



Sunday 24th February, 2019

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

Pastoral Associate: Jacinta Bright

Assistant Priests: Fr. Lenin Thenamirtham & Fr. Tao Pham

Pastoral Workers: Sr. Margaret Sapsford and Christina O' Connor

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<u>Mass Times</u> 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	<u>Mass Times</u> 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	<u>Mass Times</u> Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm Sunday: Mass 10.30am
<u>Reconciliation Times</u> Saturday: 9.00am & 5.45pm	<u>Reconciliation Times</u> Friday: 9.45am to 10.15am	<u>Reconciliation Times</u> Saturday: 9.30am to 10.30am
<u>Baptisms</u> 2nd & 3rd Sunday 11.30 am. Please see Fr. Steven or Fr. Lenin to make the necessary arrangements after any Mass on Sunday or Saturday evening.	<u>Parish School Principal</u> Mr. Jim O'Sullivan Ph: 9438 1590 or Email principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au	<u>Parish School Principal</u> Mr. David Delaney Ph: 9434 4565 or Email Principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au
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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.

Compassion

The compassion of God is a very strong theme that runs through the Gospel of Luke. Throughout the gospel, the compassion and mercy of God is emphasized and a defining feature of the gospel is the number of healings and parables that relate to people who were regarded as the outcasts of society. In this gospel, Jesus is the embodiment of God's compassion. Jesus wants all people to experience first hand the abundant love God holds for them. Today's gospel passage is a reminder that when we experience God's compassion we are also called to show it to others.

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What's Happening in St Mary's Parish?

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

ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY. The blessed palms which remained after Palm Sunday last year will be burned before Lent to provide the ashes for distribution on Ash Wednesday. Parishioners are invited to return the palms they received last year and place them in the basket in the Gathering Space.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE OF PARISH AGM TO 11AM ON SUNDAY 31ST MARCH. MORE DETAILS SOON.

SUMMARY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING – 13 February 2019 – The meeting started with opening prayer lead by Jacinta Bright. For Fr. Lenin, Elizabeth Whiting (School Staff Representative) & Denise Chang-Faux it was their first PPC meeting, they were introduced and welcomed to the council. *Parish Child Safety* process was presented by Denise. St. Mary's parish is at a good position with child safety standards and working with the children checks, further work needs to be done in this regard and a committee would be formed to take it forward. The submission due date for **Plenary 2020** is fast approaching and it is to be completed by **6th March 2019 (Ash Wednesday)**. There are 5 independent listening and dialogue groups within parish are supported by PPC and there are 2 other parish groups who are supporting topic-based groups for submissions to the Plenary Council. Plenary flyer (200 – 300 flyers per zone) was distributed in 34 St. Mary's parish zones. A special thanks to **Steven Hodgson** for co-ordinating the distribution and all volunteers who distributed the flyers. This is an outstanding example of our parishioners' willingness to contribute and it is certainly greatly appreciated. **Parish new website** is due to be launched on **1st of March**. *Congratulations to Jacinta Bright who is completing 14 years as Pastoral Associate at St. Mary's Parish.* **Parish AGM** is due to be held on **Sunday 31st March**.

PLENARY 2020 @ ST MARY'S – What is God asking of us in Australia at this time? Listening and Dialogue sessions are being offered to provide an opportunity for people to listen and share their experiences and to reflect on the questions they may have about the future of the Church in Australia. To express your interest in attending, please provide your name and contact details on a 'sign up' sheet in the Gathering Space or contact the Parish Office. If you are not able to attend a session but would still like to have your say, individual responses can be made online at: plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au or submission forms can be completed and returned to the Gathering Space and the PPC will submit them on your behalf. **We strongly encourage all to 'have your say' for Plenary 2020. Stay tuned for more details as they are available. If any parishioners wish to fill out a response form after mass this weekend, there will be members of the PPC available to help you.**

Thank you to those from our community who delivered the Plenary Flyers to homes in the Greensborough/Watsonia area.

SCRIPTURE STUDY - The Gospel of Mark will be the first topic of exploration for the new Parish Scripture Study groups. Groups will begin shortly on Tuesday mornings, Wednesday evenings and Friday afternoons. Sessions run over 10 weeks. There may still be room in the Tuesday and Wednesday groups if you are interested. Enquiries - Parish Office 9435 1543.

MUSIC MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN - 6.30pm Mass on the first Saturday evening Mass of the month and at 10.00am Mass on the second Sunday of the month. Children will be encouraged to come forward, near the choir area and they will choose an instrument and play along with the choir and musicians. Enquiries - parish office 9435 1543.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD will be starting on **March the 10th at 10.00 Mass** and will continue at 10.00am Masses each week after that. More information will follow in next week's Bulletin.

