



Sunday 11th February 2018

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

Pastoral Associate: Jacinta Bright

Pastoral Worker: Sr. Margaret Sapsford

The Partnered Parishes of:

OMAS THE SOROUG

Pastoral Worker: Christina O'Connor

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Communications Officer: Denise Chang-Faux	<u>Mass Times</u>	Mass Times
<u>Mass Times</u>	Monday: Communion Service 9.15am	Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am
<i>Monday:</i> Liturgy of the word 9.15am	Wednesday & Friday: Mass 9.15am	Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am	1st Saturday of the month: Vigil Mass at	Sunday: Mass 10.30am
Saturday: Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm	St. Peters Hurstbridge 7.15pm	Reconciliation Times
<i>Sunday:</i> Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm	Sunday: Mass 9.00am	<i>Saturday:</i> 9.30am to 10.30am
Reconciliation Times	Reconciliation Times	Parish School Principal
Saturday: 9.00am & 5.45pm	<i>Friday:</i> 9.45am to 10.15am	Mr David Delaney <i>Ph:</i> 9434 4565 <i>or Email</i>
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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 17th & 18th February

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

principal@smgreensborough.catholic.edu.au

Special Ministers: P. Leonard, C. Bell, T. Sirianni, F. Ledda, Y. O'Brien Reader: A. Pieper Commentator: C. Fernando Welcoming: P. Thomas Set-Up: P. Leonard Counters: C. Bell, F. Peckham, Y. O'Brien Cleaners: T. Sirianni

ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 3rd March, 2018 Special Ministers: R. Nicolaisen, H. Edmonds, B. Greaves Reader: R. Edmonds. Commentator: E. Gittins. Set-Up: M. Frisby.

ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE 6:00pm & 10:30am:

Special Minsters 6:00pm: K. Salm, A. McCarthy, C. & L. Leahy, J. Bohan. Special Minsters 10:30am: D. Nixon, F. Landy, A, Letzia, R. Piccolo, R. Rendina. 6:00pm: Reader: M. Gargan. Commentator: D. Haesler. Set-Up: M. McKenzie. Set-Up: C. O'Brien. 10:30am: Reader: L. Hobson. Commentator: A. Tomasiello. Counters: J. Bohan, B. Riordan, A. McCarthy. Cleaners: 24th February E. Smooker, M. McKenzie, G. McDonald, L. Stephens.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

February

14th Ash Wednesday Masses Sacred Heart 9.15am St Thomas 12 noon and 7.30pm

21st Senior Moments Lunch Parish Centre 12pm

Mr. Jim O'Sullivan Ph: 9438 1590 or Email principal@shdiamondcreek.catholic.edu.au

Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners & friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time: **Diamond Creek:** Angela Caccetta, Thelma Gill, Noela Atkinson, Lyn Stark, Novan Nguyen, Kay Christian, Catherine Leonard, Di Galea, Les Gale & June Saunders, Marjana Susec.

Greensborough North: Maureen Elks, Elaine Ledda, Noel Casemore, Rosemary Schneider, Gwen Walsh, Jo,

<u>We Pray for</u> for those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of February that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom Patricia Murphy, Nese Roberts, Leanne Lynch, Ursula Morrissey, Judy Vincent, Fr. Peter Fulton, Mary Crothers, Francesca Serrao, Reginal Chircop, Sanico De Carlo, Brian Kenny, Nick Buttifant, Giuseppe Piccolo, Eddie Scully, Leslie Lowe, Kevin Phin.

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIOR MOMENTS: Wednesday 21st February 12pm Pizza Lunch in the Parish Centre

ST. THOMAS T/G ENVELOPES the next set of envelopes which are due to start in March are available for collection in the Gathering Space.

<u>AFTER SCHOOL FAITH DEVELOPMENT CLASSES</u> (with Sacramental Preparation) for children in Grade Three and over, NOT currently attending the catholic school begin for this year at <u>Sacred Heart Church</u>, 25 Gipson Street Diamond Creek, and also taking enrolments on **Monday February 5th**.

