





Sunday 25th February 2018

Parish Priest: Fr. Steven Rigo

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

Pastoral Associate: Jacinta Bright Pastoral Worker: Sr. Margaret Sapsford Pastoral Worker: Christina O'Connor

The Partnered Parishes of:

St. Mary's

204 Grimshaw St., Greensborough, 3088

Parish: 9435 1543

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Mass Times

Monday: Liturgy of the word 9.15am

Reconciliation Times

Saturday: 9.00am & 5.45pm

Parish School Principal

Mrs. Helen Anderson Ph: 9433 4000 or Email

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Secretaries: Frances Olofsson & Sharon Prosser

Tuesday to Friday: Mass 9.15am

Saturday: Mass 8.30am & Vigil Mass 6.30pm Sunday: Mass 8.00am, 10.00am & 5.00pm

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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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Parish: 9434 7373

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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 10.30am

Parish School Principal

Mr David Delaney Ph: 9434 4565 or Email principal@stgreensboroughnth.catholic.edu.au

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND 3rd & 4th March

SACRED HEART 9:00am:

Special Ministers: G. Beeby, M. Beeby, A. Schellens, C. Bell, B. Flynn

Reader: J. Libertino Commentator: C. Gardner Welcoming: A. Pieper

Set-Up: P. Thomas Counters: J. Hoyne, P. Hoyne Cleaners: P. Guatta

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: M. McKenzie, C. & L. Leahy, S. Bishop, K. McMahon. Special Minsters 10:30am: R. Piccolo, B. Riordan, B. Iacobucci, E. Sutherland, J. Millar.

6:00pm: Reader: K. Salm. Commentator: J. Money Set-Up: T. Corcoran. 10:30am: Reader: A. Tomasiello Commentator: F. Mascia. **Set-Up:** J. Kerr.

Cleaners: 10th March: A. Cichello, N. Mefflin, B. Murray. Counters: M. Loy, C. Bell, B. & P. Klepp.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

March

7th Senior Moments Lunch Diamond Creek Tavern 12pm

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

<u>Diamond Creek:</u> 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,

We Pray for Maria Fernandes and Judith Edwards who died this week and 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,

COMMUNITY LIFE

SENIOR MOMENTS Wednesday 7th March. Lunch 12pm at Diamond Creek Tavern.

<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.

SPECIAL MINISTERS TO THE SICK are asked to join with Christina in the Parish Meeting Room on Wednesday 7th March at 11.00am to 12 noon to share experiences and to get to know one another. Anyone who is thinking about taking communion to the sick is also very welcome to attend to find out what is involved.

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

<u>LENTEN PROGRAM</u>: continues on Wednesdays during Lent after 9.15am Mass in Sacred Heart Church. All welcome

<u>DO YOU NEED HEALING?</u> 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 Catholic School of Evangelisation

<u>AUSTRLIAN CATHOLICS</u> is available for free in the Gathering Space. There are some very interesting articles on some of Australia's Catholic Women who have lived prophetic lives apart from our first Saint Mary Mackillop. Another article on how the aboriginal people are taught that they are caretakers of the land and we all can learn how to look after this great country of ours. Francis Sullivan also answers some questions from the royal commission. Please take a copy and read it for yourself.

WORSHIP & PRAYER

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

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

will be held on **MARCH 2nd** at 10.30am at **St. Johns Anglican Church, Main Road Diamond Creek**. Speaker is Julie Blinco. The theme is ALL GOD'S CREATION IS VERY GOOD, prepared by The Churches of Suriname. Refreshments will be served after the service a great opportunity to meet up with old and new friends from the churches in our local area.

If you perform any voluntary work in the parish you are required to obtain a WWCC. Anyone who hasn't obtained one as yet we ask that you do so immediately. To obtain your card go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au many thanks Pat and Mary.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project Compassion this year focus on 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.

RATTANAK, CAMBODIA

Rattanak who lives in Cambodia contracted polio as a child and also became deaf. The Deaf Development Program, supported by Caritas Australia, helped him become a barber and he is now supporting himself, his wife and baby. Please donate to Project Compassion 2018 and help deaf youth in Cambodia to build a just future, and live in communities that uphold everyone's dignity.

Lenten Gospels and Symbols



Each week of Lent there will be an artistic focus placed in the Seasonal Chapel relating to the gospel.

The symbols for this week of Lent – three tents – represent the transfiguration of Jesus and Peter's suggestion of setting up three tents, one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah to commemorate this amazing event.

EVENTS ELSEWHERE

<u>THE CRUCIFIXION</u> by John Stainer a meditation on the Sacred passion of the Holy Redeemer preformed by Tenor Vaughan McAlley and Bass Ronald Cropley and the All Saints' Church Choir on Sunday 25th March at 2.30pm at All Saints' Anglican Church Greensborough Free Admission. All Welcome.

<u>'LET THE HEART LISTEN'</u> 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 1 March to 21 June 2018 at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre, Box Hill. Cost \$650. Bookings: Tel 9890 1101 or email holsc@bigpond.com

<u>MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND</u> 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

YEA/ST PATS RACES A day at the St Pats Races in Yea offers a family friendly day at the picnic races in the country with a wide range of catering options, entertainment and kids activities. The beautiful Yea Racecourse is set in the hills of Yea. Support Sacred Heart Parish Yea by enjoying a picnic day at the races on Sunday 25th Feb For more information and bookings visit our website: country.racing.com/yea-st-pats. Leonard Sheahan President 04 2779 4779

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S BOOK CLUB Ladies - if you enjoy reading and would like to meet with likeminded ladies for a lively and interesting discussion on the current book, you would be most welcome to join us on the first Monday of each month at the Diamond Valley Library, Civic Drive, Greensborough, from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. For further details, contact Tess Egan on 9439.8770 24 DAY TRIP TO EASTERN EUROPE AND CROATIA Come and join Diamond World Travel for a 24 day experience of a lifetime in Eastern Europe and Croatia! Tour departing mid September this year- spaces are limited so get in touch quickly to avoid disappointment. Contact Jane or Rebecca at Diamond World Travel: diamondworldtravel@mtatravel.com.au 0401292534- Rebecca 0403139314- Jane

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

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.

Second Sunday of Lent, Year B

25 February 2018

First Reading Gn 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 115:10. 15-19. R. 114:9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

- I trusted, even when I said:

 I am sorely afflicted.'
 O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. (R.)
- Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.
 A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
- My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus
Christ!

Gospel Mk 9:2-10

This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say: they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

St Thomas Aquinas famously said: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.' And yet many Christians do think that our ultimate goal is, by the grace of God, to end up as souls in Heaven.

No, I am a human being, bodysoul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthling, needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light.

The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, especially as recounted in the other gospels, shows what happens when human nature is in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light. The amazing truth is that God ardently desires that each one of us should share in the transfigured life of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

For this to occur, we must play our part, accepting that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Beloved Son of God, listen to him, and put into practice what we hear.

We could take a moment to pray that after the "repose of the soul" after death, we may participate as bodysouls in the transfigured humanity of the Risen Lord.

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