



Sunday 15th July 2018

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

Assistant Priests: Fr. Dong Tran & Fr. Tao Pham

Pastoral Associate: Jacinta Bright

Pastoral Worker: Sr. Margaret Sapsford

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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

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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

Parish School Principal

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Secretaries: Mary Gargan & Lisa Leahy

Mass Times

Tuesday & Thursday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday: Mass 10.30am

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.30am to 10.00am

Parish School Principal

Mr David Delaney **Ph:** 9434 4565 **or Email**
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ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 21st & 22nd July

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers: C. Garzia, C. Ledda, P. Keenan, J. Pittle, C. Gardner

Reader: E. Sacchetta

Commentator: M. Nguyen

Welcoming: M. Dunn

Set-Up: P. Leonard

Counters: G. Ind, P. Guatta

Cleaners: A. Risdale

ST. PETER'S 7:15pm: Next Mass Saturday 4th August, 2018

Special Ministers: Y. O'Brien, H. Edmonds, R. Nicolaisen

Reader: P. Keenan

Commentator: E. Gittens

Set-Up: R. Nicolaisen

ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE Vigil 6.00pm & 10:30am:

Special Minsters 6.00pm: M. Gargan, C & C Leahy, M. McKenzie, W. Watson

Special Minsters 10:30am: R. Piccolo, A. Kerr, M. Tipping, E. Iacobucci, J. Millar

6.00pm: Reader: T. Holland

Commentator: J. Bohan

Set-Up: T. Butera

10:30am: Reader: M. Kenny

Commentator: R. Rendina

Set-Up: M. Bates

Counters: K. Irvine, S. King, H. Weir **Cleaners:** 28th July Karyn Coen, Kate Coen.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 18th July

Winter Celebration Lunch Sacred Heart Parish Centre

Saturday 21st July

Fr Michael Golden Jubilee Mass. 6.00pm St Thomas the Apostle

Sunday 29th July

Wedding Anniversary Mass, St. Patrick's Cathedral 11:00am

Wednesday 1st August

Senior Moments lunch Beijing House Diamond Creek 12pm

Our prayers have been asked for sick parishioners & friends that they may be healed & comforted during this time:

Diamond Creek: Angela Caccetta, Thelma Gill, Lyn Stark, Novan Nguyen, Kay Christian, Catherine Leonard, Di Galea, Les Gale, June Saunders, Marjana Susec, Lucy Cassin, Paul Croft, Julia Liddard

Greensborough North: Jo Herbert, Helene Grech, Marg Dobson, Gordon Shannon, Maurita Munro, Nathan Zuzic, Doug Armstrong, Beling Dasilda, May Teycheney, Marie Pfitzer, A sick parishioner.

We pray for those whose Anniversaries occur in the month of July that they may enter joyfully into God's Kingdom

Mary Keenan, Salvatore, Basil, Maria & Fortunato Caccetta, Salrina Anello, David Phillips, Kevin Jose, Pat Gannon, Anna de Gier, Michael Pham, Hopetoun Chapman, Edwin Ray, Shannon Risson, Nunzuio Napoleone, Mary Kenny, Eileen McInerney, Guido Paciocco, Jack Sutherland

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIORS MOMENTS: **Wednesday 18th July** Winter celebration Lunch In Parish Centre. For catering purposes, please contact Margaret with bookings by Sunday 15th July. **Wednesday 1st August** Lunch Beijing House Diamond Creek at 12 noon.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING in honour of Archbishop Denis Hart's service to the Archdiocese of Melbourne upon his retirement will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral on **Saturday 21 July at 11am**. All parishioners are warmly welcome to attend.

MASS OF RECEPTION for Archbishop Peter Comensoli will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Wednesday 1st August at 7pm**. All parishioners are warmly welcome to attend.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL Thank you to all parishioners at St Mary's and St Thomas' for a very successful Vinnies Winter Appeal of 2018. The total sum donated from the two churches was \$10,256 as cash donations, which is \$1,500 more than the Winter appeal of 2017. Items of food, blankets and clothing were also donated, to help people make it through the winter. Our two primary schools collected a total of 45 laundry baskets of nutritious long life foods to be distributed as food parcels to the people we assist. Thank you all. Ian Fraser, President, Greensborough Conference.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL is fundraising with rotary by selling raffle tickets. 1st prize a Holden. Tickets \$2 each available at back of Sacred Heart Church. Your support of the school would be greatly appreciated.

