



ST. MARY'S PARISH

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VISION STATEMENT

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

Mass times

Sunday 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 5.00 pm

Tuesday to Friday 9.15 am

Saturday 8.30 am and 6.30 pm (Vigil)

Liturgy of the Word

Monday 9.15 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 9.00 am, 5.45 pm

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.

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.

St Mary's Parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri people who are the traditional custodians of this land and we pay respect to the Elders past and present.

This Week: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
28/29 October 2017 Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Next Week: Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
4/5 November 2017 Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Mt 22:34-40



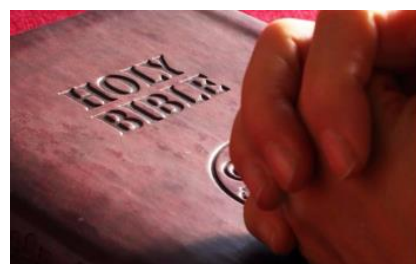
Gospel Reflection

Compassion

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place, experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion.

The origin of the word, compassion, means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.

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What's Happening in our Parish?

FIRST RECONCILIATION AT ST MARY'S We congratulate the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this week and pray that they will always be guided by the Lord throughout their lives

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL Thank you for your prayers and generous contributions for this year's Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal supporting the forgotten farming families of Vietnam, and throughout the world. Your considered gifts will help provide a new clean drinking water filtration system for the people of the coastal mountain region of Xuan Son. **We invite you to consider partnering with us through a regular monthly gift and continue your support of the life-giving work of catholic Mission.** Freecall: 1800 257 296 – www.catholicmission.org.au/Vietnam

CHOIR PRACTICE – INTER CHURCH CAROLS – SUNDAY, 3 DECEMBER Choir Practice will be held on **Wednesdays: 8, 15, 22, 29 November** from 7:30-9 pm at St Mary's Church, Greensborough. We will perform two songs and as many voices as possible from all our Mass Centres would be made very welcome. Our pianist will be Jhonfil Roxas. Please contact Megan on 9435 1551 or email: mamitchem@gmail.com if you are able to be part of this event. Please come and make this a very enjoyable experience!

MATURE AGE GROUP Please come and join us, on the **8 November**, for a game of Bingo in the James Kierce Centre, meeting starting 11.30am to 12.30pm with Bingo starting at 1.00pm. We will also be collecting for our next outing to the Noorlim Estate Homestead on the **13th December**, with lunch at Nagambie Lakes Entertainment Centre, cost members TBA, non Members \$61.00. Bus will be leaving William Street entrance at 9.15am returning home 4.00pm. Please contact Geraldine 0438148896, Angela 9444 6298 Kay 9435 5736

HELP NEEDED At the next Working Bee on **Saturday 11th November** to spring clean and tidy our Church in preparation for Christmas. If you could spare some time – even an hour would be much appreciated. We hope to start at 10am and finish at 12 noon. You will be very welcome.

ST. MARY'S TENNIS CLUB is looking for players commencing Term 1 2018 for: **Juniors** – DVTA Friday twilight, NEJTA Saturday morning, **Seniors**–HDTA Tues Ladies (day), NENTG (nights) Tues Men/Vets, Wednesday Women, Thursday Mixed, DVTA (night) Thursday Men. We also offer a Monday night Social play at our Kalparrin courts for those not wishing to play competition. Information: stmarystennis56@gmail.com before **November 15th**.

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.

MEMORIES FROM THE PAST Fr Martin Ashe from Mernda parish has asked if any St Mary's Parishioners have any "stories" of Fr Tom Ashe's time here at St Mary's. A form will be available on the table in the Gathering Space for anyone to collect and fill in and return. Thank you.

ST MARY'S PARISH LIBRARY- As the Library opens only at weekend Masses, we would like to make it available at other times. We are appealing for interested parishioners to volunteer to help staff the Library on a weekday to make this possible. The Library's collection can be seen at cloud.collectorz.com/247780. Please contact St Mary's Parish Office: 9435 1543 or greensborough@cam.org.au if you would like to visit the Library and /or volunteer.