Those who wish to attend the program at <u>St Thomas</u> are asked to contact the Catechetic Office on 94341246 and leave a message. Classes start on Thursday 8th February in the Parish house.

<u>COLES SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS</u> collect your vouchers when you shop and put them in the box in the Gathering Space at St Thomas and Sacred Heart.

Dear Sacred Heart families and friends,

I am pleased to inform you that Sacred Heart has been successful in receiving support from Catholic Education Melbourne to embark on a \$1.9 million building refurbishment project. This project will enable us to bring to reality the concepts and dreams in our Master Plan, which was collaboratively developed by all stakeholders in our community throughout 2016.

This project will not necessitate an increase in fees as Sacred Heart's share of the loan repayments fit within our existing loan repayment schedule.

Over two years of continued effort has finally proven to be worthwhile and will result in the Sacred Heart community having the physical resources to provide a quality learning environment for our students and to reward the tremendous heart of this community.

Regards Jim O'Sullivan Principal

THE EUCHARIST IS THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF OUR FAITH.

Fr Tao has told us of his joy, whilst he was in hospital, when his daily Holy Communion would arrive and the disappointment on the rare occasion when, for whatever reason it didn't come.

We are able to receive the Blessed Sacrament at our Sunday Mass, even daily, if we wish, from the various services in our Parishes. We get to choose, when, and at what time. We have Parishioners who are house bound or in the care facilities that we minister to, who are unable to choose and so they rely on the volunteers of the Parish to visit. We all have commitments, caring for an elderly relative, minding grand-children, or volunteering in other ways in the community. There are new facilities being built in the Diamond Valley area and we will be asked to minister to these residents. Pleases don't hesitate to volunteer even if you haven't done it before as training and assistance will be provided to you. If you are able to spare a couple of hours approximately once a month please contact our Parish offices. Kaye Salm

Please Note

We are still in need of more volunteers to help with Baptisms, Church Cleaning, Church Set Up and Counting. Please give a think if you would be able to help in any way at either church. Thank you

FORMATION IN FAITH

<u>RCIA</u>: If you are interested in learning more about your Catholic faith or perhaps looking at becoming a member of the Catholic Church please contact Mandy through either of the Parish Offices

<u>MELBOURNE CATHOLIC</u> the February issue is available in the Gathering Space at \$4 per copy. Again there are many interesting and varied articles for you to read this month.

DO YOU NEED HEALING? You are invited to reach out and touch **The FRINGE of HIS GARMENT**, a 2 day journey of inner healing, 9am-5pm, Sat 24 & Sun 25 March, at St Thomas the Apostle, parish hall, Greensborough North. A donation of \$50 is appreciated, students \$30. Book before 19 March via: online at https://www.trybooking.com/TKLD and use Promo Code CSOE for 10% discount email: melbourne@schoolofevangelisation.org.au phone Rose 0411 650 339 Retreat presented by the

WORSHIP & PRAYER

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Wednesday: Ash Wednesday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be held at St. Mary's during Lent on Friday nights commencing 16th February and continuing to the 23rd March at 7.30pm. All welcome

HEALING MASS will be celebrated on Thursday 15th February at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham. The evening will commence at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship followed by Mass, which will include the Sacrament of Anointing. Prayer Ministry and supper will be available. For further details, please contact Emilia 9435 7475 or Rose 9434 3962.

<u>GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION HOSTS</u>: Gluten, Wheat, Dairy & Corn Free Communion Hosts are available for those who require them. Please see Father before Mass to arrange.

St Thomas 12noon and 7.30pm

THE SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday 14th February. Traditionally, Catholics prepare for the joyous celebration of Christ's Resurrection at Easter with this period of personal and communal repentance.

1. Project Compassion has become our communal almsgiving, springing from concern for our neighbour in the global village. The theme this year is, "Love Your Neighbour".

