

Sunday 12th August, 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

204 Grimshaw St., Greensborough, 3088

Parish: 9435 1543

Presbytery: 9432 2515

Email: Greensborough@cam.org.au

Website: www.pol.org.au/greensborough

Secretaries: Frances Olofsson & Sharon Prosser

Communications Officer: Denise Chang-Faux

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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principal@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au

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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

Mr. David Delaney **Ph:** 9434 4565 **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.

Living Bread

There is an obvious connection between this week's reading and the sacramental celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus describes himself as living bread and then says whoever eats this living bread will live forever. These words capture the essence of the Church teaching about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus is present in several ways at the celebration of Eucharist, particularly present in the bread and wine that become his body and blood.

Through our celebration of the Eucharist, Jesus offers us his continuing, enduring presence.

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What's Happening in St Mary's Parish?

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

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal—This weekend. Donations from our parish will help CatholicCare to support the most vulnerable people in our community. If you have forgotten to bring your donation with you, please take an envelope home and return it directly to CatholicCare.

ASSUMPTION MASS TIMES WEDNESDAY 15th AUGUST are 9.15am and 7.00pm.

LADIES AUXILIARY meeting **Wed 15 Aug -10.15am** in Parish House. New members welcome. Enq: Maureen 94355906 Lucy 94356990.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS GROUP meet 2nd Tuesday of the month-10:am Parish House, St Mary's Greensborough. Anyone wanting to pray for children and youth invited to pray and support one another, non-grandparents welcome. Call Maria or John 9467 5173.

WRITE TO SENATORS TO OPPOSE EUTHANASIA The Senate will soon vote on a Bill which would allow territories to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide. Please contact your senators TODAY and ask them to protect vulnerable people by voting against the Bill. Visit the HOPE website to send your message <http://www.no euthanasia.org.au/sign>

LITURGY NOTES—The Word of God At Mass we listen to the Word of God and reflect on its message. God's Word is active. It is both a word to be heard and a guide to the way we live. We are called to take the Word of God with us in our hearts when we leave the church and return to our everyday lives. As a reminder of this call, at the end of Mass the lectionary, open at the Gospel reading of the day, will be placed on the front of the ambo facing the congregation. The Word of God will leave the church in the hearts of the people rather than a closed book.



PLENARY 2020—STAY TUNED—THIS PLENARY IS VITAL TO THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH—EVERY PERSON'S VOICE NEEDS TO BE HEARD. All Australians are invited to engage in an open and inclusive process of listening, dialogue and discernment about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. More to follow. Details: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

SUMMARY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING— 8th August 2018. A School Advisory Board report was delivered by Sue Holwood. The initiative of the Respectful Relationships program to be implemented at the school was highlighted and discussed. Also ongoing discussion occurred about how the PPC could continue to respond to the Parish Survey. A summary of the "Liturgy" and "Leadership" responses will soon be included in the newsletter and will also be available via email. A plan for Parish involvement in Plenary 2020 was tabled and discussed. A PPC member will inform Parish members about our Plenary 2020 involvement at masses on the weekend of 18/19 August. The Parish Pastoral Council is attempting to address the possible impact of the North East Link on St. Mary's Parish.

MINISTRY TO CHILDREN. We need volunteers to be part of a roster to provide **Children's Liturgy of the Word**, for our children at Mass. No experience necessary. We provide resources and training. It is a simple Ministry offering many blessings; to the children, to the facilitators and to the parish. Just before the readings, children go out of the church with facilitators, to spaces we will allocate in the Gathering Space, Library and Sacristy. The facilitators help the children understand the Gospel in simple ways and provide an activity. The children and facilitators come back into the church at the time of the Offertory Procession. Please consider being part of this important ministry. Contact Jacinta Bright on 9435 1543 or jacinta.bright@cam.org.au.

Music and Children thank you for the wonderful support for this special initiative. Please encourage others to come along and join in. Grandparents might like to bring grandchildren. Our school families are being encouraged to come along. Please make everyone feel welcome. Don't forget the **Activity Sheets** provided in the Gathering Space. Even if your little ones; children or grandchildren, are not at mass, perhaps you could take one home for them.

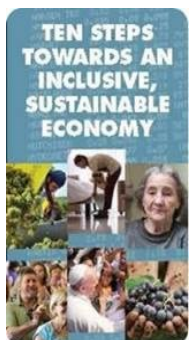
FAMILY GROUPS ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST—WHY NOT JOIN IN.

