

**Sunday 14th 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**

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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

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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.

**The gospel of Prosperity**

There are those within the ranks of Christianity who preach what is sometimes referred to as a 'gospel of prosperity'. They claim that wealth is a sign of favour, or approval, from God. They feel that if a Christian person is wealthy then they must be a living a 'good' life that God is rewarding through material possession. They use this as justification for further accumulation of wealth. We can see from today's gospel that Jesus would have something to say about such an interpretation! Jesus reminds us that our reward is not in this world in the form of wealth and material possessions, but in eternal life.

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*Our Partner Parishes respectfully acknowledge the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to the Elders past and present.*

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

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

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION** is next weekend 20/21 October.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING ENVELOPES** Any envelopes which have not been collected are now in the Parish Office. Thank you.

**NILLUMBIK AND BANYULE COMBINED CHURCHES GREENSBOROUGH PLAZA COMMUNITY CONNECTOR (CHAPLAIN)**

**INITIATIVE** An exciting new project has been embarked upon by the local Christian churches together with the Greensborough Plaza Management Committee and Banyule Council to engage a Greensborough Plaza Community Connector (Chaplain). I have been part of the committee preparing for this venture for some time and we have finally appointed a person for this role. In time, this person will also extend an invitation to parishioners to work with her on programs she intends to establish for users of the Plaza. I see this as a great opportunity to participate in a "ministry in the marketplace". A woman, Lorel Wall, who has extensive experience in ministry, has been appointed to the role. An invitation has been extended to parishioners to celebrate, meet, greet and induct in her new role, at All Saints Anglican Church, 5:00-6:00pm Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018. This is an exciting opportunity as local churches, to partner with the Greensborough Plaza Management in bringing support and care to our community. Fr. Steven

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

**HIGH TEA** Thank you to everyone who supported the partner parishes High Tea last Sunday. We had a most enjoyable day. Thanks to the ladies who worked in the kitchen, those who baked and special thanks to the teams of men, Paul, Phil, Mick on Friday and Sunday and Brian and Brian (one on each day). We really appreciated all the support.

**THANK YOU** from the Alpha Team to all who helped with the recent Alpha Program at St Mary's. A special Thank You to Les Bacash and Phyllis Coffey for preparation of most of our meals. Your generosity and assistance enabled the team to interact more fully with the participants. We look forward to our next Alpha Program.

**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.

**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

**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.

**APPLICATIONS** are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

[Project Manager, Property & Infrastructure, East Melbourne](#); [Pastoral Associate / Pastoral Worker, All Saints Parish, Fitzroy](#)  
[Pastoral Coordinator, St Macartan's, Mornington](#); [Pastoral Associate, St Peter's Parish, Toorak & Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Armadale](#)  
[Parish Business Manager, St Peter's Parish, Toorak & Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Armadale](#)  
[Parish Administration Assistant, St Anne's & St Bede's Parishes, Balwyn North](#)

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

**THANK YOU**—We wish to thank you all for the support, assistance on the day and expressions of sympathy that you have extended to us after the passing of our beloved mum, mother-in-law and nanna., Carmel. Sincere gratitude from the Dynes family.

## **ST MARY'S PARISH GREENSBOROUGH—Liturgy of the Word with Children**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2018, 7pm - 9pm (light refreshments from 6.30pm)**

*"Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." (Matt 19-14)*

The Liturgy of the Word with Children is truly a celebration of Liturgy. It is a prayerful celebration of God's Word. It is a reflection on the way we live our lives in the light of God's Word. It is not a lesson, nor simply an activity time with young children. This workshop explores the liturgical principles underpinning this ministry, practical strategies and creative techniques for sharing the Good News with children and is ideal for parish liturgy teams, parent groups, classroom/student teachers and all those serving or interested in bringing liturgy alive for children..

In his exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis describes the parish as *"an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration ... the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers."*

To support parishes in this mission, Mary Ryan from the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation (AOFE) will present this workshop for parents, parishioners, school staff and all those serving or interested in this important parish ministry. All welcome. To register please contact the St Mary's Parish Office on 9435 1543 or by email [greensborough@cam.org.au](mailto:greensborough@cam.org.au)

**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.

**Do Monkeys Go to Heaven? Finding God in all Creation** *Fr. John McCarthy, S.J.* 261.55 MCC. Thoroughly perceptive and delightfully amusing, *Do Monkeys Go to Heaven?* invites us to consider the many natural wonders expressive of God's abiding presence in creation. Removing the distinction between secular and sacred, McCarthy takes us on a journey and ponders nature's revelation of God and God's boundless love of us, showing us the need for us to be both scientific and spiritual. You will be sure to grow in awe and wonder of God's presence in creation and delve more deeply into your faith. *Borrow from our library. Library catalogue available online at [cloud.collectorz.com/247780](http://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**