2. Our more personal decision to repent is supported by the traditional practices of **fasting and abstinence** during Lent.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the two notable days of penance each year.

Everyone aged 14 and above should not eat meat on these two days.

Those aged between 18 and 59 could cut down on the quantity of food consumed on these two days as an expression of fasting.

All, but especially older people, should look after their health.

Persons aged 60 and above are not bound to fast. Eat healthily and thank God!

Children, who are not obliged to either abstinence until age 14 or fasting until age 18, would benefit from the example of their parents and from being led to a simple experience of self-denial.

3. Last, we're encouraged by Jesus himself to be more diligent with our prayer at this time. If the practice of grace before meals has gone by the board, this would be a good time to revive it in our homes, especially for the meals at which all the family gather. It could be extended a little bit by using a few moments to pray for one another or for family members to pray about things that concern them.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion commences this week and the focus this year is the Young People of the world. We will look each week at how they are making a better life for themselves, their families and their community. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

"Cultivate with love the seeds of goodness, beauty and truth that God sows in every new generation." - Pope Francis

"Young people ... I wanted you to be the centre of attention, because you are in my heart." - Pope Francis

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY invites you to the screening of "Sweet Country" Sunday 11th Feb 2pm at Nova Cinema staring Bryan Brown and Sam Neil. Enquiries and bookings 9878 7939.

THE LOYOLA EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION will be hosting the Loyola Classic Car Show on Friday 16 February in the College grounds from 6pm onwards. Enjoy a BBQ while you look over the Classic Cars from Metro Classic Cruizers Car Club and independent owners.

OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION has a position for a part time Finance/Administration Officer. Further information can be obtained from Selma Bahtiyar on 9443 9070.

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP: A GIFT FOR THE WORLD We are offering a two and a half day workshop for women at the Benedictine Abbey, 695 Mountain Road, Jamberoo. April 13-15, 2018 Arrive afternoon of Thursday 12 April, leaving after lunch on the Sunday. Cost of program is \$200. Accommodation fees depend upon type of room selected. Bookings or enquiries 0242360533 or cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND invest in your most precious asset.. Your Marriage! There are four weekends to be held in Melbourne throughout 2018 they are as follows March 16-18; June 1-3; August 17-19; November 9-11, starting at 7pm Friday ending 5pm Sunday. More information at www.wwme.org.au

EXPLANATION OF COLLECTIONS

In every Parish, there are two collections and two separate accounts, The Presbytery collection/account (1st coll.) provides the pastoral stipend and living costs of the Priest. The Church collection/account (2nd coll.) provides for the maintenance, office and staff expenses of the Parish

For any further information on some items in today's newsletter please feel free to go to your Parish Website

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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.

Sacred Heart, St. Mary's & St. Thomas the Apostle are all members of the Diamond Valley Deanery.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

- (R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.
- Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. (*R*.)
- By now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (*R.*)
- Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!
 O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. (*R*.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jew or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 1:40-45

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We know that we will all have to face some kind of suffering, and so we try to prepare ourselves for it. Yet when it comes, as prepared as we try to be, it can overtake us with such fury that we fall back defenceless. We look to others for support and assistance, and if we are fortunate, we find it. However, even in the most supportive of communities, suffering tends to alienate us from those who are healthy and secure. Suffering reminds us of our own finitude and the contingent nature of all of life. It threatens our sense of order.

Jesus is not deterred by human suffering. He welcomes all who approach him; his healing touch reincorporates those who have been ostracised; his loving embrace reassociates those who have been alienated. In the reign of God, there are no outsiders. All belong to Jesus, and, therefore, all belong to each other. When the one afflicted is embraced by the community, the community is an authentic manifestation of the inclusive reign of God.

In suffering we witness human vulnerability and our desperate need of each other and of God. There, at the edge of life and on the fringes of the community, we may experience the tenderness and compassion of God. The loving touch of Christ that can heal our souls, if not our bodies. It is there that we may most authentically participate in the cross of Christ. Joined to him we are anything but unproductive or worthless.