1. 19th August—Men's Cooking Night
2. 26th August De Costa—Lunch and Movie—The Green
3. Date TBA—Mayall's World of Mystery



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

Australian Catholic Bishops 2017-18 Social Justice Statement has the theme **Everyone's Business Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy**. The following is the ninth of ten steps suggested from the statement that we can take towards an Inclusive, Sustainable Economy. **GET ACTIVE** Work with others in your parish and local community to research the issue and to raise local awareness, including with other groups who hold similar concerns. We are called to give voice to those who have been cast aside and, in solidarity, to call for an inclusive economy at the service of all. (Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.17). Don't leave it to others: this is everyone's business and we all have a part to play! Join your parish social justice group. Or organise a special meeting. Discuss social issues of your local community. Identify needs. Invite experts and guest speakers. Address issues that concern you. Join campaigns of like-minded groups. Consider what your parish and community groups can do to mark Anti-Poverty Week. In 2017, it runs from 15 to 21 October: www.antipovertyweek.org.au. Don't waste the gift of living within a democracy. Meet with your local State and Federal Member of Parliament. Voice your concerns. Seek action. (Federal contact details at: www.apf.gov.au **Senators and Members/Members**). Give voice to those who are excluded – email, write letters, call talk-back radio, call your MP. Submit articles to your local newspaper. Raise awareness. Challenge myths and stereotypes. Bring about change.



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.

Flying in the Face Of Tradition by Louis DeThomasis [282 DET] The current quandary that the Roman Catholic Church finds itself in right now is what Brother Louis DeThomasis calls "a crisis of confidence" in this insightful, provocative, and hopeful new book. He points to the way of unravelling the quandary by returning the church's historic belief in tradition- "the lived experience of the faithful" - as a source of ongoing revelation and renewal. *Borrow from our library.* **Library catalogue available online at cloud.collectorz.com/247780**

St Mary's Parish News Continued:

ST MARY'S PARISH LIBRARY The Library stocktake is now complete. A few items are missing. Can all library users please check for any overdue items you may have at home and place in Library return chute (at left of Library door)?

WELCOME Parishioners are invited and always welcome to come in and make a cuppa and have a



Parishioners are cordially invited with their friends and families to attend a morning tea and presentation introducing Catholic Super on **Sunday 26th August after the 10am Mass**. Listen to Catholic Super staff as they describe the great benefits and features of belonging to Catholic Super. The fund aims to help you achieve lifelong financial peace of mind for you and your loved ones.

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.

THE SECRET IS OUT GERTRUDE THE GREAT said "Every time we look at THE BLESSED SACRAMENT our place in Heaven is RAISED FOREVER".

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

HEALING MASS—Thur 16 Aug at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham. Commencing 7.30pm with Praise & Worship followed by Mass, which will include the Sacrament of Anointing. Prayer Ministry and supper available. Details, Emilia 9435 7475 or Rose 9434 3962.

LOYOLA COLLEGE Important closing date – Year 7, 2020 The closing date for students wishing to enrol into Year 7 at Loyola College is August, 17th 2018. If you have any questions please contact our Registrar, Anita Plant PH: 9433 0203.

ANNUAL LUNCH for Montmorency Asylum Seekers Support Group. **Fri 7 Sept from 12.30pm** at Bridges Restaurant, Hurstbridge. speaker- Professor Gillian Triggs, former President of the Australian Human Rights Commission. Cost \$40 Book <https://www.trybooking.com/405572>

POPE FRANCIS AND THE DEVOLUTION OF RESPONSIBILITY TO THE LOCAL CHURCH An evening with John Allen, Jr. on **Thurs 6 Sept 7pm** at St Peter's Church, 844 Centre Road, East Bentleigh. Bookings essential at Try Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/WWRZ>

Cost \$20 For information contact: Jack Stuart jgpstuart@hotmail.com 0416034144. See noticeboard.

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:4-8

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its
boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all his terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard
him
and rescued him from all his distress.
(R.)
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to
rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.
(R.)

Second Reading Eph 4:30-5:2

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another,

and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the living bread from heaven, says
the Lord;*

whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:41-51

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me
unless he is drawn by the Father who
sent me,
and I will raise him up at the last day.
It is written in the prophets:
They will all be taught by God,
and to hear the teaching of the Father,
and learn from it,
is to come to me.
Not that anybody has seen the Father,
except the one who comes from God:
he has seen the Father.
I tell you most solemnly,
everybody who believes has eternal life.
I am the bread of life.
Your fathers ate the manna in the desert
and they are dead;
but this is the bread that comes down
from heaven,
so that a man may eat it and not die.
I am the living bread which has come
down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for
ever;
and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

There are times God seems to ask too much of us. We labour for others, but do not see the fruits of our labour. Our families take us for granted, and we are exploited at work. This is particularly trying when we only wanted to be of service to others, to help them wherever we could. What's the point of giving of oneself when it only seems to be futile? In this we are like Elijah.