FORMATION IN FAITH

RCIA: 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

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC MAGAZINE: Melbourne Catholic provides a simple and contemporary expression of the Catholic Faith in Melbourne and beyond The June edition is available now in the Gathering Space at \$4.00 per copy.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

******RECONCILIATION:** there will be no reconciliation on Saturday 21st July as Fr Tao will be at the thanksgiving Mass for Archbishop Denis Hart.*****

SAINTS OF THE WEEK:

MASS BY CANDLELIGHT Come and join us in celebrating Mass by candlelight at Our Lady Help of Christians, Henry Street, Eltham on Thursday 19th July.

Celebrated in the spirit of Taize, Mass will commence at 8pm, following at time of quiet reflection. Prayer ministry and supper will be available after Mass. For all enquiries please contact Rose 9434 3962.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION HOSTS: Gluten, Wheat, Dairy & Corn Free Communion Hosts are available for those who require them. These Hosts can be found on the Offertory Table prior to Mass, please feel free to place a Host in the Pix provided.

A BROKEN CHURCH IN A BROKEN WORLD - A REFLECTION DAY

In response to comments made in a recent parish survey at St Mary's, and through various other interactions, revealing feelings of disappointment, shock, humiliation and anger at the revelations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Abuse, noticing also a certain malaise in the Church and sensing a mixture of concern and desperate hope for what our Church might become in the future, in a world which seems to be increasingly fearful and divided – this **reflection day** invites us to honour and name feelings like shame, concern or fear, and despair or hope as important insights and to be open to the Spirit who is already at work in the mess. How might we cooperate with God in transforming the Church so that we become the Body of Christ; a broken Body in a broken world?

Saturday August 4th; 10.00am until 3.30pm; St Thomas the Apostle Church, North Greensborough

Facilitator: Jacinta Bright

Jacinta is Pastoral Associate at St Mary's Parish and also a Spiritual Director

Bring a small plate of lunch to share. Please contact St Mary's Parish Office on 9435 1543, or email Jacinta at Jacinta.bright@cam.org.au with enquiries and, so that we have an indication of number, to let us know if you will be joining us on the day.

PARTNER PARISHES HIGH TEA

There are a number of ladies within our Parishes who would like to form a committee with other interested ladies to organise a High Tea as a social event for all three parishes. The planned date for this event is Sunday the 7th October in the St Thomas Parish Hall. We hope to provide an excellent opportunity for parishioners from all three communities to come together, enjoy a relaxed afternoon with old friends and to meet new ones. If you would like to assist and join this committee please feel free to contact either Maria: 9434 2947, Lucy: 9435 6990 or Judy: 9435 4506 or 0433 311323

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.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

15 July 2018

First Reading Am 7:12-15

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets.' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

*(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.*

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. *(R.)*
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. *(R.)*
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. *(R.)*

Second Reading Eph 1:3-14 or shorter form Eph 1:3-10

Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.
Before the world was made, he chose us,
chose us in Christ,
to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,
determined that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes,
to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.
Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.
He has let us know the mystery of his purpose,
the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning
to act upon when the times had run their

course to the end:
that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head,
everything in the heavens and everything on earth.
And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own,
chosen from the beginning,
under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things
as he decides by his own will;
chosen to be,
for his greater glory,
the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.
Now you too, in him,
have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation,
and have believed it:
and you have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise,
the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own,
to make his glory praised.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:7-13

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

As St Paul would have put it in terms of modern science, before the cosmos was big-banged into existence, before human creatures evolved over the aeons, before you were loved into existence through your parents, *God conceived of you, 'God chose you in Christ'*.

The universe was erupted into existence by Divine Ecstasy so that creatures might be drawn to evolve into human beings so that you, personally, might enjoy a wonderful destiny.

That destiny is to be an ensouled body totally transfigured by Divine Light, made radiant by Divine Energy, living through love in God's presence.

That is the Big Picture, the 'Very Big Picture'. Grasp that, or rather be grasped by that, and it will enable you to do things you would otherwise not risk doing. One way could be that portrayed in today's Gospel. Jesus could say to his missionary followers: "take no purse, no haversack" because they had an interior freedom from anxiety about the future, a freedom generated from knowing that they had been divinely loved even before time began.

You might take a moment to pray for the courage to make a generous response to the truth spoken directly to you by St Paul. 'Before the world was made, He chose you, chose you in Christ.'

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