

**Sunday 16th September, 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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**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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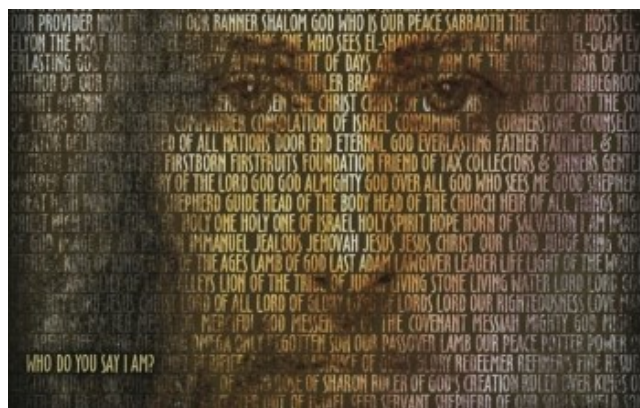
**Communion to the Sick:**

Any parishioner who cannot attend Mass due to illness and would like to receive Communion is asked to contact the parish office.

**Peter's Insight**

When Peter answers Jesus' question he demonstrates the disciples' dawning awareness of Jesus' true identity. It is the first occasion that the disciples are called to own what they think about Jesus. However, when Jesus begins to spell out what being the Messiah really means—persecution and death—Peter tries to convince Jesus that he doesn't need to go down that path. Jesus turns on Peter and snaps, "Get behind me, Satan!" It is a reminder of the desert temptation Jesus had to face at the start of his ministry when he wrestled with what sort of messiah he was called to be.

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

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

**NEW LINKS ON THE WEBPAGE**—Last weekend Fr Steven's homily included an article that was in the magazine *America: The Jesuit Review*. That article is entitled *A personal letter on the abuse crisis* from the editor in chief Rev. Matthew F. Malone SJ. Another article has been produced in *America*, entitled *What can I say to my kids when they ask why we keep faith in this church?* by Kerry Weber, which addresses beautifully the pain and dilemma felt by many Catholics in these difficult times. Both articles are to be found on our Parish website <http://pol.org.au/greensborough/Home.aspx> If you would prefer a hard copy, please contact the Parish office on 9435 1543 and we will print one for you. You will also now find a link to Fr. Steven's homilies on the Parish website.

**SUMMARY OF PPC MEETING 5 SEPTEMBER 2018** The PPC met and discussed the following: Strategic Planning Committee update including response to the North East Link, School Board update, Parish Website Update with a draft policy and outline provided, Time and Talent Survey and potential activities, Plenary 2020 and the next round of survey responses to be provided to the community. The next meeting will be held on 17 October 2018. The PPC are interested in receiving Expressions of Interest for the following:

- A Deanery Representative to attend meetings and provide support to the Deanery on behalf of St Mary's; and
- Facilitators of small discernment groups for Plenary 2020 responses. Training from the Office of Evangelisation will be provided to support parishioners with this role.

Please contact Jacinta Bright if you are interested in applying for either role.

**HIGH TEA Sunday 7th October 2pm-4pm** at St Thomas, North Greensborough at \$25.00 per person. If you are intending to come along please make a booking as tickets are selling fast. For booking Claire (DC) 0438 058 620 or Judy 9435 4506 or 0433 311 323. If you have special dietary needs please advise when booking.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**COLLECTING** for fete mystery bottles, empty 1.25 litre bottles to be left in the box in the Gathering space or left at the Parish Office.

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

1. 22nd Attending a Play in Rosanna
2. 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 PSALM 9:18**

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'.*

*The needy will not always be neglected, the hope of the poor will not be crushed forever.*

The Social Justice Statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing.  
- Social Justice Group

***Pope Francis @Pontifex Remember the more you give yourselves to others, the more you will receive and be happy!***

# Parish Bulletin Continued



"Vulnerability sounds like truth and feels like courage. Truth and courage aren't always comfortable, but they're never weakness."

- Brené Brown,  
author and public speaker



## Soul Sisters & the Brené Brown event

We gathered last Monday to watch Brené Brown's two TED talks: The Power of Vulnerability and Listening to Shame. If you would like to watch them yourself, just google Brené Brown TED talks. Brené's sense of humour, her preparedness to be vulnerable herself and her wisdom and knowledge through years of Doctoral studies, provided us with a way to understand the way that shame has a power of us that we can let go and that vulnerability, when embraced wholeheartedly, is a gift. This is counter-cultural for many of us who were raised to see vulnerability as a weakness and shame as something to avoid, without us realising how we are each shaped by shame even in what seem to be small and irrelevant ways.

The gathering was warm and hopeful. We laughed, we explored new thoughts and we found new ways to understand our complex lives.