There are other times when we are challenged to change our way of thinking and to accept what seems to make extraordinary demands on us. A new way of understanding church may call us to be open to the cultural diversity within the community. Or it might claim that we have a responsibility toward the poor and homeless in our midst. New biblical insights make us question our familiar understanding of God or of Jesus or of ourselves. In this we might be like the Jews who murmured against Jesus.

We want evidence to substantiate these radical new claims. But the evidence that Jesus offered could only be accepted in faith. And so it is with us. When we ask God for some kind of sign that will assure us that this new challenge is really what God wants, the answers received must themselves be accepted and understood in faith. The only assurance we have is rooted in faith, and those who are not open in faith will not understand. God does indeed ask a great deal from us.



Plenary Council 2020

Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

Pope Francis' vision for a listening church

**Thursday 30 August
7:30pm - 9:30pm
St Francis Xavier Hall
88 Mayona Road, Montmorency**

The Diamond Valley Deanery and Yarra Deanery in partnership with the Archbishop's Office of Evangelisation (AOFE) invite you to a conversation on the Plenary Council 2020: "Pope Francis' vision for a listening church" with facilitator and presenter Fr Noel Connolly.

Fr Noel Connolly SSC is a lecturer in Missiology at both the Broken Bay Institute and the Catholic Institute of Sydney. He is also a member of the Adult Formation Team with Catholic Mission Australia and has recently been appointed by the Australian Bishops to the Facilitation Team for the Plenary Council 2020.

The Program for the evening will help us become aware of the challenges of becoming a synodal church. It will give an introduction to the Plenary Council processes of listening and dialogue. Much of the evening will be in the form of Q&A.

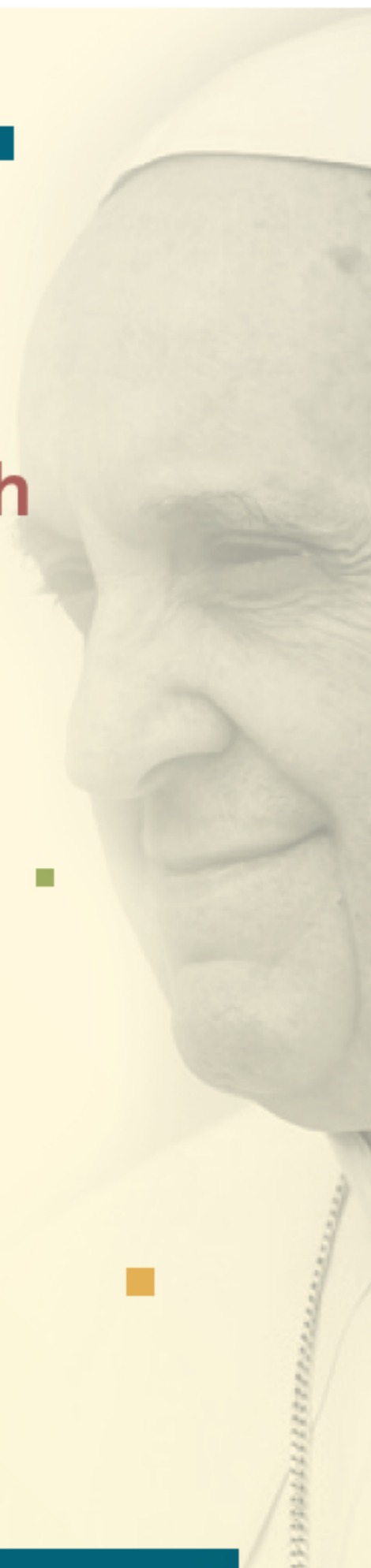
REGISTER ONLINE

RSVP by 25 August at www.trybooking.com/WXRZ

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In the zone

A conversation on the role of sport in building community, celebrating the human spirit and imparting worth—and not just the monetary kind. Featuring voices from Melbourne's *other* religion: Footy!

MONDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2018

6.30PM - 8.30PM

**DEAKIN EDGE AUDITORIUM
FEDERATION SQUARE**

Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm

TICKETS

Book online by Monday 28 August
www.trybooking.com/XBTH

\$30 per adult
\$15 under 18s
\$100 for a group of five

MERVYN KEANE

Three-time Premiership Player and Team of the Century for the Richmond Football Club, Mervyn is recognised as one of the game's greats. Following his playing career he moved into coaching and recruitment, most recently for the Essendon Football Club. Mervyn's passion is mentoring players from all walks of life and supporting their holistic development on and off the field.



EMMA KEARNEY

In only her second season for the AFLW, Emma has won back-to-back Best & Fairest Awards, twice been named in the All Australian Team and was a key member of the 2018 Western Bulldogs' Premiership Team. She also won the AFLW Best & Fairest in 2018. As well as playing footy, Emma works full-time and plays cricket for the Victorian Spirit and Melbourne Stars in the Big Bash. *Ms Emma Kearney appears by arrangement with Saxton Speakers Bureau.*



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