



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

**Next Week: Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
11/12 November 2017 Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13**



Gospel Reflection

Christian Leadership

The Christian model of leadership often flies in the face of societal concepts of leadership. Many of the models of leadership we witness in society focus on exerting power over others. People are praised for showing 'strong' leadership when they manipulate situations, bully less powerful people and bulldoze their way through others' opinions. Whilst this model of leadership may have a certain effectiveness in the short term,

There is certainly nothing 'Christian' about its operation and ultimately it forces a wedge between the leader and the led. Christian leadership focuses on empowering all parties and rather than power over others, it embraces power through and with others.

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What's Happening in our Parish?

6.30 SATURDAY NIGHT MASS - Clancy and Maria Viscone live in Grace Street, Watsonia and can no longer get to Mass on their own. We have two people who are prepared to bring them, but if there are others able to assist, we could cover the month and have a roster. If you can assist, please contact the parish office on 9435 1543.

LADIES AUXILIARY Raffle tickets for Giant Christmas Stocking on sale **next weekend** after all Masses. Tickets \$1.00 each, drawn **Sunday 3 Dec after 10am mass**. As usual we have many stalls on fete day – anyone who has some spare time (**Saturday 18 Nov**) to assist would be welcome. Enquiries Maureen 9435 5906 Lucy 9435 6990.

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 next Working Bee-**Sat 11 Nov** to spring clean and tidy our Church in preparation for Christmas. If you could spare some time – even an hour would be much appreciated. If possible could you please bring a bucket and cloths for the cleaning. We hope to start at 10am and finish at 12 noon. You will be very welcome.

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!

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.

ADVENT BEGINS YEAR B AND THE GOSPEL OF MARK, so to prepare come and Meet Mark, his Gospel & his Jesus. 3 Monday evenings: **27 November, 4 & 11 December, 7.30 – 9.30 pm**. St Mary's Church Gathering Space, Grimshaw Street, Greensborough. Donation only. Further information: Sandra Bishop 9434 7553. This course is offered by the Catholic School of Evangelisation.

FETE NEWS- Sat 18 Nov -10am - 3pm. If you can help at the Fete contact the Parish 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. Pick up a leaflet from the table in the Gathering Space to see the exciting things happening at the fete.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL (PPC) UPDATE - SUMMARY OF OUR PREVIOUS MEETING - 17/10/2017

Summary given of School Advisory Board (SAB) - discussion of a benevolent fund for school families who are in difficulty.

Report on PPC formation session by Archbishop's Office of Evangelisation - Know your Parish. Focussed on equipping parish leaders with strategies for reviewing their community's opportunities for growth.

Reflection on St Mary's PPC formation weekend 11-12 August "Living in the Chaos". Very positive experience allowing us to reflect on changes in our community/society, discern solidarity was needed with those in our community as well as those that don't belong and discuss how we might "befriend betrayal".

Meeting/Social gathering with St Thomas, Sacred Heart and St Mary's PPCs in December. An informal getting to know each other/consideration of working together.

St Mary's PPC membership. Dwindling numbers due to life and time commitments. Examining the PPC membership guidelines and changes that may need to be implemented.

Communication between PPC and Parish. Meeting summaries in newsletter. Feedback desired from Parishioners in form of survey.

Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) meeting. PPC reps to attend. Raise parking near bollards, number of disabled parking spaces, changing demographics and how we look after our parishioners.



The Agapè Prayer Group – The Agapè Prayer Group **will not** be meeting on **Monday 6th November** but will resume the following week as normal. Enquiries: Sam Giudice 0412 401 572.

ST MARY'S LIBRARY First sight: the Experience of Faith by Laurence 234.23 FRE. In his latest book, Laurence Freeman shows that the basic experience of contemplation is the experience of faith and that we all need to develop this in order to become fully human. We are all capable of it – indeed we are designed for it. Borrow from our library. **Library catalogue available** cloud.collectorz.com/247780

Parish News continued

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE This month's magazine includes the Archbishop's pastoral letter on the Year of Youth, a story on the Victorian Council of Churches Emergencies Ministry and an article on 'The Monks Who Brew Beer'. Available in the Piety store for \$4.00 and well worth a read.

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.

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**.

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.

Community News:

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM –5 November. This week, Fr Mike Delaney reflects on the Gospel of Matthew. Bruce Downes, reminds us about Having Faith in God's Will, Sam Clear speaks to us softly about Forgiveness, and Sr Hilda graces us with her sage words of Wisdom From the Abbey. Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

RENEWAL AND HEALING RETREAT (In English) - St Francis of Assisi Church, Mill Park. **Powerful Healing and Empowering Ministry.** (Separate sessions included for Teens and Youth. By Agape Retreat Ministry- all welcome, no prior registration needed. **Sessions Fri 10 Nov, Sat 11 Nov and Sun 12 Nov.** For information contact Franca on 0439 670 219 or Reji/Gigi 0401 524 132 / 0402 652 646. See noticeboard for details.

NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH - 14 Church St Greensborough. Free Community Lunch Wed 15 Nov 12– 1.30pm. Food parcels available for gold coin donation. A range of fresh fruit and vegetables also available. No bookings required. **Volunteers required** - to help on day. Contact Colleen Treacy treacyc@optusnet.com.au
Christmas Day – BBQ Lunch - Monday 25 December 12 – 1pm. Many have nowhere to go on Christmas day. We are opening our doors on Christmas day for a BBQ lunch for the first time. Please book including phone number, number of guests attending. This informal lunch follows our Christmas day church services. No food parcels available on the day. Lunch with lots of friendly faces. RSVP akhilgardner@gmail.com . See noticeboard.

ST MARTIN'S COMMUNITY TWILIGHT FETE – Silk Street Rosanna. **Friday 24th November 3.30 – 8.30pm.** Rides, Food Crafts and lots more. Bring your family and enjoy the fun.