



**Sunday 9th September, 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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**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

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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

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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.

**Open to Compassion**

When Isaiah described the signs by which the Messiah would be recognised, he identified those people who were isolated from society by their physical afflictions. He portrayed a Messiah who released them from those afflictions and allowed them to re-enter society. That is what Jesus did time and time again. In the healing of the deaf and dumb man, Jesus called on all those around him to also be opened—that their hearts may be opened to compassion.

Jesus calls to us through today's gospel to also be open to compassion and open to the needs of those around us.

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

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

**MATURE AGE GROUP** Join us for an outing to the Shrine of Remembrance, on **12 Sept**; price includes a two course meal. Cost Members \$33.00 Non Members \$36.00. Seats still available. There is a limited number of wheel chairs and lift access for 3 floors. Bus leaves William Street entrance, arrive by 9.15am for 9.30am departure, returning 3.30 pm. Contact Geraldine 94354306, Angela 94446298 Kay 9435 5736

**HIGH TEA on Sunday 7th October**—The partner parishes of St Thomas' North Greensborough, Sacred Heart, Diamond Creek and St Mary's are holding a High Tea at the (smaller) Hall at St Thomas', **2pm-4pm**. \$25.00 per person. Bookings and tickets available after masses weekends **8th/9th September, 15/16th September** or by phoning Claire (DC) 0438 058 620 or Judy 9435 4506 or 0433 311 323.

**LADIES AUXILIARY** Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 19th September** in the Parish House at **10.15am**. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990.

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS GROUP** meets on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 10am in Parish House, . Anyone wanting to pray for children and youth warmly invited to pray and support one another, non-grandparents also welcome. For information call Maria or John 9467 5173.

**MINISTRY TO CHILDREN.** If you are interested in helping with Children's Liturgy of the Word, which engages children during the Liturgy of the Word, at Sunday mass, contact Jacinta Bright on 9435 1543 or Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au. Mary Ryan from the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation will meet with interested parishioners on Wed Sep 12, in Gathering Space. Volunteers needed to make this initiative work.

**PARISH SURVEY RESPONSES ON THE THEME OF LITURGY** You are encouraged to collect a copy of the full Parish survey document from the Gathering Space or the Parish Office can email it to you to read the feedback in full. To save on the number of the full document that we need to print, you might then choose to return it so that others can read it.

**SOUL SISTERS EVENT** - Courage is contagious. Every time we choose courage, we make everyone around us a little better and the world a little braver. Brene Brown is a research professor at the University of Houston where she holds the Huffington Endowed Chair. Brene spent the past two decades studying courage, vulnerability, shame, and empathy and is the author of four books: The Gifts of Imperfection, Daring Greatly, Rising Strong, and Braving the Wilderness. Brene's new book, Dare to Lead: Brave Work. Tough Conversations. Whole Hearts., is scheduled for publication in October 2018. **Date: Monday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm, in the Gathering Space of the Church. Wine and cheese and good conversation. Brene Brown—see flyer**

**FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S LIBRARY** A meeting of the Friends of St Mary's Library will be held at **10.30 on Saturday September 15** in the Library. All interested parishioners are very welcome.

**ST MARY'S PARISH LIBRARY** We are trying to collect a full set of Melbourne Catholic magazine. We would be grateful if anyone can fill the following gaps in the collection: Feb. to Apr., May to Sept., Dec. **2016**; Mar., June to Aug., Nov., Dec. **2017**. Please place donations of magazines in Return box at left of Library door. **MISSING** A few library items are missing. Check for overdue items and place in Library return chute (at left of Library door). Thank you. Library Committee.

**INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?** Are you curious about the Catholic Faith and would like to learn about it? Or perhaps you're a Catholic who has been away from the Church and would like to return. Please come along to our Enquiry Night on **Wednesday 19th September at 7.30pm** in the parish house (door off the carpark across from the tennis courts). Just turn up on the night or contact Tim on 0412 070 511 or Jo on 0411 045 572. We are a friendly group and we would love to meet you.

## **FAMILY GROUPS ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER—WHY NOT JOIN IN.**

1. 9th Bushwalking and BBQ - Cresswell Park
2. 22nd Attending a Play in Rosanna
3. 18th Annual group holiday in Mulwala



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

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS—HOMELESSNESS IN AUSTRALIA**

Social Justice Sunday is 30th September. For 2018/2019, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is called:

*'A place to call home: making a home for everyone in our land'.*

Did you know that 116,000 Australians are homeless every night?

- Social Justice Group

**EXPLANATION OF COLLECTIONS** - In every Parish, there are two collections and two separate accounts, The Presbytery collection/account (1st coll.) provides the pastoral stipend and living costs of the Priest(s). The Church collection/account (2nd coll.) provides for the maintenance, office and staff expenses of the Parish.