"I was so glad I made it to my first Soul Sister's event for the year. The Brené Brown talk on how we experience Shame and Vulnerability challenged and resonated with the different women who gathered. We talked in pairs and large group about the impact of shame and vulnerability in our lives; in family and personal relationships, the work place and the Church. I was grateful for the welcome and respect of the evening. I'm looking forward to the next gathering." - Bernadette Douglas

The next Soul Sisters event is October 10<sup>th</sup>, when we have Sherene Hassan and Jacinta Bright in conversation about what it is like to be a woman in a leadership role in our faith communities. Stay tuned for more information.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE DIOCESE:** Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of: **New Positions:-** [Executive Assistant, Finance & Corporate Services, East Melbourne](#)

**Still Accepting Applications:-**

[Temporary Parish Secretary, Nazareth Parish, Beaumaris](#)

[Youth Minister, Youth Ministry Partnership Program](#)

[Youth Ministry Leader, St Kevin's Parish, Templestowe](#)

[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>

**JESUIT COLLEGE OF SPIRITUALITY: OPEN DAY - Thursday 27 September, 3–5.30pm.** Jesuit College of Spirituality, 175 Royal Parade, Parkville. We welcome and encourage prospective students to attend our Open Day. It will be an opportunity to meet the JCS Staff, faculty and existing students and to see the college and ask questions. **Details:** <http://jcs.edu.au/events/open-day/>

**MUSCLE FOR MARRIAGE - Wednesdays 10, 17, 24, 31 October, 7–9pm.** Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne. Marriage can be tough but like anything worth having, it's worth working for! How do we build the strength and endurance to go the distance? Classical wisdom tells us that character and virtues are the key. Run over four Wednesday evenings in October, Muscle for Marriage will help you build the discipline, courage and wisdom needed to run the race. **Register:** [www.trybooking.com/WNRN](http://www.trybooking.com/WNRN). **Cost:** \$50 a couple for all four sessions or \$15 a couple for one session (Includes materials and a light wine and cheese supper). **Details:** Life, Marriage and Family office on 9287 5587 or [lmf@cam.org.au](mailto:lmf@cam.org.au)

**THE 2019 CAMINO PILGRIMAGE & EUROPEAN TOUR - Saturday 4 May – Saturday 25 May 2019.** Rome, Assisi, Barcelona, Montserrat, Santiago, Madrid, Toledo. Book your place today – Small Group Pilgrimage – 22 Day Journey. See noticeboard.

## Exploring the Word - The Hard Truth

There is no Christianity without a cross. And if we want to follow, we have to take up the cross. That's the hard truth. Taking up the cross doesn't mean coping well with sickness or bad luck. We take up the cross when we choose sacrifice we could avoid in order to help others. Living as a Christian means choosing little sacrifices like Mark's on a daily basis. Taking up the cross means giving up your life each day in little ways. You take up your cross when you help someone without having to be asked. You take up your cross when you reach out to the unpopular kid in the yard. You take up your cross when you sacrifice time with friends for time at the soup kitchen or homeless shelter. Like Peter, each day we must decide who we think Jesus is. We show that he is our Messiah (the one who came to save us) when we choose to sacrifice for others. Oddly enough, it is through those little sacrifices that we really save our own lives – and add to the lives of others.



**When have you chosen a sacrifice – taken up a cross – that has shown others who Jesus is to you?**



**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.

**Bruce Duncan, Social Justice: Fuller Life in a Fairer World** 261.8 DUN, Bruce Duncan shows how strongly the Church insists that concern for social justice is a core element of Christian faith, as is evident in the Scriptures and the life of Jesus. He then traces how the Church promotes social justice in our modern world, confronted by new problems, from climate change to economic crises. He sketches the history and key elements of social justice thinking. *Borrow from our library. Library catalogue available online at 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— MOTHER TERESA** said “SPEND AS MUCH TIME as possible in front of the BLESSED SACRAMENT and He will fill you with His Strength and His Power. COME LET'S ADORE HIM.” 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.

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

#### **Community News**

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 16 Sept** This week, Sr Hilda Scott shares Wisdom from the Abbey with her reflection on Cardinal Basil Hume, Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy encourages us to “Surrender To God”, and Francine Pirolas shares her vision and “Willingness to Grow”. We are blessed to have amazing talented musicians sharing their gifts with us, it is also where faith, hope, love and life live together in the Program. Go to [WWW.jcr.org.au](http://WWW.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) to listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

**EACH YEAR THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE ISSUES A SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT** -This year the Statement is: **A PLACE TO CALL HOME – Making a Home for Everyone in our Land.** The Statement discusses Homeless and Housing. To give this Statement as much publicity as possible, a public - **WALK OF WITNESS** led by Bishop Mark Edwards OMI will be held on **Tuesday 18 Sept.** The Walk of Witness will commence in Federation Square at 12.30pm proceed to St. Patrick's Cathedral by 2pm, (with a stop on the Steps of the Victorian Parliament), where Bishop Mark will officially launch the Statement. This Walk of Witness is an action of solidarity with the thousands of people who are homeless and for the many others for whom dignified housing is becoming an unrealised dream. All are welcome to participate, and to bring school / parish / organisation banners, as we proceed through the streets of one of the world's most liveable cities. rsvp to [justice@cam.org.au](mailto:justice@cam.org.au) to estimate the numbers to inform Melbourne City Council. ALL ARE WELCOME. See Noticeboard.

