



Sunday 7th October, 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

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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.

Parish School Principal

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Sacred Heart

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Diamond Creek 3089

Parish: 9438 1159

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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.

Like a little Child

Most of us at some time or another have been told to 'grow up'; 'stop acting like a child'; or to 'act your age'. It implies that, as we grow older, we have to behave in a more 'responsible' or 'mature' way than when we were children. Jesus turns this on its head and tells us that unless we 'welcome the kingdom like a little child' we will never enter it. The gospels are full of stories about people who call on God's mercy because they recognise that without God they are nothing. When they subsequently receive God's mercy or healing they welcome it all the more—like a child.

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What's Happening in St Mary's Parish?

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

LIFE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUNDAY—7th October Living Icons: Mothers, Fathers & The Gospel of the Family New Video and print resources highlighting the role of both a mother and a father in family life have been produced by the Life, Marriage & Family Office. Limited copies of the booklet are available in the Gathering Space. The videos can be viewed online at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily. We encourage you to watch and share these free resources with anyone you think will find them helpful.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - GREENSBOROUGH CONFERENCE: The St Vincent de Paul Society celebrates "Observance Sunday" on October 7 this year to acknowledge in gratitude, the kindness and generosity of our Parish and School communities, who support and respond to our mission in assisting families and individuals who seek help in our community. Without you, we would not be able to continue our good works in providing basic necessities and life giving opportunities. We thank you for opening your hearts to those we assist, especially during our Winter and Christmas appeals. We are also especially grateful for the recent collection at masses last weekend to highlight Social Justice Sunday - our Parish generously donated over \$1,400.00. We look forward to our continued partnership and united mission with you in helping those who need it the most in our community.

FOR SALE 2009 Silvery Suzuki Swift, one owner, low kilometres, new tyres, battery and 12 months registration. Spotless inside and out. Price \$9,000 to \$9,500 negotiable. Contact George 9434 5154.

LADIES AUXILIARY - next meeting **Wednesday 17 Oct -10.15am** in the Parish House. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990.

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENTS on homelessness are available from the piety stall at the cost of a gold coin. Prayer cards and leaflets are in the Gathering Space. Social Justice Group

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD In this increasingly busy world, it is important for children to find quiet, prayerful time for reflection on their faith. Given this, a Children's Liturgy of the Word Group is being formed to give children the opportunity to have this silent space away from distractions for prayer and to gain knowledge of the gospel. We are looking for anyone with a desire to help children to come forward and help run the liturgy sessions during Mass time. Training will be provided and you would be working in pairs. If you are interested please email Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au or contact the Parish Office.

MATURE AGE GROUP Please come and join us for an outing to Werribee Mansion and Rose Garden on the **10th October**. Included in the price is a two course meal at Tigers Club House, cost Members \$46.00 Non Members \$52.00. Seats still available. Bus will be leaving William Street entrance, please arrive by 9.15am for 9.30am departure, returning home 4.00 pm. Please contact Geraldine 9435 4306, Angela 9444 6298 Kay 9435 5736. On **14th November**, please join us in the James Kierce Centre, where we will be having a demonstration by Myriad Glass, you can purchase earlier Christmas presents.

PLENARY SESSION On **Saturday October 13th, from 11.00 until 1.00, in our Gathering Space**, Tiffany Davis from the AOfE will be leading our PPC, other interested people from our parish and from St Thomas and Sacred Heart, in a plenary session. This will give our people who might be facilitating plenary groups in our parishes, an experience of this themselves, with Tiff modelling the process - which we are asked to engage in prayerfully. Tiff suggests the listening and dialogue sessions comprise small groups of 4 to 6 and she will have other suggestions for our engagement of parishes and people from beyond those we usually engage with - school and wider community. If you are interested in attending, please let the Parish Office know, to have an idea of numbers. Thank you.

MASTERS RECITAL Domenic La Ferlita, our new organist at 6:30 pm Mass, is doing his Masters in Music Performance, and will perform his Masters Recital comprising of piano masterpieces by Bach, Mozart, Chopin and Brahms, at **2 pm on Sun, 21 Oct** at Rosanna Uniting Church, 21 Arden Crescent, Rosanna. It is a 90 minute programme with an interval. Tickets \$15/\$8 and early bird code for tickets booked in September will receive 15% off with 'early15'. Book at: <https://www.trybooking.com/XXEG> for what will be a fulfilling afternoon experience.

ST MARY'S PARISH LIBRARY Many thanks to those who generously donated copies of Melbourne Catholic to the Library. 2017 and 2018 are now complete. We are just missing a few from 2016, and would be grateful for copies.. Thank you. Library Committee.

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.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS GROUP will meet on the **2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 in the Parish House**, St Mary's Greensborough. Anyone wanting to pray for our children and youth are warmly invited to come along to pray and support one another, non-grandparents also welcome. For information call Maria or John 9467 5173.

Soul Sisters presents: A Conversation with Two Women, who are Leaders in their Faith Communities.

Jacinta Bright & Sherene Hassan.

"The purpose of leadership is not to make the present bearable. The purpose of leadership is to make the future possible."

Joan Chittester

When: October 10th 7.00pm

Where: St Mary's Parish, Greensborough in the Gathering Space of the church

Wine, Cheese, Coffee & Cake & good conversation. Come & join us! All welcome. No charge.

