by material possessions. In the race between the 'haves' and 'have nots' the 'haves' are way out in front. The gospel passages challenges us to think about the 'things' with which we burden ourselves. What is really necessary to live a good life and follow Jesus?

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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.

**Bible Basics for Catholics: A New Picture of Salvation History** by John Bergsma 220.6 BER From biblical scholar John Bergsma comes this fresh, fun, and authentically Catholic introduction to the "big picture" of salvation history *Borrow from our library.*

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

**MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE**— available in the Church Shop at \$4. 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. "Every time we look at the BLESSED SACRAMENT our place in Heaven is RAISED FOREVER." GERTRUDE the GREAT.

**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. Just turn up on the day—14 Church St. Greensborough, opposite Target Carpark entrance. See noticeboard for more details.

**MASS BY CANDLELIGHT** at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham-**Thurs 19 July**. Celebrated in the spirit of Taize, Mass at 8pm, following a time of quiet reflection. Prayer ministry and supper available after Mass. For all enquiries please contact Rose 9434 3962

**RETIREMENT OF ARCHBISHOP DENIS HART** Mass of thanksgiving in honour of Archbishop Denis Hart's service to the Archdiocese over 51 years in St Patrick's Cathedral on **Saturday 21st July at 11.00am** with refreshments to follow in Central Hall, 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy. RSVP <https://www.trybooking.com/WXJV> by **Wednesday 18th July**. See flyers gathering space and noticeboard.

**LET LOYOLA ENTERTAIN YOU** Robbie Williams Tribute Show -**Sat 4 August at 7.30pm** at Watsonia RSL. Includes 3 course meal, drinks at bar prices. Raffle and silent auctions. 80's and 90's music. Dress: smart casual. Book: [www.trybooking.com/375109](http://www.trybooking.com/375109). See noticeboard.

**LOYOLA REUNION** on **Sunday 5th August 2pm-5pm** in the Functions Room, Old Loyola celebrating the classes of 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013 and 2016. Enjoy a glass of champagne, finger food, photo displays and take a tour of the College. Catch up with old friends and celebrate by having your photo taken in our photo booth. Free event. Register at [www.trybooking.com/viqp](http://www.trybooking.com/viqp). See noticeboard.

*What can be more beautiful than for a father and mother to bless their children at the beginning and ending of each day, to trace on their forehead a sign of the cross, as they did on the day of their baptism? Pope Francis*

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

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

**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

## **A BROKEN CHURCH IN A BROKEN WORLD - A REFLECTION DAY**

In response to comments made in the recent parish survey, and through various other interactions, revealing feelings of disappointment, shock, humiliation and anger at the revelations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Abuse, noticing also a certain malaise in the Church and sensing a mixture of concern and desperate hope for what our Church might become in the future, in a world which seems to be increasingly fearful and divided – this reflection day invites us to honour and name feelings like shame, concern or fear, and despair or hope as important insights and to be open to the Spirit who is already at work in the mess. How might we cooperate with God in transforming the Church so that we become the Body of Christ; a broken Body in a broken world? Pick up a flyer from the Gathering Space.

Date: **Saturday August 4th**

Time: **10.00am until 3.30pm**

Venue: **St Thomas the Apostle church, North Greensborough**


Facilitator: **Jacinta Bright**

Jacinta is our Pastoral Associate and also a Spiritual Director

Bring a small plate of lunch to share. Please contact St Mary's Parish Office on 9435 1543, or email Jacinta at [Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au](mailto:Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au) with enquiries and, so that we have an indication of number, to let us know if you will be joining us on the day

**THANK YOU** for your Sacrificial Giving contribution over the last financial year and for your support over the years, without which the work of the parish could not be maintained. New envelopes will be available in the Gathering Space as from this weekend – 14/15 July. In the past, many receipts have not been collected or are not required, so in our continued endeavours to save paper, a printed tax receipt will be supplied upon request. Soft copies are also available. As from last Financial Year there is no tax deductibility as there is no contribution to the School Building Fund. The Parish Finance Committee decided this as the school has become less dependent on Parish contribution and the Parish is dependent entirely on the contribution of Parishioners. At the same time, Parish School parents were asked to contribute \$120 per annum per family if not currently contributing to the Parish Support Program. As such there will be no Tax Deductibility on your Parish Support Program contribution. If your envelopes are missing or you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

**SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL** Thank you to all parishioners at St Mary's and St Thomas' for a very successful Vinnies Winter Appeal of 2018. The total sum donated from the two churches was \$10,256 as cash donations, which is \$1,500 more than the Winter appeal of 2017. Items of food, blankets and clothing were also donated, to help people make it through the winter. Our two primary schools 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.

 **ALPHA - A journey of discovery** - Is there more to life than this? Have you wondered about the meaning of life? Join us for a journey of discovery exploring this and many of the big questions. Church Gathering space, 7.00pm **this** Tuesday commencing with a light meal, followed by short video and small group discussion. To assist with catering, please contact Jo Giudice on 0411 045 572 or register on form in Gathering Space or speak to Team member after Mass. A small donation for meal is welcome.

**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.

Please see below listed all current roles listed on the CAM website.

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Further details can be found Archdiocese website at: <http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

**CARMEL RITCHIE'S ART**—Three talented local artists exhibit their art in the room above the Book Shop, opposite Eltham Central Place. **1st to 30th July.** UNIQUE STATUES AND PAINTINGS by Carmel Ritchie (St Mary's Primary School Art Specialist Teacher). **Open daily 9.30am to 3.00pm.** See Noticeboard.



**First Reading Am 7:12-15**

*Go, prophesy to my people.*

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."' "

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8**

**(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.  
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

**Second Reading Eph 1:3-14 or shorter form Eph 1:3-10**

*Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.  
Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.  
Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.  
He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their

course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.  
And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.  
Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

**Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

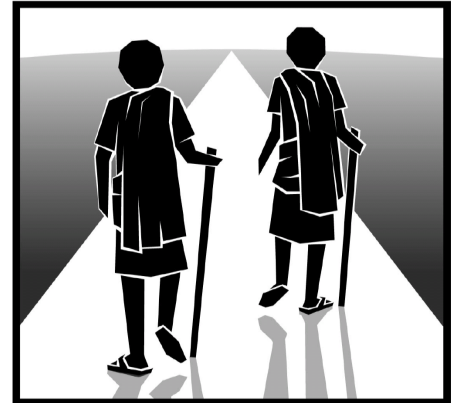
**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!**

**Gospel Mk 6:7-13**

*He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.*

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

God chooses ordinary people and confers on them an extraordinary responsibility. Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores. Most of the apostles were fishermen. Paul was a tentmaker. Christians today are mechanics and clerks, teachers and engineers, doctors and housekeepers. These are all people following ordinary trades or professions, but what they do in them is truly remarkable. They touch minds and hearts and souls, and they heal them. They instruct and comfort people, and they help to drive out the demons that possess them. They participate in very ordinary ways in the extraordinary establishment of the reign of God.

Jesus inaugurated the reign of God on earth. He chose disciples and sent them out to continue the work that he had begun, to preach his gospel and, through healings and exorcisms, to conquer the forces of evil that threatened that reign. And now we have been called; in him we have been chosen, in all of our brokenness and vulnerability. The task to which we have been called is awe-inspiring; and every spiritual blessing in the heavens has been bestowed upon us so that we will be able to accomplish it. If we allow Christ's saving power to take possession of us, we too will further his prophetic ministry. We will bring the saving grace of God to the world that is terrified and that writhes in pain; we will bring it to those places where healing is needed and where demons still hold sway. We will bring all things under the headship of Christ.