**FINAL MASS BY CANDLELIGHT FOR 2018** at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham on **Thursday, 20th September.** Celebrated in the spirit of Taize, Mass will commence at 8pm, following a time of quiet reflection beginning at 7.15pm. Prayer ministry and supper will be available after Mass. For all enquiries, please contact Rose 9434 3962 or Emilia on 9435 7475.

**VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO** We are seeking volunteers for January 2019 departure, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, Zambia & Solomon Island. Applications close October 15th. Send us an inquiry -[www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au)

**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.

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**16 September 2018**

**First Reading Is 50:5-9**

*I gave my body to those who struck me.*

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,  
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,  
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face  
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,  
so that I am untouched by the insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint;  
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.  
Does anyone start proceedings against  
me?

Then let us go to court together.  
Who thinks he has a case against me?  
Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help,  
who dare condemn me?

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9**

*(R.) I will walk in the presence  
of the Lord,  
in the land of the living.*

*or*

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. I love the Lord for he has heard  
the cry of my appeal;  
for he turned his ear to me  
in the day when I called him. (R.)
2. They surrounded me, the snares  
of death,  
with anguish of the tomb;  
they caught me, sorrow and distress.  
I called on the Lord's name.  
O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just;  
our God has compassion.  
The Lord protects the simple hearts;  
I was helpless so he saved me! (R.)
4. He has kept my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears  
and my feet from stumbling.  
I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living. (R.)

**Second Reading Jas 2:14-18**

*Faith without good works is dead.*

Take the case, my brothers, of someone  
who has never done a single good act but  
claims that he has faith. Will that faith  
save him? If one of the brothers or one of  
the sisters is in need of clothes and has  
not enough food to live on, and one of you  
says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself  
warm and eat plenty,' without giving them  
these bare necessities of life, then what  
good is that? Faith is like that: if good works  
do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind:  
'You say you have faith and I have good  
deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith  
by showing you my good deeds – now you  
prove to me that you have faith without any  
good deeds to show.'

**Gospel Acclamation Gal 6:14**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus  
Christ,*

*which crucifies the world to me  
and me to the world.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Mk 8:27-35**

*You are the Christ ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.*

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages  
round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he  
put this question to his disciples, 'Who do  
people say I am?' And they told him. 'John  
the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others  
again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he  
asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke  
up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And  
he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone  
about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of  
Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be  
rejected by the elders and the chief priests  
and the scribes, and to be put to death, and  
after three days to rise again; and he said  
all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside,  
Peter started to remonstrate with him.  
But, turning and seeing his disciples, he  
rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind  
me, Satan! Because the way you think is  
not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples  
to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a  
follower of mine, let him renounce himself  
and take up his cross and follow me. For  
anyone who wants to save his life will lose  
it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake,  
and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'



**Reflection by Greg Sunter**

'But you, who do you say I am?' This  
would have to be one of the most  
powerful questions of the gospels. It  
echoes down the centuries and is just as  
relevant today as it ever was. 'Who do  
you say I am?' Our answer to that  
question is perhaps the most revealing  
statement of our faith. Our answer no  
doubt changes over time as we grow in  
understanding and as we experience the  
ups and downs of life, but nonetheless,  
just like Peter in the gospel passage, our  
answer remains a clear statement of our  
faith. 'Who do you say I am?' Just a good  
guy who lived 2,000 years ago? A role  
model? A friend? God made flesh? The  
Word come down from heaven? Nobody?  
Everybody? Our saviour? An inspired man  
of God? The Messiah?

Perhaps you've never tried to actually  
answer the question yourself. It is a  
confronting question, 'Who do you say I  
am?' It's confronting because, as  
Christian people, we believe that our  
actions are a reflection of our beliefs and  
values. It's confronting because whatever  
we say in answer to that question has  
implications for the way we live. 'Who do  
you say I am?' You see, the question is in  
the present tense, not the past. It doesn't  
ask 'Who do you say I was?'; it asks,  
'Who do you say I AM?' The very question  
asks us to recognise that Jesus was not  
just some guy who lived 2,000 years ago  
but rather someone who continues to be  
a presence in our lives today. And he  
stands before each and every one of us  
today and asks that same, demanding,  
confronting, purposeful question: 'Who  
do YOU say I am?'

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