**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.

**Inside Catholicism** by Richard P. McBrien (1995) 264.0209 MCB A pictorial introduction to the edifice that is the Catholic Church. Richly illustrated with contemporary photographs to unusual ancient drawings, Catholic symbols and rituals are given an historic context. This powerful and reverent book has something to enlighten even the casual reader. *Borrow from our library.* **Library catalogue available online at** [cloud.collectorz.com/247780](http://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.

**THE SECRET IS OUT— POPE PAUL VI** said “A HOLY HOUR brings Heavens Choicest BLESSINGS on those who are faithful to their HOUR”. From the Adoration Group.

**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**

**NORTHERN YOUTH GROUP GATHERING—Young Adults coming together in Faith and Friendship.** This is the central group for the Northern region. Even if you have your own group, you are more than welcome to join us and share your faith with others! **Next group gathering: 9 Sept, 6.30pm - 8pm, St Monica's Parish, Moonee Ponds (Mass at 5.30pm). Topic: Plenary Council 2020.** See notice board.

**GUITAR, VIHUELA & ORGAN Tue 11 Sep, 7pm** St Philip's Church, 60 Junction Road, Blackburn North. Featuring music by Soler, Albeniz, Taverner, Dowland and Zipoli. Guitar and Vihuela played by Geoffrey Morris and Organ by Anthony Halliday. **Details:** 9878 6597 **Cost:** \$20 adults, children (aged 0–12) free. Door sales on the night.

**VOICE OF THE MARTYRS (VOM)—** Upcoming Movie Release: Tortured Christ—it is the story of VOM founder Pastor Richard Wurmbrand. Reading Cinemas Epping, **Sat 15 September, 7pm.** See noticeboard.

**CHIME CHOIR PERFORMANCE: Australian Premiere of 'Dreamweaver' and 'Song of the Universal'and other works by Ola Gjeilo** **Sun 16 Sep, 2.30pm** Xavier College Chapel, 135 Barkers Road, Kew. The music tells the story of a medieval folk tale and the poetry of Walt Whitman. **Details:** <http://www.chime.org.au/> **Cost:** \$30 adults, \$25 concession, \$10 primary aged children **Bookings:** <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?embed&id=408719>. See noticeboard.

**WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY EVENING 2018—Celebrating Diversity. Guest Speaker: Sr Margaret Bentley FMA. Friday 21st September 2018 6 pm - 9:30 pm, St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall. \$25 includes two course meal.** For bookings and enquiries please contact the parish office on 9407 6700 by Sunday 9th September. See noticeboard.

**FRANCISCAN FRIARY STAY: MEN AGED 25 TO 40 YEARS** **St Paschal College Friary**, 90 Albion Road, Box Hill. Do you need a break from routine? Do you need time to pray, read and re-think your life? Want to know a little about Franciscan spirituality? Curious about what religious life is all about or just need some time out? Come and stay with the Franciscan Friars for a peaceful night or a few days. **Details:** Friar Joe McKay OFM on 9896 4400 or [stpaschals@franciscans.org.au](mailto:stpaschals@franciscans.org.au)

**EACH YEAR, FR DENIS STANLEY**, the Episcopal Vicar for Ecumenism and Interfaith Relations, to the Jewish community in Melbourne sends out greetings to the Jewish Community on the occasion of their High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah (New Year), Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) and Succoth (Festival of Booths). This is an important way of showing our respect for the Jewish community, and of maintaining our good relations. A flyer is on the noticeboard.



# What's Happening around the Diocese?

Listed below are the current roles listed on the Archdiocese website. Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

Youth Ministry Worker, Oakleigh Parishes

Temporary Parish Secretary, Nazareth Parish, Beaumaris

Parish Secretary, St Francis Xavier Parish, Frankston

Youth Minister, Youth Ministry Partnership Program

Personal Assistant, Ministry to Priests, Carlton

Youth Ministry Leader, St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe

Campus Pastoral Associate, Australian Catholic University, Melbourne

Business & Office Manager, St Simon's Parish, Rowville

Project Officer: Plenary Council Project, Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation, East Melbourne

Project Officer-Northern Corridor Service Development, CatholicCare, East Melbourne

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

**PLENARY 2020 DIALOGUE SESSIONS—Friday 21 September, 10.30am and 7pm.** St Clement of Rome Parish, 7–21 Egan Drive, Bulleen. St Clement of Rome, Bulleen is hosting dialogue sessions as part of Plenary 2020. Each session will incorporate prayer, reflection and conversation as part of the discernment process to understand and respond to our individual and collective mission given to us at Baptism. All are welcome. Topic: 'Going to the peripheries'. **Details:** Cecilia Tan at [cecilia.tan@cam.org.au](mailto:cecilia.tan@cam.org.au)

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CAMPION RETREAT CENTRE** - Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality is a place of hospitality, rest, welcome and prayer. We offer programs and retreats, which are steeped in the spirituality of Saint Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556). Ignatian spirituality is about finding God in all things. To put this in other words, this means finding purpose, meaning, light and joy in everything that crosses my path of life. Relationships, events, my feelings, what happens to me are all vehicles for God to lead me towards a richer life.