See noticeboard—some copies are also available on the table in the Gathering Space

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.

Benedict XVI, Pope, Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives 232.927 BEN This book focuses exclusively on the Gospel accounts of Jesus' life as a child. The root of these stories is the experience of hope found in the birth of Jesus and the affirmations of surrender and service embodied in his parents, Joseph and Mary. This is a story of longing and seeking, as demonstrated by the Magi searching for the redemption offered by the birth of a new king. It is a story of sacrifice and trusting completely in the wisdom of God as seen in the faith of Simeon, the just and devout man of Jerusalem, when he is in the presence of the Christ child. *Borrow from our library. Library catalogue available online at cloud.collectorz.com/247780*

St Mary's Parish News Continued:

FAMILY GROUPS ACTIVITIES FOR OCTOBER - WHY NOT JOIN IN

1. 14th Oct Picnic -Rhododendron Gardens
2. 28th Oct Beach Outing
3. TBA - Children's Cooking night



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

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.

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF HOLY LAND WITH Fr. GEORGE : JORDAN & ISRAEL Departing **11 Nov 2018**. Pilgrimage features Petra, Bethlehem, Jericho, Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem for an all-inclusive price of \$5490. CALL NOW!!! for closing discount of \$300 for Last 5 Seats! The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Meals + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. Call 03 8513 0680 or 1300721561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au. See noticeboard

INVITATION To attend the launch of a new book by Fr Kevin Burke - *The Strife and Chimes of Kev the Rev*. The book will be launched by Fr Bob Maguire **At 3.00 pm Sun 14 Oct** at Our Lady Help of Christians School Community Centre 1-13 Henry St Eltham VIC 3095. RSVP to Kevin Burke by Mon 8 Oct on olhc@alphalink.com.au or 03 9439 9206. Books available for purchase on day. Profits from the sale of book go to the Fr Bob Foundation and the Ozanam House redevelopment project, North Melbourne. A few flyers are available in the gathering space.

ST LUKE'S FEAST DAY, LALOR—Sun 21 Oct 11.30am. St Luke's Church, 1A David Street, Lalor. The Liturgy, with the participation of some of the many cultures that make up the parish, is one of the most vibrant to be witnessed throughout the year. After the celebration we will gather in parish hall for fellowship and a multicultural presentation. Parishioners welcome to bring a plate to share. All are very welcome.

A PLACE TO CALL HOME: PARISH FORUM -Wednesday 24 October, 5.30–8.45pm. St Columba's Parish Centre, 24 Glenhuntly Road, Elwood. Catholic Social Services invite you to a forum following the 2018 Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement: 'A Place to Call Home' and 'Ten Steps' Brochure. What are the key issues we face in relation to housing in Australia? What action can individuals and parishes take to address housing, stress and homelessness in their communities? Rsvp www.trybooking.com/YHAV. See noticeboard.

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2018 Is rapidly approaching on **8 - 13 October**. You are invited to join the friends and supporters of Catholic Social Services Victoria with the community of **St Pius X Parish, West Heidelberg** to celebrate Mass acknowledging Mental Health Week on **Friday 12 October at 5.00 pm**. This is a prayerful opportunity to stand with the suffering Christ in our families and wider communities and to support our brothers and sisters living with mental health issues. St Pius X Parish Church, 419 Waterdale Road, West Heidelberg. Enquiries: St Pius X Parish: 9457 5794 . See noticeboard.

First Reading Gen 2:18-24

They were two in one flesh.

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127. R. v.5

*(R.) May the Lord bless us
all the days of our lives.*

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. *(R.)*
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. *(R.)*
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
he man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! *(R.)*

Second Reading Heb 2:9-11

*He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified
have one origin.*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Jn 4:12

*Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!*

**Gospel Mk 10:2-16
or (shorter form Mk 10:2-12)**

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

In the Western world today, somewhere between one-third and one-half of marriages end in divorce. It's a statistic that we hear wheeled out as a sign of the collapse of family values in our society. However, the reverse statistic is also true: somewhere between one-half and two-thirds of marriages are lasting ones. In the last 30-40 years, divorce has transformed from being a shameful scandal to an accepted, even commonplace, fact of life. It would be uncommon not to know someone affected by divorce. Despite those who argue that divorce is too 'easy', it is an emotional and difficult decision for couples to reach and has rippling impacts on children, extended families and friends.

When the Pharisees in the gospel asked Jesus about the law regarding divorce, they really weren't interested in divorce; they wanted to check Jesus' orthodoxy – how he stood in relation to traditional teaching. Rather than respond to them directly, Jesus asks them first of all to name the teaching to which they refer. He then explains that Moses only ever wrote the instruction because the people were so unwilling to listen to God's way.

For the second time in the last few weeks, the gospel shows Jesus welcoming children and praising their attitude as the way to the kingdom of God. Children of the time had no status and were regarded as literally the property of their father. When Jesus laid his hands on the children and gave them his blessing, this was the action of a father 'claiming' the child as their own. To welcome the kingdom like a little child is to enter into living the kingdom of God without any claim to position or status; to recognise our complete dependence on others; to let go of our ideas of who is important and who is not; to allow ourselves to be 'claimed' by Jesus.

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