CHILDREN'S TAKE HOME GOSPEL ACTIVITY SHEETS are available in the Gathering Space each week. Children are invited to bring back their completed sheets and pin them on the Children's Wall in the church.

THE COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE is on sale again this year. 1st Prize is a new Kia Rio, 2nd and 3rd Prizes are 2 new Kia Picantos, and 4th to 14th Prizes are Coles Myer Gift Cards. **Cost still only \$2 per ticket.** All proceeds go to our Parish Community. Tickets selling now. Raffle drawn 4th May, 2019.

AID FOR TOWNSVILLE YOUTH All Saints Anglican Church together with Parade College are putting together donations for those affected by the devastating floods in Townsville and surrounds. They are seeking items for kids/ teenagers returning to school. So if you are in the position to assist we are seeking donations of: Stationary for primary and high school- Pens, pencils, exercise books, rulers etc.; Lunch boxes; School bags (not too bulky); School shoes (new only); Or simply vouchers that can be used to purchase (no cash please). New goods only- no second hand please. **There shall be a box in our Gathering Space for any donations** or you can contact Colleen Treacy. All Saints Anglican Church 0435 107 633. E: treacyc@optusnet.com.au

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 please call the Parish Office on 9435 1543.

JOBS AVAILABLE IN DIOCESE—Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for the positions of:

- ◆ Parish Secretary, St Luke's Parish, Lalor
- ◆ Investigation & Redress Coordinator, East Melbourne
- ◆ Deputy Principal of College, Mannix College, Clayton
- ◆ Parish Secretary, Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham

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

Pope Francis Verified account @Pontifex Feb 17 Christians promote peace, starting with the community in which they live.

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 CONTEMPLATIVE 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.

AVAILABLE FOR RENT—Self Contained Bungalow. Non-smokers only to enquire. Contact: 94446023 or 0425741992.

Community News

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 3 March. This week, our Gospel Luke: 6:39-45, is read by our radio sound editor, Julia Goonan, Sr Hilda shares her Wisdom from the Abbey, with her God Spot, "Give it a name", Pete Gilmore encourages us to think about "how do you want to start tomorrow". Go to WWW.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au to listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows.

'LET THE HEART LISTEN' is a 15-week x 3 hour program for people involved in listening to and supporting others. Facilitated by Carole Carmody rsm, the program runs 9.30am-12.30pm on Thursdays from 28 Feb – 27 Jun 2019 at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre, Box Hill. Cost \$680. Bookings: Tel 9890 1101 or email holsc@bigpond.com. See noticeboard

FUNDRAISER for PALM SUNDAY - WALK for JUSTICE for REFUGEES - Don't miss 3 amazing refugee films - at ANMF 535 Elizabeth St Melbourne - BORDER POLITICS – Thurs 28 Feb 6.30pm. Q&A: Julian Burnside; **THE MERGER – Thurs 14 Mar 6.30pm; ISLAND OF THE HUNGRY GHOSTS - Thurs 4 Apr 6.30pm.** BOOK TICKETS - <https://www.trybooking.com/469539> . \$20/film OR \$50 for package of 3 films. Refreshments 6.30pm Screenings commence 7pm . See Noticeboard.

THE FRINGE OF HIS GARMENT A journey of inner healing particularly for adults on **Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th March 9am-5pm** at Loyola College Function Room, 325 Grimshaw Street, Watsonia. Mass included both days. For booking: promo code: Loyola for 50% discount when booking online at <https://www.trybooking.com.ZPVV>. Please see noticeboard.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 1st March at 10.30am at Our Lady Help of Christians, 4 Henry Street, Eltham. This year's service focuses on Slovenia. See noticeboard.



YOU ARE CALLED TO MISSION - Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. These assignments are not quick fixes. Overseas Catholic communities are inviting you to immerse yourself for 1 to 2 years. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, you can give opportunity by sharing them with our global family! Palms Info Session: **Sat March 2nd @ 10:30am** Ross House, Jenny Florence Room, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

CATHOLIC LADIES COLLEGE ELTHAM—OPEN DAY— Sat 16 March 10am-2pm. To register visit: www.clc.vic.edu.au/openday.

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

The Sermon on the Mount: Inspiring the Moral Imagination (Companions to the New Testament)

by Dale C. Allison 226.906 ALL Dale Allison insists that the full meaning of these chapters in Matthew's Gospel can be seen only in relation to the broader literary context of the Gospel as a whole, with its Jewish Christian orientation. The Sermon does not present a simple set of rules, perhaps only intended for a small and select group within the Christian community, but seeks to instil a moral vision and to inspire the moral imagination of all who would follow Jesus. *Borrow from our library. Library catalogue available online at cloud.collectorz.com/247780*

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.

First Reading 1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:45-49

Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:27-38

Be merciful as your Father is merciful.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.

Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.

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