- ◆ **Fri 14 Sep, 7pm—Sun 16 Sep, 3pm—Prodigal Son Retreat.** Ann Priestly RSM, Annmaree Sutton -Using this parable of mercy, we can see ourselves as God's prodigal children and we can come to understand more deeply our actions, reactions and emotions as we grow in our desire for an intimate relationship with God.
- ◆ **Sunday 7 Oct, 10am-3pm Come & See—**A prayer day by Christian Life Community Group. Recognising need for stillness and silence in our crowded life, this day offers time and space to discern how God is speaking to us in our lives.
- ◆ **Tuesday 9 October 10am—4pm; Treasuring our Later Years.** A reflection day with Nicole Rotaru RSM. Ageing offers opportunities to be awake to the new chances and possibilities offered daily.
- ◆ **Fri 12 Oct, 7pm-Sun 14 Oct, 3pm; Women's Spirituality weekend** by Jacinta Bright and Terry Fanning. This weekend for women will honour and celebrate your life so far and will help you to find meaning in the next part of your journey. Drawing from stories of women in scripture we reflect on our own life and discern where God might be leading us.
- ◆ **Friday October 26, 9.30am-3.30pm; Ignatian Ministry in the 21st Century.** Andy and Sarah Otto. A presentation for youth ministers, chaplains and spiritual directors. This workshop explores how those ministering to young adults can use social media and the web to attract interest and promote spiritual events for those unconnected to a church or faith tradition.

To make a booking for any of the above programs, contact: Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality. 99 Studley Park Road, Kew VIC 3101

Ph: +61-3-9854-8110. [secretary@campion.asn.au](mailto:secretary@campion.asn.au); [www.campion.asn.au](http://www.campion.asn.au)

Please see flyers on noticeboard for more details.

**Exploring the Word -Be Opened!** 'Sometimes I should stop rushing around and realise that I rarely hear birds singing.'

We are all so busy. Our minds stay pretty focused on the new task or appointment. And we miss the birds. And we may miss other cries as well – the cries of people who need us.

"Be opened!" Jesus commands in this week's Gospel. He restores a man's hearing and gives him the power to speak. I wonder what that man heard after that. I bet he heard the sighs of lonely people who needed his time. I bet he stopped and sat with them. I bet he heard pleas of hunger from poor people. I bet he stopped and fed them. I bet he heard the cries of people who were rejected or suffering. I bet he stopped and embraced them.

Many people in our families, our schools, our jobs, and our world need our ears opened. Many don't want our advice. They just want us to listen without judgement while they talk about what hurts. Others need us to stand up with and for them at school or in our community. They need us to listen closely to understand their problems. Others, like parents and mentors, are crying to offer us advice for life. They need us to listen to their wisdom without getting defensive.

Do we hear the cries or advice as we go through life? Or do we rush so quickly that we miss them? This week, each day, ask Jesus to open your ears so you can listen closely. People will come across your path who need you to listen, or to whom you need to listen.



**First Reading Is 35:4-7**

*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.*

Say to all faint hearts,  
'Courage! Do not be afraid.  
'Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'  
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;  
for water gushes in the desert,  
streams in the wasteland,  
the scorched earth becomes a lake,  
the parched land springs of water.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1**

*(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!*

*or:*

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. *(R.)*
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the  
blind,  
who raises up those who are  
bound down,  
the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. *(R.)*
3. The Lord upholds the widow and  
orphan,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. *(R.)*

**Second Reading Jas 2:1-5**

*Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed

man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom*

*and healed all who were sick.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Mk 7:31-37**

*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'



**Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

As we began to welcome the Gospel, we made the sign of the Cross on our foreheads, on our lips and over our hearts. It is meant to be accompanied by the thought: 'May the Gospel be in my mind, on my lips, and in my heart.' It wouldn't be enough to mentally recite that little prayer. We have to do something physical.

Jesus could not have been more physical than in the story of today's Gospel. He stuck his fingers in the man's ears and touched the man's tongue with spittle, saying the Aramaic word 'Ephphatha', 'Be opened'.

Our Lord could have healed this man with a simple prayer. But he acknowledged the sheer physicality of the person to be cured. We are not angels, but ensouled bodies and that is how our Lord particularly related to this man in need of healing.

It is in the sacrament of Baptism that we imitate the Ephphatha incident in today's Gospel. At one stage, the priest lightly touches the ears and then lightly touches the mouth of the person being baptised. This brings the baptised person into a community formed by hearing and speaking the Word in faith.

We could take a moment to recall the Ephphatha dimension of our baptism. Take your thumb and lightly touch your ears (a parent could do this for an infant) making a prayer along the lines of our baptism: 'The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the mute speak. May He again touch my ears to receive His Word and my mouth to proclaim His faith to the glory and praise of God the Father. Amen.'

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