**PALMS AUSTRALIA - FIND OUT ABOUT ASSIGNMENTS ABROAD**—Could your skills assist communities overseas? How does the Palms approach work? Just want to know more? **Palms Info Night** Tuesday 16 Oct, 5:30 pm Ross House, Jenny Florence Room 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne. Find out more at [www.palms.org.au/events](http://www.palms.org.au/events) or contact Palms on 02 9560 5333

**CELEBRATING MASS** on **Thursday 18th October** at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise and Worship followed by Mass. Prayer Ministry and supper will be available. Further details, contact Rose 9434 3962.

**RELEASING THE GENIUS FROM WITHIN** – A workshop for spiritual directors and those accompanying others on their spiritual journey. Contemplative in nature, it will offer opportunities to explore how one might use creative arts to assist in the 'unfolding experience'. At Heart of Life, Box Hill, **Saturday 20 October, 10am-4pm**. Cost \$60 (BYO lunch). Enquiries and bookings - [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com) or tel 9890 1101 or [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne). See noticeboard

**LOOKING TOWARDS ALL SAINTS DAY REFLECTION MORNING** - **SATURDAY OCTOBER 27 – 10.00 TO 11.30am** at CURRAJEEN RETREAT CENTRE, 811 Bridge Inn Rd, Doreen (white tyres at entry) 0400 797 100. You are invited to join Sr Maureen in celebrating our Ancestors, our favourite Saints. All are welcome!

**SCRIPTURE TALKS IN 2018** On **Thurs 25 of Oct and 1 of Nov** we have invited Fr Brendan Byne sj, a scripture scholar, to reflect with us about the infancy narratives in the gospel of Luke (chapters 1 & 2). The two talks be held at 7:30pm in the **Francis Xavier meeting room at the parish house, St John's Catholic Parish, Heidelberg** (52 Yarra Street). Entrance free. All invited to attend. See notice

**MARCELLIN COLLEGE MEMORIAL MASS FOR DECEASED STUDENTS** Parents, family and friends of deceased Marcellin students are welcome and encouraged to attend this memorial service. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Steven Rigo (Old Collegian 1973) in the Marcellin College Chapel on **Thursday 1st November at 7.30pm** followed by supper afterwards. Enquiries to Mary Norden 9842 3080. See notice



**First Reading Wis 7:7-11**

*In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.*

I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.  
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;  
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.  
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,  
and beside her silver ranks as mud.  
I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light,  
since her radiance never sleeps.  
In her company all good things came to me,  
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14**

*(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!*

1. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)
2. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. (R.)
3. Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

**Second Reading Heb 4:12-13**

*The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely; it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!*

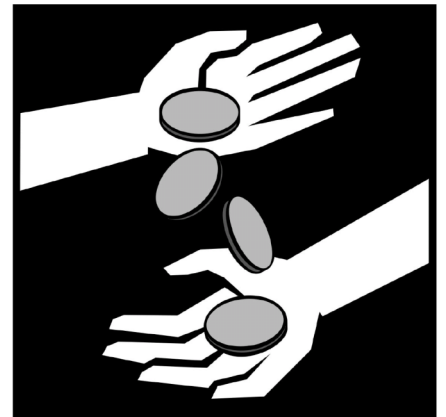
**Gospel Mk 10:17-30  
or (shorter form Mk 10:17-27)**

*Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'



**Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

The man in this story is described (at the end) as a man of great wealth, so that when Jesus says 'There is one thing you lack', it would have got his attention. But he learnt to his shock that what he lacked was the big-heartedness which would enable him to give up the security and status and power which came with his possessions.

Jesus was not satisfied with the wealthy man's minimalist agenda of keeping the commandments. He is just as dissatisfied with us. We each know what is holding us back from being a wholehearted follower of Jesus Christ. At some stage in our lives, we have known, or know now, or will know, what it is we are hanging onto: the one thing we cannot, will not, give up, the one thing that is so much part of our personality we cannot imagine what it would be like to get rid of it.

There is only one thing that can give you, give me, the courage and trust that is needed. In this Gospel story, and the only time in Mark, it says: 'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.' This is not the glare of the critical eye but similar to the gaze of a parent on a newborn child, envisaging and encouraging a beautiful future for that child.

We could take a moment to pray, 'Lord, I know there is something I must give up to enable me to follow you more nearly. Give me the courage which can only come from knowing that you gaze steadily at me and love me.'

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