2018 COLUMBAN CALENDARS are available for sale in the piety store.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE at various prices now available in the Piety Shop.

NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP: DONATIONS of food and toiletries to Asylum Seeker Resource Centre by St Mary's are gratefully received & appreciated. (Milk currently in short supply). Due to lack of space, we are unable to accept clothes and toys. If such goods are needed by families, Vinnies provides them through donations they receive from you and the community.

2017 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT - Everyone's Business, Developing an Inclusive & Sustainable Economy. Copies are still available from the Piety Stall.

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE Available in Piety store for \$4.00 and well worth a read.

Pope Francis Tweets @Pontifex Oct 24 - Let us all work together to promote peace among peoples and guarantee respect for human rights.



The Agapè Prayer Group – The Agapè Prayer Group meets each Monday evening 7.45pm in the Gathering Space. All are welcome to come and join us as we reflect and discuss the Scripture for the following weekend. Enquiries: Sam Giudice 0412 401 572.

ST MARY'S LIBRARY Come and See: How the Teachings Of the Catholic Church Lead Us to Christ by Louis Bosco [282 BOS] will help the reader to go beyond merely knowing what the Church teaches to understanding why she teaches it and how her doctrines really do bring us closer to Jesus.

Borrow from our library. **Library catalogue available** cloud.collectorz.com/247780

Parish News continued

FETE NEWS- Sat 18 Nov -10am - 3pm. Please save empty 1.25 litre soft drink bottles for mystery bottles for fete. Leave at Parish Office or gathering space. If you can help the Fete contact Office on 9435 1543. If you are spring cleaning, Committee will accept gently used books and educational toys. These can be left at the parish office.

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.

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 the times it is locked, please use code **2100**. Please re-lock after you have entered.

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 0413885 168.

Stay in touch with the school news-pick up a copy of the candela from the Gathering Space.

Community News:

AN INVITATION TO LISTEN to **Stories of Faith and Hope** of 3 Christian men and their challenging life journeys coming to Australia as refugees. The third story is **November 4** –Sam Farbod will describe his life in Shiite Iran, before his conversion to Christianity and arrival in Australia and his life now as a Baptist Minister here in Melbourne at **2:00- 4:00pm** Diamond Valley Baptist Church, 309 Diamond Creek Road, Plenty. See noticeboard.

90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF ST FIDELIS Sun 5 Nov, 11am St Fidelis Parish, 49 Clarendon Street, Moreland. On the Sunday there will be Mass for deceased parishioners and priests, which will be followed by morning tea. All welcome, especially past parishioners and families.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE: OPEN DAY. Wed 8 Nov, 4.30–6.30pm or 6–8pm. Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne. Interested in theology, spirituality or pastoral studies at CTC in 2018? Come along to either session on the annual Open Day and explore your options. Light refreshments will be served. Details and RSVP: by 3 November to Jenny Delahunt on 9412 3314 or jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au. See noticeboard.

Australian Catholic Bishops 2017-18 Social Justice Statement has the theme **Everyone's Business Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy.**

To explore the statement, ten steps that we can take towards an Inclusive, Sustainable Economy will be presented over the coming year.

The Gospel reading for Social Justice Sunday 2017 was Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard. Using an everyday example of economic hardship, Jesus teaches how the reign of God is open to all, generous, and especially mindful of those left behind. God provides sufficiently and fairly for each person, all the while attentive to the needs of those who experience exclusion and have little hope. (Social Justice Statement 2017-2018, p.3).

Prevailing notions of justice often have much to commend them - yet are diminished compared to God's love and justice. Our vision can be restricted if what we regard as 'fair' and 'equal' simply asks: why should someone who works one hour receive the same pay as someone who works eight hours? Or why should some receive subsidised housing, electricity, council rates?

Read, and read again, Matthew 20:1–16 – then reflect on God's justice.

